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THE HISTORY OF NORFOLK.

BLOFIELD HUNDRED.

BRITISH MUSEUM

THE crown had the lordſhip of this hundred, and King Henry I. directed his writ to Ralph Baſſet, and Aubrey de Ver, to the ſheriffs and barons of Norfolk, certifying his grant to Eborard, biſhop of Norwich, for life, of 100 s. *per ann.* out of the profits and iſſues of this hundred, and that of Waleſham.

Sir William de St. Omer farmed theſe two hundreds, in the 52d of Henry III. at 9 l. *per ann.* and in the 3d of Edward I. Sir William let them at 24 l. *per ann.* together with that of Taverham and Walſham;—Nicholas de Caſtello of Raveningham farmed them at the king's pleaſure, in the 10th of that king.

The jury, in the 15th of Edward I. find that John Blaber of Attlebrigg had took ſanctuary in the church of St. Matthew in Norwich, in the liberty of the prior of Norwich, and that he confeſſed himſelf a thief; but the ſaid church, though in the liberty of the prior, was in the precinct of Blofield hundred, and not in the city liberty, as appears from the records and rolls of Nicholas de Turri, and his aſſociates, late itinerant juſtices; and that the whole pariſhes of St. Matthew, St. Hellen's, St. Martin's, and St. Paul's, in Norwich, were in Blofield hundred, and not in the liberty of the city; that Ratone-row, Tomb-land, and all the land to the river Wenſon, Norman's land, or Paul's hoſpital, Holm-ſtreet, and St. Giles's hoſpital, were all in the ſaid hundred, before the charters of the king granted them to the city, which had no hamlet or village belonging to it, out of its walls or ſuburbs, but Heigham. Sir John de Clavering held this hundred of the crown, in the 9th of Edward II. Bartholomew de Pyveyer had an annuity of 40 l. *per ann.* January 24, in the —— of Henry VII. for life, out of the iſſues of the hundreds of Blofield, Eaſt and Weſt Flegg, Happing, Taverham, and Humbleyard; and King James I. by letters patents, dated December 22, *Ao.* 4^{o}. granted to Sir Charles Cornwallis, Kt. during the lives of Charles, eldeſt ſon of Sir William Cornwallis, Thomas Cornwallis, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Charles, and Thomas Cornwallis, Eſq; ſon of Sir William, the hundred of Blofield, with all the rights and profits, paying for the ſame the rent of 6 l. 10 s. 4 d. *per ann.*

It appears from the regiſter of St. Bennet's-Abby, that when an eſtate, which ought to do ſuit to the hundred court, † came to be divided, by ſale, deſcent, or inheritance, by diverſe perſons into diverſe parts, yet but one ſuit was to be done.

There was antiently a deanry with its proper deans, collated by the biſhop of Norwich. The deanry ſtill retains the name of Blofield, but no deans have been collated for above two centuries paſt, (ſee in Blofield town) and this hundred made part of the ſaid deanry.

On an appeal of death, in the king's bench, in the 38th of Henry III. the defendant pleaded, that he was a clerk, and would not anſwer; and J. R. then dean of Blofield, came into court on the behalf of the biſhop of Norwich, and demanded him, as a clerk of Norwich dioceſe, by letters patent of the biſhop, teſtifying that he conſtituted J. R. to require and receive him of the court as a clerk of his dioceſe, and he was delivered to J. R. the court ſpeaking to him, that he ſhould exhibit quick and full juſtice to him, in the court eccleſiaſtical, according to the laws eccleſiaſtical: This ſhews the manner, at that time, of pleading the benefit of the clergy.

BLOFIELD.

THIS town was, at the ſurvey, one entire lordſhip, poſſeſſed by William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, in his own right, as a lay fee. Almar, Biſhop of Elmham, (Archbiſhop Stigand's brother) was lord in King Edward's reign, and part of the Conqueror's, 'till deprived in 1070. He is ſaid to have been a married prieſt, and to have held it in right of his wife, being her portion. [a] On this deprivation, it was granted to Beaufoe, and conſiſted of two carucates of land, nine villains, two ſervi, two carucates in demean, and half a carucate of the tenants, &c. four acres of meadow, &c. In King Edward's time, there belonged to this manor 43 ſocmen, (who could not ſell or grant their lands) with three carucates of land, and four acres of meadow, and ten carucates, &c. William de Noiers, Rainald Baldwin, and Helias, held five ſocmen under Beaufoe; and, beſides theſe, the biſhop, in the Confeſſor's time, had the forfeiture of ſix, but the hundred had not ſeen the writ, the ſeal, or grant of the king. It was valued then, in the whole, at 7 l. at the ſurvey at 8 l. was one leuca long, and three furlongs, and in breadth one leuca, and one furlong; paid gelt 30 d. Almar had this manor with his wife, before he was a biſhop, and held it afterward whilſt he was a biſhop.—William Beaufoe, biſhop, is the preſent lord.

On the death of this biſhop, it came to the epiſcopal ſee by his donation, and was eſteemed the head of the barony of the ſee of Norwich, and held *in capite* of the biſhop by the antient family of De Cateſton, or Caſton. Sir Robert de Caſton appears to have held it in the time of biſhop Ralph, about the year 1236, and claimed, in the biſhop's right, to fiſh, to cut reed in any part of the town, and fen lying againſt Whitton, and ſealed with the Holy Lamb.

Walter de Suffield, biſhop, had a charter of free warren, in the 35th of Henry III. and in the 49th, William de Newton complained againſt ſeveral particular perſons, and againſt the townſhips of Blofield, Haſingham, &c. for being aſſaulted and beat there; and the townſhips were bailed, and obliged to appear at the king's bench; [b] I mention this as a quere,—whether ſuch a complaint would be good at this time.

In the 15th of Edward I. the biſhop claimed free warren in his demean lands, frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread, &c. weyf. &c. In the ſee it remained 'till the exchange of lands made between King Henry VIII. in his 27th year, and biſhop Rugg, by act of parliament, February 4, and then was veſted in the crown; and the ſaid king, on June 20, in his 32d year, granted it to Sir Thomas Paſton, in conſideration of other lands, together with the patronage of the church.

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† Reg. Holm. fol. 145.

[a] Tre. Willi. Epiſi. Tedfordens. de Feudo.——In Blafelda ten. Almarus Eps. t. r. e. ii. car. tre. ſep. ix. vill. 7. ii. ſerv. ſep. ii. car. in dnio. 7. dim. car. hom. ſilv. viii. porc. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſep. ii. runc. et ii. an. m°. xi. porc. 7. iii. cap. 7. iſti man. ptinet. XLIII. ſoc. t. r. e. et ſemp. qui non potuerunt terras ſuas vend. nec dare. iii. car. tre. 7. iiii. ac. pti. tc. & car. m°. ix. Wills. tenet v. ſoc. Rainald. Balduinus 7. Helias, ſup. hos habuit t. r. e. Eps. vi. foris facturas, ſed hund. nec videt breve, nec ſigillu. nec conceſſit Regis tnc. totu val. vii. lib. m°. viii. lib. 7. ht. in long. i. lg. et iii. qr. 7. in lato i. lg. 7. i. qr. 7. de gelto xxxd. h. man. accep. Almar. cum uxore ſua antequa. eſſet Eps. et poſtea in Epiſcopatu. m°. ten. W. Eps.

[b] Plita. cor. Rege, Rot. 78.

The manor had court baron, and lete, which, with the patronage of the church, and the biſhop's palace here, were all conveyed; the demean lands contained 280 acres, beſides as much land as was let for 20 marks *per ann.* Rent of aſſiſe, and quit-rents, were 20 l. *per ann.* In this family it continued many years, Edward Paſton, Eſq; being lord and patron in 1640.

In *Domeſday Book* the town is wrote Blafelda, from its ſite near a river, and gives name to the hundred: Thus we find Blakeney in Norfolk, Blakenham and Blaxhall in Suffolk, Blakeſley in Northamptonſhire, Blakenham in Cheſhire, and Blaby in Leiceſterſhire; all thus ſeated by ſome conſiderable water; alſo Blore in Staffordſhire, and Blonorton in Norfolk,

The tenths were 5 l. 3 s.—Deducted 13 s. 4 d.—Temporalities of Carhow-priory 4 s. 5 d.—This lordſhip was eſteemed to be the head of the barony of his ſee of Norwich, conſiſting of five knights fees.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Andrew: antient valor 48 marks; Peter-pence 4 s. carvage 4 d. The prior of Norwich had a portion of tithe, valued at 10 s. granted by biſhop John de Grey, and confirmed by biſhop Blomvile; the church was not viſited by the archdeacon, being in the biſhop's manor:—The preſent valor is 23 l. 6 s. 8 d. and pays tenths, &c.

RECTORS.

John Terri occurs rector about 1235.—In 1303, Mr. William de Foddringey inſtituted.——1303. Alan de Ely, collated by the biſhop.——1308. Robert de Fuldone, ditto.——1327. Mr. Gilbert de Yarwell, ditto.

In 1349, February 6, William Bateman, biſhop of Norwich, reſerved the profits of this rectory, by papal authority, to the uſe of his table for life, but applied them to the building of Trinity-hall in Cambridge. Soon after, April 22, he collated Robert de Stratton, L. L. B.——1352. Roger de Holm, ditto.——1369. William de Beverley, ditto. [*c*]——1391. Mr. William de Feriley, ditto.——1399. Robert Foulmere, ditto,——1401. William Carleton, L. L. D. ditto.——William Sponne occurs rector 1419, archdeacon of Norfolk.——William Bernham, *Decret. Bacc.* occurs rector 1420. and the biſhop's vicar general.——1454. Robert Appubby, *Decret. Dr.* occurs rector.——1455. John Pelot. *Decret. Dr.* ----. ——Thomas Howes about 1460.——1471. William de Pykenham, L. L. D. and the biſhop's vicar general.——Thomas Warren, rector in 1493. Thomas Brook, B. D. rector in 1561.——George Gardiner, D. D. rector about 1580, dean of Norwich, &c.——Thomas Boſtock, ----.——Edmund Suckling occurs rector 1609, afterwards dean of Norwich, &c.——1634. Ambroſe Congham.——Alexander Shipdam occurs rector 1647.——Charles Reve died rector in 1727.——1727, James Dover, by Samuel Colby.——1735. Phil. Candler, by Iſaac Park, weaver.—Caius college, Cambridge, the preſent patrons.

Here were the guilds of Holy Trinity, St. Mary, and St. John Baptiſt, to which Peter ------ gave a rood and a half of land in 1421.

In 1349, the biſhop collated to the maſterſhip of the grammar ſchool in this town William Bunting.

BLOFIELD DEANRY

WAS taxed at 13 s. 4 d.——In 1256, Robert ----- occurs dean; it paid ſynodals to the archdeacon of Norwich, at St. Michael, 25 s. and the ſame at Eaſter:—Peter-pence, 25 d. Carvage to the high altar of the cathedral church of Norwich, in Whitſunday week, with ſolemn proceſſion, 5 s. to the ſacriſt for copes 4 d. to the clerks of the church for ringing 4 d. It ſeems by this that it was part of the dean's offices to collect theſe dues from each church in his deanry.

[*c*] Tho. Duffield, collated about 1568; he was archdeacon of Northumberland, and exchanged with Beverley, in 1369.

In 1306, Mr. Thomas de Byteryng, collated dean by the biſhop.——1307. Adam de Tyringham.——1308. Thomas de Foxton.——1319. Henry de Thorndon.—— ——. Henry de Waſhbrook, dean.——1326. John de Parys.——1342. Ralph Ive.——1347. Stephen Nally.

BOKENHAM-FERRY

TAKES its name from its ſite on the river Yar, over which there is a ferry here. Bo and Ken beſpeak a winding or bending ſtream of water. At the ſurvey, there were three lordſhips in this town; the principal was in Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, who held it of the abby of Bury, to which it belonged in the reign of the Confeſſor [a], and was enfeoffed of it by Baldwin, abbot of Bury, in the time of the Conqueror.—It conſiſted of one carucate of land, eight bordarers, with one carucate in demean, two carucates of the tenants, &c. and nine acres of meadow, two beaſts for burden, &c. two cows, &c. twenty-one ſheep, valued then at 30 s. at the ſurvey at 20 s. It was eleven furlongs long, and ſix broad, and paid 20 d. gelt. To this manor belonged ten freemen, who held in commendation 66 acres of meadow, and 5 carucates, &c. valued then at 10s. and at the ſurvey, at 20 s.

At the ſurvey, the king had in this town one freeman, with 8 acres, who, with many others in different towns, were valued at 13 l. and belonged to the ſoc, or king's manor of Walſham. [b] Godric was ſteward of it for the king.

Ralph Water, or Guader, earl of Norfolk, had this fee, but forfeiting it on his rebellion againſt the Conqueror, he ſeized upon it, and it was granted afterwards to Roger Bigot.

Theſe two fees being thus in the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, the family of the lords de Monchenſi ſeem to be enfeoffed of them by the Bigots, and were held by many of the Monchenſies.

Adam de Ratleſden held a moiety of them in the reign of Henry III. Emma his widow, in the 14th of Edward I. impleaded Dionyſia, late wife of Warine, Lord Monchenſi, for the cuſtody of the heir and lands of Adam. The ſaid Emma preſented to the church of Bokenham, having a third part of the advouſon, there being three manors in the town, and each lord having a right. In 1319, Gilbert Lovel preſented, and John de Ratleſden, in 1337, who being a knight, preſented in 1349; and before this, in the 17th of Edward III. Simon de Ratleſden was found to die poſſeſſed of a fee, held of the barony of Montchenſi, lately the earls of Pembroke, the Valences; and in the 43d of Edward III. William de Braham releaſed to Adam de Hautbois, parſon of Salle church, &c. feoffees, all his right in the manors of Bokenham-Ferry, and Aſſingham, and in all other lands and tenements which were Sir John de Rattleſden's, in the hundreds of Blofield and Walſham.

In 1390, Sir Richard Stury preſented, and in 1395: about this time, thoſe two fees ſeem to be in the tenure of one lord, and united, or at leaſt the right of advouſon belonging to theſe fees, was in one. Laurence Aldthorp, clerk, preſented in 1401, and with his parceners, then held the part, late Rattleſden's, of the earl of Pembroke, and the earl of the lord Mowbray, of which Roger de Eſthall's heirs held the 19th part of a fee.

Sir Henry Ingloſe was lord in 1447; by his will in 1450, orders it to be ſold; and his ſon, Robert Ingloſe, Eſq: with Alianora his wife, convey it to William

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[a] Terra abb. de Sco. Edmundo.——Buchanaham ten. Rog. de abb. qd. S. E. ad victu. t. r. e. m^o. ten. Rog. Bigot. a Sco. E. p. i. car. tre. ſep. viii. bor 7. i. car. in dnio. tc. 7. p ii. car. hom. m^o. dim. ix. ac. pti. tc. ii. runc. m^o. i. tc. ii. an. m^o. nichil. m^o. vi. porc. xxi. ovs. tc. 7. p. val. xxx. ſol. m^o. xx. 7. xi. qr. in longo 7. vi. in lat. 7. xx d. de g. qcq; ibi teneat, 7. huic manerio adjacent x. lib. hoes. comd. de LX. ac vi. ac. pti. tc. 7. p. v. car. m^o. ii. 7. dim. tc. 7. p. x. ſol. m^o. xx.

[b] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.—In Buchanaham, i. lib. ho. de viii. ac. tre. 7. hi oms. libi. hoes. ſut. apptiati. in ſoca de Waleſſam.

Norwich, in the 35th of Henry VI. with that of Haſingham. After this, it came to Sir John Jermy, ſenior, who, in his will, ſtyles himſelf of Buckenham-Ferry, dated October 24, 1487, requires to be buried in the church of St. John of Metfield, and gives to the church of St. Nicholas, of Bokenham, 3 s. 4 d. and to the fabrick of every church, whereof he was patron, 20s. to Margaret his wife this manor for life, with the advouſon, and that of Haſingham, with a meſſuage called Lightfotys; after to be ſold, and the money diſtributed to pious uſes; but if Margaret ſell them during her life, ſhe to have half the money, &c. to every ſon and daughter of John Jermy his ſon, 5 marks out of the purchaſe-money of the manor, &c. 100 marks to be diſtributed to the poor on the day of his burial; and the 200 marks which he depoſited in St. Bennet's abby, to be diſpoſed of in charitable uſes. Margaret his wife, and Thomas Pakfeld, abbot of St. Bennet's, executors; the 200 marks were for a prieſt to officiate for him.

In the 7th of Henry VIII. John Flegg, Gent. and Margaret Idle, widow, convey it to Sir Ralph Verney. In the 30th of that king, it was ſettled by Edward North, Eſq; and Richard Giffard, Gent. on Thomas Godſalve, ſenior, of Norwich, and Elizabeth Potkyn, widow, whom he intended to marry, with 20 meſſuages and lands here, and in other towns. This Thomas died lord, September 7, in the 36th of Henry VIII. and lord of Haſingham, Lodne, and Heckingham, lately belonging to Langley abby, two parts of Ingloſe and Waſhingfield manors in Lodne, Hardley manor, &c.

GODSALVE'S PEDIGREE.

Thomas Godſalve, Gent: — Elizabeth Potkyn, widow.

1. Sir John Godſalve. — Elizabeth, daughter of ------- Widmerpole. — Thomas Godſalve. — --------, widow of Albyan Rooks, of Bucks.

2. William Godſalve, Eſq; *s. p.* — --------, daughter of Sir John Shelton. — Thomas Godſalve, died 30th of Elizabeth. — Elizabeth, daughter of -------

3. Roger Godſalve, Eſq; — Barbara, daughter of Richard Cutts, Eſq;

1. Thomas Godſalve, Eſq; of Barton, in Lincolnſhire. — Bridget, daughter of Cyprian Godfrey, of Gainſborough, in Lincolnſhire. — 2. Richard Godſalve, buried at Thweyt, in Norfolk, in 1603.

1. Sir John Godſalve † by an inquiſition taken, was found to die in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, ſeiſed of the manors of Loddon, Ingloſe manor in Loddon, Hockingham, Minyet's, in Seething, Cantley, Thurton, Langhale, Sething, Haſingham and Bokenham-Ferry: he was created knight of the carpet, at the coronation of King Edward VI. and commiſſioner of viſitation in the ſaid year.

2. William Godſalve, Eſq; died *s. p.* in 1561.

3. Roger Godſalve, Eſq; married Barbara, daughter of Richard Cutts, of Arkeſden, in Eſſex, Eſq; and of Mary his wife, daughter of Edward Elrington, of Eſſex. This Roger exchanged this manor for the priory of St. George, in Thetford, with Sir Edward Clere; and on an inquiſition taken in the 13th of Charles I. Sir Henry Clere, Bt. died ſeiſed, and Abigal was his daughter and heir, aged two months.

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† Sir John was with King Henry VIII. at Bologin in the war with France, comptroller of the mint, in the 3d of Edward VI. his portrait is in the cloſet at Kenſington.—Of this family was Chriſtopher, who in ſerving King Charles I. loſt 7000*l.* and was near being hanged, and after employed in the Navy Office, in King Charles II's. reign. dying about 1694.

After this ------ Alcock, Gent: who married a Sotherton, was lord, and ----- Denny, Eſq; who married Alcock's daughter, enjoyed it in 1660; he conveyed it to Sir Thomas Foot, Bt. from whom it came to the Onſlows of Surry; in 171- the Lady Elizabeth Haſtings poſſeſſed it, and ſold it to Richard Berney, Eſq; lord and patron in 1740.

In the 15th of Edward I. the jury find that the cauſey here to the ferry was common for men, horſes, and carriages, and was broke, much to the damage of the whole country, and William de Felmingham, William de Weſtmere, Ralph de Langwode, John, ſon and heir of Adam de Ratleſden (who was a minor) ought to repair it, and were amerced.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFOE, biſhop of Thetford, had alſo a lordſhip granted him by the Conqueror, which he held as a lay fee belonging to 2 freemen; Helias and Rainold held it under the commendation, or protection of Almarus, biſhop of Elmham, [*c*] in the time of the Confeſſor, conſiſting of 57 acres of land, and 6 of meadow, and a carucate &c. valued then at 6*s*. 8*d*. at the ſurvey at 5*s*. Of theſe, and ſeveral other free-men in different towns adjoyning, the king and the earl had the ſoc, and ſac.

At the death of Biſhop Beaufoe, it came by his grant with many other lordſhips to the ſee of Norwich. Walter Suffield, biſhop, had a charter for free warren, in the 35th of Henry III. as lord; the family of de Caſton had an intereſt in it under the biſhops and the Lord Bardolf, as a member of the biſhops capital manor of Blofield.

In the 3d of Henry IV. the jury preſent that Hugh Rightwiſe, John Bole, and their parceners held lands, late James Rightwiſe's and Thomas de Hindringham's, of the Lord Bardolf, and he of the biſhop; likewiſe lands of the Caſtons, by the ſame tenure.

SIR THOMAS KERDESTON, in the 26th of Henry VI. appears by his will [*d*] to have the 3d. part of the profits of the paſſage at this ferry, which came to him by deſcent, and the rent of a quarter of great ſalt paid by the tenants.

The tenths were 3*l*. 16*s*. — Deducted 16*s*.

Temporalities of Hickling priory 18*d*. — of Norwich priory 15*d*.

In Buckenham-Hall were theſe arms, — azure, a chevron argent, between 3 ---, or; Nokes impaling *p*. pale, gules and azure on a feſs wavy argent, between 3 croſlets, pattée, or, as many creſcents ſable, Godſalve. — Godſalve, and Townſhend. — Godſalve and Shelton. — Godſalve, and barry of 6, or and azure, in chief 3 mullets, ſable -----. — Alſo Blundevile and Godſalve. — Godſalve, impaling quarterly, in the 1ſt. and 4th. ſable, a feſs counterembattled, between 3 lys, argent, 2d. and 3d. an unicorn ſable, attired or, and Semyet a croſs croſlet of the laſt. — Godſalve, impaling quarterly argent, a chevron gules, between 3 Corniſh choughs proper.

The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas, as moſt churches are, ſtanding near ſome river, or water, is a rectory valued now at 6*l*. and diſcharged; the old valor was 5*l*. paid Peter-pence 11*d*. and carvage 2*d*.

In the 10th year of King Richard I. a fine was levied between Roger de Ratleſden, Peter, and Goſceline de Burlingham, and Maud his wife, tenants of the third part or turn of the advouſon.

RECTORS.

In 1319. Alan de Hakford inſtituted, preſented by Gilbert Lovel &c.——1339. Roger de Ratleſden, by John de Ratleſden.——1349. Elias de Folſham, by Sir John de Ratleſden.——1390. Jeff. Ewyas, by Sir Richard Stury &c.——1395. William Beneyt, ditto.——1401. John Jewell, by Lawr. Althorp &c.——1409, William Brangweyn, by Sir William Galaundre &c.——1419. R. Lewis, by Sir John Hevenyngham.——1447. Henry Raute, by Sir Henry Ingloſe.——1462. Thomas Parker, alias Chaterys, by William Norwich &c.——1500.

[*c*] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordenſ. de feudo.—In Bucha. ii. lib. hoes. Helias 7. Rainold. 7. Almar. habuit comd. LVII. ac. tre. 7. vi. ac. pti. tc. i. car. 7. dim. m°. tc. val. vi. ſol, 7. viii*d*. modo. v. 7. de oib; his ſupra dictis ht. Rex 7. comes ſaca. et ſoca.

[*d*] Regiſt. Wylby, Norw. fol. 137.

William Thompſon, by Thomas Idle, Gent: in right of Margaret his wife.——1511. John Owdolf.—— ——. Robert Hanſhart, *S. T. P.* rector.——1517. Richard Winchippe, by John Flegg, Gent:——1550. Richard Underwood, by Sir John Godſalve.——1562. Robert Stephenſon, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1564. George Leeds, by Elizabeth Godſalve.—— ——. Harman Godfrey, rector.——1580. Edmund Paylie, by Thomas Godſalve.——1585. Richard Nowell, ditto.——1630. Alexander Burnet, by Thomas Sotherton, Gent:——1669. Samuel Houghton, by the king, a lapſe.——1670. Samuel Houghton, ditto.——1694. William Newbury, by Denzil Onſlow, Eſq;——1713. John Heywood, by the Lady Elizabeth Haſtings.——1717. John Mompeſſon, rector, preſented by the Lady Haſtings.——1722. Ben. Ellis *D. D.* by Richard Berney, Eſq;—In 1740, Richard Berney, Eſq; patron.

John Ivory, by will dated 1487, to be buried by the font, gives 20*l.* to the new making of the roof of the nave of the church, and John Dik, [e] prieſt, gave in 1509, to the making of a new iſle, 20*l.* for the ſtone work, and 16*l.* for the timber.

St. Nicholas and St. Mary's light in the church.

BRADESTON.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFOE, biſhop of Thetford, held this town in fee at the ſurvey, [a] of which Edric, a free-man, and captain of King Edward the confeſſor's ſhip, was deprived, containing one carucate of land, 4 villains, and one bordarer, with 2 ſervi, and 4 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one of the tenants &c. 6 cows, and 60 ſheep, 16 goats, a church endowed with 10 acres, valued at 10*d.* there belonged alſo to this lordſhip 10 freemen, with the moiety of another, who were only under the commendation of Biſhop Beaufoe's predeceſſor, with 80 acres of land, 3 of meadow, and 2 carucates; this was valued in part of Birlingham.

EDRIC, who was deprived by the Conqueror, fled into Dacia, and was outlawed. Guido, who was ſeneſchal to the biſhops Herbert and Eborard, (who poſſeſſed it in right of their ſee) by the gift of Beaufoe, was enfeoffed of it, about the year 1095; his deſcendants aſſumed the name of De Breideſton. Adam de Breideſton was lord, and patron of the church, and father of Thomas de Breideſton, who was living in the reign of King John, and left 3 daughters and coheirs; Egidia, married to John de Caſton, Oliva, to Robert de Boyton, both living in the 24th of Henry III. as teſtified by a fine, and Elizabeth, the wife of Robert de Blomvile. Oliva and Elizabeth dying *ſans* iſſue, the whole eſtate came to Sir John de Caſton, father of Sir Robert de Caſton, who married Joan, daughter and heir of Richard Barry, lord of Barry's manor in Rockland Tofts, and was lord of this in the 3d of Edward I. had the aſſiſe of bread and beer &c.

SIR JOHN DE CASTON poſſeſſed it in the 9th of Edward II. and one of the ſame name preſented to this church in 1346. Sir Robert died lord about 1350, he had 2 daughters and coheirs; Margery, who married Sir Robert Carbonel, and Mary, (or Alice) the wife of William Faſtolf, who died *s. p.*

SIR ROBERT CARBONEL was lord in the 3d of Richard II. and died September 14, in the 21ſt of that king, as appears from an inquiſition taken by Roger Cavendiſh, eſchaetor of Norfolk &c. and John was his ſon and heir, aged 14. Sir Robert was ſon of Sir John Carbonel, lord of Baddingham &c. in Suffolk, the cuſtody of John, his ſon and heir, was granted by the king, to William Feriby and Thomas Upton, but on the petition of Henry, biſhop of Norwich, it was revoked, and granted to that biſhop December 2, in the 22d of the ſaid reign, this manor being held of that ſee.

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[e] Reg. Spyltymer, Norwich, 247.

[a] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordenſ. de feudo.—In Bregeſtuna, i. lib. ho. Edricus, Rector Navis Regis Ed. I. i. car. tre. ſemp. iiii. vill. 7. i. bord. 7. ii. ſerv. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſemp. i. car. in dnio. 7. dim. car. hom. ſilva ii. porc. 7. ſemp. i. runc. et vi. an. 7. LX. ovs. m° 7. xvi. porc. 7. xvi. cap. i. ecclia. de x. ac. 7. val. *xd.* et iſti ptinent. x lib. hoes. 7. dim. comdatione. tantu. anteceſſori, de LXXX. ac. terre, 7. iii. ac. pti. ſemp. ii. car.

SIR JOHN CARBONEL by his teſtament, dated on Friday next after the feaſt of St. Martin 1423, gives to Margaret, wife of his ſon Richard, a chain of gold, to Richard, his ſilver veſſels, jewels, and goods in ſeveral manors; [b] mentions his lordſhips of Breydeſton, Caſton, Shipdam, Weſt Tofts, Hapton, Tybenham, Briſingham, Ryveſhale, Metton, and Antingham in Norfolk; Baddingham, Saxham, Dalinghoe, Creting, and 3*l.* 7*s.* rent *per ann.* in Cratfield, Suffolk; appoints Margery his wife, John Mannyng, and John Boys executors, and was buried in the church of St. John Baptiſt, of Baddingham: the will was proved March 29, in 1425. He was alſo lord of Pencethorp, Strumpſhagh, Wylby, Wytton, and the Burlinghams in Norfolk.

The will of Sir Richard his ſon, is dated November 24, 1429; he bequeaths to Margaret his wife [c] (daughter of Sir Thomas Tudenham of Oxburgh) ſeveral ſilver veſſels, and jewels; John his ſon to have after her deceaſe the moveable altar, and the old heir lomb, called Caſton's-Bolle, (every old family had antiently ſome particular cup, bolle &c. that went from the father to the ſon and heir, and was carefully preſerved, highly reverenced, and eſteemed) to Margaret his daughter, a primar, (that is a pſalter *MSS.*) alſo a ſilver cup and ſalter.—Margaret his widow, was buried in 1431, in the church of the Franciſcans at Norwich. Sir Richard is ſaid to have died 1429, in foreign parts, and his ſon John ſeems to have died ſoon after his mother, *s. p.*

THOMAS PECK, clerk, was appointed truſtee for the eſtate of this family, by Sir John Carbonel, and in the 10th of Henry V. he enfeoffed Sir Robert Brews, John Fitz Rauf, Oliver Groos, William Paſton, John Mannyng, Henry Pakenham &c. on the feaſt of St. Philip and James. Great part of which eſtate, that particularly which Sir Robert Carbonel held in right of his wife Margery, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert de Caſton, came to the Berneys, as heirs to Thomas de Berney, who married Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir William de Reedham, and Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Robert de Caſton and Joan his wife, heireſs of Richard Barry abovementioned.

JOHN BERNEY, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas Berney and Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir William de Reedham, by his will dated in 1440, inherited this lordſhip &c. and ordered his feoffes to make an eſtate of it, [d] to Thomas his ſon, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir John Heveningham. Thomas married Elizabeth, daughter of John Clipſby, Eſq; and by his will, dated on Thurſday next after the feaſt of St. George, 1441, appoints his wife to have a 3d part of this manor &c. for her joynture: in this family it remained, 'till ſold to Sir James Edwards, Bt. about 1700.

The Lady Edwards poſſeſſed it, in 1717, after this it was in Sir Lambert Blackwell, Bt. and his heirs held it in 1740, with the patronage of the church.

CARTERET LEATHES, Eſq; was lord in 1735, and preſented to the church in 1758, and 1764.

Tenths of this town, and Strumpſhall 5*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 12*s.*

The church is a rectory, valued with its chapel formerly at 8 *marks*, paid Peterpence 10*d.* and carvage 1*d. ob.* the preſent valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged; dedicated to St. Michael.

The length of the church is about 22 yards, the breadth 7 yards, is a ſingle pile, has a little ſquare tower about 45 feet high, with 3 bells, alſo a chancel, which with the church is covered with lead.

In the chancel a grave-ſtone, with a braſs plate.—*Hic jacet Oſbertus, filius Joh. Berney, Armig. de Redham Dni. et de Brayſton.*—On another;—*Hic jacet Ricus. Berney, filius Joh. Redham.*

RECTORS.

1314. Martin de Maſſingham inſtituted, preſented by Lady Joan, late wife of Sir Robert de Caſton.———1346. Mr. Robert de Cleydon, by Sir John de Caſton.

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[b] Reg. Hurning, Norw. [c] Reg. Surflet, 82, 608. [d] Reg. Doke, fol. 157.

——1349. Jeff. Lene, ditto ——1352. William de Morgate, by William Bergh, rector of Cantley, and William Felmingham.——1388. Nicholas Fyn, by Sir Robert Carbonel.——1397. William de Wentbrigg, by the biſhop, a lapſe, on the minority of John, ſon and heir of Sir Robert Carbonel and Margery his wife.——1414. William Barowe, by Sir Robert Brews, *&c.*——1414. Stephen Drew, by Sir Robert Brews, *&c.* feofees of Sir John Carbonel,——1436. John Hert, by John Berney, of Redham, Eſq;——1443. Richard Helgrave, by the biſhop, on the minority of the ſon of Thomas Berney, deceaſed.—— ----. Peter Kyndel, rector.——1446. Edward Sylveſter, by Oſbert Mundeford, ſenior, attorney of Oſbert, junior, *hâc vice*.——1474. Edmund Skynner, by Richard Southwell, Eſq; guardian of John Berney, junior, ſon and heir of John Berney, late of Redham, deceaſed.——1541. Thomas Toyleboys, by John Berney, Eſq; ——1543. William Steward, ditto. ——1551. Thomas Cowpre, by John Berney of Soterley, Eſq; ——1554. Robert Browne, ditto.——1554. John Clement, ditto.——1556. John Hers, ditto.——1557. Robert Bettes, ditto. —— ----. Thomas Antingham, rector.—— ----. Richard Hereſon, rector, ——1559. Thomas Hall, by Henry Berney, Eſq;——1563. Thomas More, ditto.——1576. Edward Hilton, ditto.

1724. Gilbert Pickering, by John Pitts, clerk.——1735. Joſeph Clark, by Carteret Leathes, Eſq;——1758. George Dowdeſwell, ditto.—— 1764. Revd. Mr. Nelſon, ditto.

Here were the lights of St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Saviour, and the Holy Ghoſt.

BRUNDALE.

ON the expulſion of Godwin, a freeman, who had a carucate of land under the protection of Guert, the Conqueror on his acceſſion to the crown, gave it to Ralph Guade, earl of Norfolk, who was deprived as a rebel; and, at the ſurvey, [a] Gilbert, captain of the croſs-bowmen, held it with two carucates of land; when there were five bordarers, with a carucate in demean, and the men always plowed their lands with two oxen, paunage for 5 ſwine, and 25 acres of meadow; 12 freemen, with the moiety of another, poſſeſſed 90 acres of land, with a carucate and a half, valued formerly at 25 s. but now at 40 s. It was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 7 s. gelt. Gilbert was alſo lord of Tunſtal, in Walſham hundred, Shropham, in Shropham hundred, and Shelton, in Diſs hundred.

The antient family of De Sancto Omero, or St. Omer, were lords of this village. Cecilia de St. Omer, widow, lady of it, gave ten marks in the 6th year of King John, for the cuſtody of William, ſon and heir of William Peverel, of Melton *Magna* in Norfolk; of this family was Sir Batholomew de St. Omer.

SIR THOMAS DE ST. OMER, in the 20th of Henry III. held it by half a fee of Robert Fitz-Roger, he of William Marſhal, &c. William de St. Omer, in the 38th of that king, had a grant of a fair here, and in Mulbarton, with free warren, being then with the king in Gaſcoyn in France. Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir, married Petronilla, widow of Ralph, Lord Tony: In 1275, he was a juſtice itinerant with Simon de Grey, in Cambridgeſhire. In the preceding year he was ſent with William de la Rivers into foreign parts, and had royal letters of protection, dated on the day next after Palm-Sunday, in March, with a clauſe to hold good to the feaſt of St. Peter, *ad vincula*, enſuing; in the 15th of Edward I. he claimed, as lord, a yearly fair on the feaſt and morrow of St. Bartholomew, free warren, &c. as granted to his father. Thomas de St. Omer was lord in the 9th of Edward II.

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[a] Terre Giſleberti Arbal.—In Brundala, ten. i. lib. ho. p. i. car. tre. Goduin. comd. Gerti p' q. Rex venit accepit R. Comes mo. ten. Gis. Arbal. p. ii. car. tre. tc. v. 7. m°. iiii. bor. tc. 7. p. i. car. in dnio, m°. ii. ſep. cu. ii. bovib. ar. hoes. ſilv. v. por. 7. xxv. ac. pti. 7. ibi xii. libi. hoes. 7. dim. de lxxx. ac. 7. x. ac. tre. ſep. i. car. 7. dim. tc. val. xxv. ſol. m°. xl. ht. i. leug. in long. 7. dim. in lato 7. vii. d. de gelt.

In the 13th of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between William de St. Omer and Elizabeth his wife, querents, and Bertram de St. Omer, deforcient, of the manor of Brundale, (except ſeveral meſſuages, and 34 acres of land,) and the advouſon of the church, ſettled on William and Elizabeth, and the heirs of William. In 1319, William de St. Omer preſented to the church as lord; alſo, in 1338, being then a knight. Sir Thomas de St. Omer was lord in 1349, and preſented, and in 1350; but in the 39th of that king, he was found to die ſeiſed of this manor, that of Mickelbarton, Keteringham, and Caſteleyns, in Swerdeſton. He had two wives, Petronilla the firſt, daughter and coheir of Nicholas Malmains, by whom he had Alice, who married Sir William de Hoo; by Beatrix, his ſecond wife, he had Elizabeth, who married Thomas Waryne, a younger ſon of John de Warren, Earl Warren and Surry, (by Maud de Nerford his concubine, to whom he was contracted before his marriage with Joan, daughter of Henry, Earl of Barre,) and brother of Sir John de Warren. In the 39th of Edward III. Beatrix, widow of Sir Thomas de St. Omer, had an aſſignation of dower, and, in the ſame year, was married to Sir Thomas de la River.

In the 47th of the ſaid reign, Thomas Waryne, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed their right in this manor, &c. to Sir William Hoo, and Alice his wife, by whom he had Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir. His ſecond wife was Alianore, daughter of Sir John Wingfield, of Letheringham, in Suffolk. Sir William was ſecond ſon of Sir Thomas Hoo, and Iſabel his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John de St. Legar. In 1386, he was governor of the caſtle of Oye in France, and died in 1410, aged 76.

Sir Thomas ſucceeded his father Sir William; and, in the 11th of Henry IV. he conveyed this lordſhip, by fine, to John Thornham and his heirs. Thomas Wetherby, Eſq; of Norwich, by his will dated November 12, 1444, gives it to Margaret his wife, remainder to John Winter, Eſq; and Joan his wife; and John Jenney, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife, convey it in the 17th of Edward IV. with the advouſon, to Henry Collet, citizen and alderman of London, from the heirs of Elizabeth, daughter and heir, probably of Wetherby. Sir James Hobart, attorney-general, purchaſed it (as I take it) of Sir Henry Collet, in the reign of Henry VII. and gave it to Miles Hobart, his ſecond ſon, who was lord in the 15th of Henry VIII. and died lord in 1557. Henry Hobart, Eſq; was lord and patron in 1595, and Sir Thomas Hobart in 1614, as was Sir Miles Hobart in 1628. After this, Edward Myleham, Gent. and Andrew Cleach; in 1701, William Hewar, Eſq; of Clapham, in Surry; and William Hewar in 1740, lord and patron.

The tenths were 2 l. 18 s.—Deducted 8 s.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Laurence; the antient valor was 5 marks; paid Peter-pence 6 d. carvage 2 d. and in the reign of Edward I. paid to the hundred 58 s. *per ann.* the preſent valor is 4 l. 10 s. and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

William occurs rector in the 52d of Henry III. and John de Blomevile in the 22d of Edward I.——1319. Ralph de St. Omer inſtituted, preſented by William de St. Omer.——1329. Walter de Swaleclyſte, by Sir William de St, Omer.——1338. William le Hunt, ditto.——1349. Remigius de Dunſton, by Thomas de St. Omer.——1350. William Bonyng, ditto.——1365. Richard Munch, by the king, guardian of the heir of Sir Thomas de St. Omer.——1368. Thomas de Wotton, by Beatrix, relict of Sir Thomas de Rivers.——1392. John Payn, by Sir Robert Carbonel, and Michael Downing.——1394. Matthew Oylmer, ditto.——1397. John Scholveler, by Sir Robert Carbonel, and Robert Denny.——1403. William Preſton, by Richard Dunſton, rector of Mulbarton.—1412, John Fauconer, by William Bernham, &c.—1418. Simon Blake, ditto.——1424, William Helgay, by William Bernham, true patron.——1430. Thomas Redhed, by William Paſton, &c. 1482. John Sterke, by Henry Collet, alderman of London.——1484. Hugh Newhaw, ditto.—— ----. John Newale, rector.——1488. Thomas Antingham, by Sir Henry Collet.——1500. Richard Benſon, by Nicholas Goldwell, archdeacon of Suffolk.—— ----. Richard Percy, rector.——1530. Robert Brown, by Miles

Hubberd, Eſq;——1554. John Hogan, ditto.——-----. John Clement rector.—1556. John Hers, by John Berney, Eſq;——1557. Francis Garth, by Miles Hobart.——1563. Thomas Cordwall, by Sir Edward Warner, and Etheldreda, his wife.——1576. John Buyrſell, by William Bleverhaſſet, and lady Etheldreda Warner, his wife.——1595. Ralph Barlow, by Henry Hobart, Eſq;——1614. Richard Pearſon, by Sir Thomas Hobart.——1628. Thomas Day, by Sir Miles Hobart of Plumſtede.——1657. John Brown, by Edward Myleham, Gent.——1681. John Ruſſell, by And. Clench, and Francis Wiſe.——1701. John Cornwall, by William Hewar, Eſq; patron.——1716. Robert Cubit, by Samuel Edgeley, clerk.——1719. John Ruſſell, junior, ditto.——1723. ----- Ruſſell, ſenior, ditto.——John Gogill occurs rector in 1747.

The biſhop of Norwich's manor of Bradſton extended into this town, and had the ſame lords as Bradeſton; and there was a chapel belonging to it, dedicated to St. Clement, valued with the rectory of Bradeſton, the rector being inſtituted and preſented to Bradeſton, with the chapel of St. Clement. This part was alſo given by biſhop Beaufoe to his ſee, with Bradeſton.

NORTH-BURLINGHAM.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFOE, biſhop of Thetford, had a grant in fee of the greateſt part of this town, of which 3 freemen were deprived, who poſſeſſed it under the commendation only of Almar, (biſhop of Elmham) in the reign of the Confeſſor, and Helias held it under Beaufoe, conſiſting of 46 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and a carucate valued at 4*s*. Helias alſo had 60 acres of land, of which one free-man under the protection of Biſhop Almar, [a] was deprived: this Helias held freely, with 40 acres of free land that belong to a church, and 7 acres of meadow; this belonged to a free woman, with 4 bordarers, and 2 more, who had alſo before the conqueſt a carucate and an half of land, with a church endowed with 10 acres, valued at 10*d*. and beſides 7 free-men under her protection only had 40 acres of land, 3 of meadow, with a carucate valued at 12*s*. In the ſame town 2 free-men under the commendation of Biſhop Almar, only, had 50 acres of land, one villain, 4 bordarers, 12 acres of meadow, with a carucate and a half, the moiety of a ſalt work held by William de Noiers; this before the conqueſt was valued at 50*d*. at the ſurvey it paid 10*s*. the ſaid town was 10 furlongs long, 6 broad, and paid 20*d*. gelt.

In Burlingham 15 free-men under the commendation only of Biſhop Almar, had 2 carucates of land, 9 bordarers, with 8 acres of meadow, and 8 carucates, valued formerly at 20*s*. but at the ſurvey at 26*s*. 8*d*. there belonged to it a church, with 30 acres, valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. and William de Noiers held it of the biſhop at the ſurvey.

Biſhop Beaufoe gave the abovementioned fees to his ſucceſſors, the biſhops of Norwich, and ſeveral lordſhips aroſe out of theſe fees, which lordſhips were in the ſee of Norwich, and held by the biſhops in *capite*.

The antient family of De Caſton were lords of a manor, held of the ſee of Norwich, which probably came by the marriage of Egidia, a daughter and coheir of Thomas de Bradeſton, with John de Caſton in the reign of Henry III. John de Cateſton and Catherine his wife conveyed by fine in the 30th of Edward III. lands here to John de Well and Alice his wife; from the Caſtons it came with the advouſon of St. Andrew's church in North Berlingham, to Sir Robert Carbonel, from

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[a] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordenſ. de feudo. — In B'lingeham. iii. lib. hoes, Almari. com'datione. tantu. t. r. e. m°. tenet Helias. XLVI. ac. terre. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. 7. ſemp. val. iiii. ſol.—In ead. i. lib. ho. Almarj Epi. com'datione. tantu. t. r. e. m°, ten. id. Helias. de LX. ac. terre libe. 7. XL. qu, p'tinent. cuida. Ecclie. vii. ac. pti. tc. iiii. bord. i. liba. m°. v. et ii. bord. in terra que appendet Ecclie. tc. i. car. 7. dim. p. 7. m°. ii. car. et ſub ſe i. Ecclia. de. x. ac. val. x*d*. 7. ſub ſe vii. ſt. libi. hoes. com'datione. tantu. de XL. ac terre et iii. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. ſep. val. xii. ſol.—In ead. ii. lib. hoes. Almari com'datione tantu. t. r. e. m°. ten. W. de Noiers. L. ac. terre ſep. i. vill. 7. iiii. bord. 7. xii. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. 7. dim. 7. dim. ſal. tc. val. L. d. m°. reddet x. ſol et ead. villa. ht. x. qr. in longo. 7. vii. in lato. 7. de gelto. xx. d.

In B'lingeham ten. ii. car. tre. xv. libi. hoes. Almarj Epi. com'datione tantu. ſep. ix. bord. viii. ac. pti. ſep. viii. car. tc. val, xx ſol. 7. m°. xxvi. ſol. 7. viii. d. i. Ecclia. xxx. ac. 7, val. ii. ſol. 7. viii. d. m°. tenet W. de Noiers.

them to the Berneys, ſo to Sir James Edwards, Bt. and the heirs of Sir Lambert Blackwell Bt. poſſeſſed it, with the patronage of St. Andrew's church, in 1740.—*See in Bradeſton.*—It afterwards was purchaſed by Carteret Leaths, Eſq; who preſented as lord and patron to the churches of St. Andrew's and St. Edmund in 1741 and 1751.

The lords Bardolf, barons of Wirmegay, in Norfolk, were alſo enfeoffed of a lordſhip under the biſhops of Norwich; George de Felmingham was found in the 20th of Henry III. to hold half a fee of the lord Bardolf, and that lord of the biſhop; Chriſtiana de Felmingham conveyed to Hamon, ſon of William de Felmingham, meſſuages and lands in the 5th of Edward I.

Adam de Hindringham, and John Gernoun, poſſeſſed lands, *&c.* in the 9th of Edward II. under the lord Bardolf, and in the 14th of that king, Greg. de Felmingham died ſeiſed of lands held by knight's ſervice of the ſaid lord, and James Rightwyſe was his heir, ſon of Catherine his ſiſter, and coheir. This James in the 16th of Edward III. granted it by fine to John and Robert his brothers.

In the 3d of Henry IV. Hugh Rightwiſe, and John Boole, *&c.* held it of the aforeſaid lord, by half a fee. Hugh died in the 13th of Henry VI. and John his ſon and heir had livery. To this manor belonged the patronage of St. Peter's church.

WALCOTE-HALL.

IN the 10th of Richard I. Thomas de Walcot was living, and had an intereſt here, and in the 41ſt of Henry III. the advouſon of the church of North Birlingham, St. Andrew, was granted to Oliva de Boyton, by Thomas de Walcote; Walter de Walcote claimed in the 14th of Edward I. view of frank pledge, the aſſiſe *&c.* and Alexander de Walcot was lord in the 9th of Edward II. and 15th of Edward III.

JOHN BROWNING of North Birlingham, confirmed in the 29th of Edward III. to Robert de Yelverton this manor with its appertenances in South Walſham, Fiſhley, Upton, *&c.* with courts, view of frank pledge:—*Witneſſes*; Sir John de Caſton, Sir Edward Gerberge, Richard de Illey, William Clere, dated Auguſt 29. Browning ſealed with 3 lozenges. John Browning, ſon of John, releaſed it to Robert Caly and Cecil his wife; William Clere of Ormeſby, and Cecil, widow of Robert Caly, in the 9th of Richard II. enfeoffed Sir John Wyche, *&c.* in truſt, to enfeof Nicholas, ſon of John de Secheford, who enjoyed it, and his ſon John alſo; which John in the 12th of Henry IV. enfeoffed John Lynge, of Battisford, William Cavendiſh, Thomas Roos, citizens and mercers of London, and Thomas Roos releaſed it to John Welles, *&c.* in 1426.—John Wells, in 1428, to William Cavendiſh, mercer of London, and Robert Cavendiſh, of Suffolk; the ſaid William and Robert, for 40*l.* confirmed it to William Daubeny, and Robert, his brother, when it had the name of Daubeny's manor; Cavendiſh ſealed with 3 bucks heads caboſed, the arms of the preſent Duke of Devonſhire.

WILLIAM DAUBENY had, by Cecil his wife, a ſon Thomas, who was father of Henry; and Cecil, re-married to Thomas Weſton, of Norwich, Gent:

HENRY DAUBENY, Gent: in the 30th of Henry VIII. ſold it to Sir Chriſtopher Heydon, and in the ſaid year he conveyed it to Richard Gilbert, of Birlingham, Gent: who was buried in the church of Birlingham, St. Andrew, in 1548. Thomas Gilbert, a deſcendant, was lord in the 19th of James I.—Thomas Holmes, junior, of Mundham, Gent: and Mary his wife, John Wrongey, of --------, and Abra his wife, John Richman of Hetherſet, Gent: and Anne his wife, daughters and coheirs of Richard Gilbert, ſold it in 1654, to William Berney, Eſq; of Elſing, and ſo came from them to Edwards, Blackwell, and Carteret Leathes, Eſq; as above.

WILLIAM DE ST. CLEER was one of the heirs of Nicholas le Butler, who held a manor in North Burlingham, and ſold in the 57th of Henry III. by fine, all his right to William, ſon of William de Heveningham, in this town, and South Walſham. Adam, ſon of John de Brancaſter, the other heir, conveyed alſo his right to Guy de Botetourt.

In the 9th of Edward II. and the 20th of Edward III. John Stoneware had part of a fee of the biſhop. Sir John Faſtolf poſſeſſed it in the 3d of Henry IV. being the 10th part of a fee in North Birlingham, and in the 35th of Henry VIII. John Atkins and Margaret his wife were querents, John Biſhop and Elizabeth his wife, deforcients of the manor called Goodwyn's, a meſſuage, 60 acres of land, 40 of paſture, 60*s.* rent in North and South Birlingham.

North Burlingham tenths were 3 l. 15 s.—Deducted 5 s.

The church of St. Andrew, in North Birlingham, was a rectory valued at 12 marks; paid Peter-pence 11 d. carvage 2 d. The preſent valor is 12 l.

RECTORS.

Richard de Runhale was rector in 10th of Richard I. as appears from a fine then levied.

Richard de Griſton occurs rector in the 14th of Edward I. and Ralph de Caſton, in the year 1326, and ſaid to be blind with age.——1337. William Atteforth de Bergh was inſtituted, preſented by Sir John de Caſton.—1348. John Copſy, ditto.——1349. John de Swathyngs, ditto.——1360. William Waryn, ditto.——In 1361, the Lady Catharine de Caſton preſented, but no name occurs in the inſtitution book.——1376. Thomas Atteker, by the biſhop, guardian of the heirs of Sir Robert de Caſton.——Robert Daubeneye occurs rector in 1429, and William Nichol, in 1462.

William Dykſon was rector in 1485.

1544. Matthew Parker, and reſigned 1547, after arch-biſhop of Canterbury.

———. John Robinſon, rector.——John Hodſon, in 1612.

William Heath died rector of St. Andrew's and St. Edmund's, Birlingham, in 1741, and George Dowdſwell, then preſented by Carteret Leathes, Eſq:——1751. Iſaac Battail, ditto.

On a monument in the church.— :::: *Deo Trino, et Uni Sacrum.—Secundum Chriſti Redemptoris adventum ſub hoc tumulo expectat Gregorius Mileham, filius Roberti Mileham de Birlingham, Gener. qui cum ex Anna uxore, chariſſima filia Willi. Bayſpoole de Toft, Gener. unum filium, filiamq; unam ſuſcepiſſet pie in Chriſto obdormivit* 8 *die Apr. A°. ſalutis* 1615, *Ætatis ſuæ* 64.—*Edw. Mileham, filius mæſtiſſimus patri optimo et chariſſimo, officioſæ pietatis et memoriæ ergo hoc monumentum poſuit.*

In this town of North Birlingham was alſo the church of St. Peter, a rectory valued at 6 marks; Peter-pence 6*d.* carvage 2*d.* the preſent valor is 5*l.* and is diſcharged.

In the 4th of Edward I. Sir Step. de Strumpſhale, Kt. and Margery his wife, ſold the advouſon to the Lord William Bardolf, and Julian his wife, by fine; and the ſaid lord gave it, in the 13th of that king, with 3 acres of land, to the priory of Caſtleacre, in exchange for the advouſon of the church of Weſtbriggs, in Norfolk;—*Witneſſes,* Sir Roger de Toftes, and Sir Richard de Belhouſe, Sir John de Dunham, Sir Godfrey de Acra, Knts.

RECTORS.

John de Eſſex occurs rector, in 1287.——1299. Richard of New-Market, preſented by the prior *&c.* of Caſtleacre.——1314. Ralph Benne, ditto.——1343. William de Antingham, by papal proviſion.——1377. Jeff. le Brun, ditto.——1377. William Fever, by the prior *&c.*——1378. Hugh Tame, ditto.——1389. Nicholas Young, ditto.——1390. Phil. Waller, ditto.——1395. John Fowke, ditto.——1405. John Beele, ditto.——William Byſhop was rector in 1440, and 1448.——1449. William Den, by the prior *&c.*

William Hardingham, rector in 1485.

Robert Talbot occurs rector in 1547.

Edward Slym, rector about 1600.——James Hucks, about 1620.——Robert Fawcet occurs 1695.

1727. Benjamin Paul, on James Dover's reſignation, by John Anſtis, Eſq; garter king at arms.——1732. Brydges Thomas, ditto.——1737. James Downes, by William Tayler, Eſq; *&c.*——1737. John Gogill, by William Blackbourn, Eſq; *&c.*

On the diſſolution of Caſtleacre priory, it was conveyed by the prior to King Henry VIII. in his 29th year; and in the ſaid year, on December 22, granted to the duke of Norfolk.

Ralph Goodwyn, of North Birlingham, buried in 1518, in this church, gives to the repair of it 40*s.* — Lands in North Birlingham, in the tenure of Richard Gilbert, lately belonging to Weſtacre priory, granted July 1, to Ed. Spanye, and John Baſpole.

SOUTH-BERLINGHAM.

BISHOP Beaufoe had, by the grant of the Conqueror, the greateſt part of this town, which he held in fee,—Eight freemen under the commendation only of Almar, biſhop of Elmham, being deprived; and at the ſurvey William de Noiers held under the biſhop 140 acres of land, 11 bordarers, and 8 acres of meadow; to theſe freemen there belonged alſo 3 carucates, but at the ſurvey, there were but 2 and a half, valued at 20*s.* [*a*] with the moiety of a church endowed with 15 acres, valued at 15*d.*—Two freemen alſo here, under the protection only of Biſhop Almar, had a carucate of land, with 6 bordarers, and a carucate and a half, and 3 acres of meadow, which William de Noiers held of biſhop Beaufoe, and 4 freemen who poſſeſſed 8 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and half a carucate valued at 10*s.* This village was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 20*d.* gelt; and other perſons, beſides William de Noiers, were enfeoffed of lands here.

The Lord Bardolf's manor extended into this town, and the Felminghams; the Rightwyſes, alſo the families of De Hindringham and Gernoun held under him.

The Burlinghams had a lordſhip. Elſide Birlingham granted lands in Birlingham, *ſans date*, to which grant Nicholas de Birlingham was a witneſs.—George de Birlingham held one fee in the 41ſt of Henry III. and was not a knight. Jeff. ſon of John de North Birlingham, conveyed lands to Robert, ſon of Elvina, wife of Ralph Palmer de Udegate, by deed *ſans date*.—Udegate, or Wodegate, and Thorp were hamlets, in the 52d of Henry III. to North Birlingham.—William, ſon of Brictric de Birlingham granted lands here *ſans date*.—In 1538, Catharine Barrow, widow, was found to hold lately of the biſhop half a fee in South Birlingham.

In Birlingham, Edric (Lord of Bradeſton, before the conqueſt) had 4 acres and a half of land belonging to his manor of Bradeſton, and was valued with that at 10*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.* [*b*] After King William came into England, Edric was outlawed, and fled into Dacia. Biſhop Almar invaded it, but at the ſurvey William de Noiers held it of biſhop Beaufoe.

This was ſoon after the ſurvey held by the Breideſton family, lord of Bradeſton, from whom it came to the Caſtons, Carbonels, ſo to Berney, the Edwards, and Sir Lambert Blackwell's heirs, as in Bradeſton, and ſo to Carteret Leaths, Eſq:

The tenths were 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* — Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

[*a*] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordenſ. de feudo.—In Sut. B'lingeha. viii. lib. hoes. Almarj epi. comdatione. tantu. m°. tenet W. de Noiers de CXL. ac. tre. ſep. xi. bord. et viii. ac. pti. tc. iii. car. p. 7. m°. ii. et dim. ſep. val. xx. ſol. dim. ecclie. xv. ac. val. xv*d.*—In eade. ii. libi. hoes Almari. epi. comdatione. tantu. m°. ten. ide. W. i. car. terre ſemp. vi. bord. ſep. i. car. 7. dim. 7. iii. ac. pti. 7. iiii. lib. hoes. ſub eis viii. ac. terre 7. i. ac. pti. ſep. dim. car. ſemp. val. x. ſol. et ht. B'lingha. i. lg. in longo. 7. dim. in lato. ſed plures ibi tenent, 7. de gelto. xx*d.*

[*b*] Tre. Willi. Epi. Trefordenſ. de feudo.——In B'lingham Ide. iiii. ac. 7. dim. tre. ptinent. in Breteſtuna, tc. val. x. ſol. 7. p. ſimil. m°. xxx. et poſtq. Rex. W. venit in Angliam fuit Iſte Edric. Exlex, in Dacia. 7. Epi. Almar. invaſit tra. m°. ten: Wm. de Noiers.

In this town was the church of St. Edmund, valued at 30 marks, paid Peter-pence 10*d.* and carvage 2*d. ob.* the preſent valor is 12*l.*

RECTORS.

In 1306. Adam Berry was inſtituted, preſented by William Caſton.——1319. William Roys, by John de Caſton.———1349. John de Beghton, by Sir William de Bergh *&c.*———1349. Richard de Colney, by Sim. de Babingle.——1375. Robert Bertelot, by Lady Cath. relict of Sir John Caſton.——1377. John Burewell, ditto.———1377. Henry Coſyn, ditto.———1405. Richard Bolour, by John Carbonel, Eſq;

Robert Smith, rector 1617.———In 1639 [illegible]dmund Keene, rector.

See in St. Andrew's church.

The king had a lordſhip at the ſurvey, which Godric his ſteward [c] took care of, held before by a freeman of Ralph Stalre, with the ſoc, and 30 acres of land, and 10 acres of free land belonging to the church, with 5 acres of meadow, and a half; in Birlingham alſo 3 freemen, and the moiety of another held 42 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and a carucate. Ralph had the ſoc of 3 of theſe freemen, and the moiety of one was in the king.—This Ralph was earl of Norfolk; and after outlawed as a rebel.

This was granted (as I take it) ſoon after the ſurvey, to Roger Bigod, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk.—In the 8th of Richard II. Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk, *&c.* aliened to the prior of Weybridge, a meſſuage and 92 acres of land, in South and North Birlingham *&c.*—At the diſſolution on March 29, *A°.* 24th of Henry VIII. Richard Fulmerſton, Eſq; had a grant of lands held here by the priory of Weybridge; and in the 1ſt of Edward VI. Cath. Borough died ſeiſed of a manor, and 60 acres of land, in South Birlingham, held of the biſhop of Norwich, by knight's ſervice, and of his manor of Strumpſhaw, (and the reſidue of the manor of South Birlingham, held of John Berney, as of his manor of Breydeſton, by knight's ſervice,) and Thomaſine was her daughter and heir.

William de Scohies had at the ſurvey 20 acres of demean land, [d] in Birlingham, belonging to his lordſhip of Stokeſby, and there valued.

The temporalities of the prioreſs of Carhow, in South Birlingham, were valued at 12*d.*

The temporalities of Hickling priory at 15*s.* 4*d.*

CANTLEY.

GODRIC, the Conqueror's ſteward, took care of this town [a] at the ſurvey, of which Ralph Stalre was deprived, lord in the reign of King Edward, who had 4 carucates, and 3 acres of land, and Alſi held it then under Stalre; 4 villains belonged to it, and 33 bordarers *&c.* 4 ſervi *&c.* with 3 carucates in demean, and 8 among the tenants, paunage for 60 ſwine, 40 acres of meadow, *&c.* and 400 ſheep, and there were 10 ſocmen, with 60 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and 2 carucates, valued then at 7*l.* after at 8*l.* at the ſurvey at 10*l.* a quit rent, and 10*s.* as a free gift: it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt,

NETHER-

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[c] Terra Regis, qua. Godric. ſervat.—In B'lingeham i. lib. ho. R. Stalre, cum ſoca de XXX. ac. tre. 7. x. ac. libe. tre. ptinentis. ad Eccliam. 7. v. ac. pti. 7. dim. Adhuc in B'lingeha. iiii. lib. hoes. 7. dim. ſemp. iii. R. ſoca. ſup. dim. Rex. XLII. ac. tre. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſemp. i. car.

[d] Terra Willi. de Scohies.—In B'ningham, tenet Ide. (Will. de Scohies) XX. ac. tre. in dnio. 7. jacent in Stokeſbej.

[a] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.—Cantelaj. R. Stalre, ten. t. r. e. iiii. car. tre. et iii. ac. 7. Alſi de eo ſemp. iiii. vill. tc. XXXiii. bord. 7. p. ſimil. m°. XLII. tc. iiii. ſer. p. iii. 7. m°. ii. tc. iii. car. in dnio. p. 7. m°. ii. ſep. viii. car. houm. ſilva, LX. porc. 7. XL. ac. pti. m°. i. ſal. ſep. i. r. 7. iii. an. ſemp. ii. por. ſemp. CCCC. ovs. 7. ibi ſut. x. ſoc. de LX. ac. tre. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſep. ii. car. tc. val. vii. lib. p. viii. m°. x. lib. blanca. 7. x. ſol. de gerſu. 7. ht. i. leug. in longo. 7. i. in lato. 7. de gelto. XX*d.*

NETHER-HALL, *alias* BARDOLF'S MANOR.

RALPH STALRE, a Saxon thane, had large poſſeſſions and lordſhips of his own, beſides what he held of the abbot of Holm *&c.* Soon after the ſurvey it was granted from the crown to the noble family of De Gournay: Hugh de Gournay, a Norman baron, was a witneſs to the foundation deed of the abby of Caen, [b] in Normandy, in 1084, founded by the Conqueror, (as in Caſtre,) and Hugh de Gournay was lord in this town in the 7th of Richard I. Julian, daughter and heir of the lord Hugh de Gournay, brought it by marriage to William, Lord Bardolf of Wirmegay, who in her right was lord in the 38th of Henry III. and had then a grant of free warren.

In the 3d of Edward I. the lord Bardolf had the lete, view of frank-pledge, the aſſiſe *&c.* and in the 12th of that king, a charter for an annual fair, on the eve, the day, and morrow of the feaſt of St. Margaret the virgin, July 28.—Thomas, Lord Baldolf, being attainted and executed for his rebellion in the reign of Henry IV. Sir William his brother held this, but not his barony of Wirmegay.—It came after to William, Lord Beaumont, and on the death of William, Lord Viſcount Beaumont in 1507, to the crown.—King Henry VIII. on July 5, in his 6th year, granted it to Sir William Arundel, Lord Matravers, and Anne his wife, with the manors of Stow-Bardolf, Strumpſhagh, and Scroteby; Henry, ſon and heir of William, Earl of Arundel, (who dyed in the 35th of that king) had livery of it, who conveyed it to the crown, and in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, on January 2, in the ſaid year, this lordſhip was given to Thomas Gawdy, Eſq; who preſented to this church in 1564. Sir Thomas Gawdy, Kt. judge of the common pleas, died ſeiſed of it, in the 30th of Elizabeth; and Henry was his ſon and heir, afterwards Kt. of the bath; in 1650, Thomas Gawdy, Eſq; was lord, and preſented; but in 1663, Sir Thomas Rant; and Sir William Rant in 1690, and 1703. After this it came to the Harbords, and Harbord Harbord, Eſq; was lord and patron in 1720, and Sir William Harbord, Bt. is the preſent lord *&c.*

The tenths were 6*l.* — Deducted 2*l.*

UPHALL MANOR.

TOOK its riſe from the grant of Hugh de Gourney, (capital lord of the town) of 3 carucates of land, 18 marks, 11*s.* 8*d.* in land and rent, to Roger Botetourt; alſo of 15*s.* rent, which Hugh gave him, here and in Caſtre, which he held of Hugh in the 13th of Henry III.

SIR GUY DE BOTETOURT had the aſſiſe in the 3d of Edward I. and held it of the Lord Bardolf as part of the honor of Gournay; and in the 33d Sir Guy ſettled it on his ſon William; in the 12th of Edward II. it was ſettled on William de Botetort, and Maud his wife, in tail.

JOHN, ſon and heir of Thomas Boteturt, was living in the 2d of Edward III. and John, ſon and heir of Sir John de Boteturt, was lord in the 40th of Edward III.

In the 2d of Henry IV. Sir Hugh Burnel and Jocoſa his wife, by their feoffees ſettled this manor, with thoſe of Upton, in Norfolk; Werley-Caſtle, Northfield, Crandley, and Old Swinford, in Worceſterſhire, Honworth, Clent, Mere, and Bebington, in Staffordſhire, Bordeſley, and Aſton, in Warwickſhire, and Wokton, in Bucks, on their truſtee, John Rome, clerk, many of which lordſhips came to Thomas de Boteturt, by the marriage of Joan, ſiſter and coheir of John, Lord Somery, and ſo to her ſon, Sir John; but his ſon, John Botetourt, leaving only a daughter and heir, Jocoſa, ſhe brought them by marriage to Sir Hugh Burnel. John Rome, their truſtee, in the aforeſaid year, conveyed this lordſhip and that of Upton, to Sir Thomas Erpingham. Margaret, the other ſiſter of Jocoſa, and coheir of John, Lord Somery, of Dudley, married John de Sutton, and was Lord Dudley.

In the 12th of Henry VI. Nicholas Wichingham died lord, and left William, his ſon and heir by Alice his firſt wife, and by Joan his ſecond, Edmund Wichingham of Woodriſing, who by Alice his wife, daughter and heir of John Faſtolf, of Fiſhley had 4 daughters and coheirs : Amy, married to Sir Richard Southwell, Eſq, in whoſe right he was lord of the town; and Frances, married to Sir William Mull, of Harſcomb, in Glouceſterſhire, who in the 16th of Edward IV. conveyed this manor of Uphall, to Richard Southwell, Eſq;

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[b] Rot. Pip.

In the 37th of Henry VIII. Sir Richard Southwell conveyed it to John Godſalve, Eſq; with 6 meſſuages, 10 cottages, 100 acres of land, 40 of meadow; and Sir John Godſalve died poſſeſſed of it, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary. After this it was in the Stedes; William Stede had livery of it about the 24th of Elizabeth.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Margaret, and was valued at 30 marks: Peter-pence 20*d.* carvage 4*d.* *ob.* the preſent valor is 14*l.* and pays firſt fruits *&c.*

RECTORS.

Stephen de White occurs rector in 1270.——1299. William Bardolf inſtituted, preſented by Hugh, Lord Bardolf.——1306. William de Corby, by the lady Iſabel Bardolf, in right of dower.——1310. William Avenel, ditto.——1328. Thomas de Cailly, by Sir Thomas Bardolf.——1350. William de Bergh, by Sir John Bardolf, lord of Wirmegay.——1372. William de Humberſton, by Sir William Bardolf, lord.——1373. Peter de Blithe, ditto.——1391. Peter Whyten, by Sir Thomas Mortimer.——1398. William Gilten, by the king.——1398. John Cartere, ditto.——1406. John Dowes, by Sir William Bardolf, Kt, on the king's grant, by the forfeiture of Thomas, late Lord Bardolf.——1437. Thomas Muriel, by Sir William Phelip, in right of Joan his wife, daughter of Thomas, Lord Bardolf.——1465. John Smith, by Thomas, archbiſhop of Canterbury.——1477. And. Jenney, by Sir William Knyvet, and Joan, daughter of Hump. Duke of Bucks.——1507. William Pratt, by the aſſigns of John, Earl of Oxford.——In the 34th of Henry VIII. the next preſentation was granted to Thomas Raylton, clerk, and Richard Jewel, by William, Earl of Arundel.——1550. John Barret, S. T. P. by Henry, Earl of Arundel.——1554. Greg. Madyſe, ditto.——1564. William Johnſon, by Thomas Gawdy, Eſq;——1584. William Philips, by Sir Thomas Gawdy.——1603. Samuel Bramall, by Henry Gawdy, Eſq;——1639, Daniel Chapman, by George Gawdy, Eſq;——1650. Henry Gawdy, by Thomas Gawdy, Eſq;——1663. Bernard Skelton, by Sir Thomas Rant.——1690. Jer. Ward, by Sir William Rant.——1695. Michael Hart, ditto——1703. Thomas Marlyn. ——1720. John Welham, by Harb. Harbord, Eſq;——1726. Chriſt. Pigg, by ditto.——1736. Thomas Morden, ditto.

In this church was the guild of St. Margaret, St. Mary's, and St. Margaret's lights.

FRETHORP.

NINE free men had 60 acres of land here in King Edward's reign; of five of theſe, Ralph Stalre, then lord, had the ſoc, and was deprived; [a] but from the time of R. Guader's being created earl of Norfolk, he held it. At the ſurvey, the king was lord, and Godric took care of it for him, with Limpenhoes, and Haſingham. It was valued at 13 l. and a carucate and a half belonged to it.

A free man, Alſi, held under Earl Ralph 16 acres of land, with half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, valued at 2 s. Baldwin, [b] the biſhop's ſteward, held it under the commendation of William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, who had a grant of it from the Conqueror in fee; but, at the ſurvey, Baldwin was under the commendation of Godric, who took care of it for the king.

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[a] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.——In Frietorp ix. libi. hoes. ſup. v. habuit R. Soca. t. r. e. et ſup. iiii. Rep. ſed ex quo R. fuit comes habuit eam LX.. ac. tre. hi oes. ſût apptiati. in xiii. lib. ſep. i. car, 7. dim.

[b] Tre. Willi. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo.——In Frietorp i. lib. ho. Alſi ſub R. Comite xvi. ac. tre. ſemp. dim. car. i. ac. pti. ſep. val. ii. ſol. hc. tenuit Balduin. ppoſit. Epi. comdat. tantu. s. nc. comdtus. eſt Godrico in manu Regis.

Soon after the ſurvey, this was granted from the crown, and Robert Fitz-Roger, lord of Horsford, father of Sir John Clavering, held it *in capite*, in the reign of Richard I.

In the reign of Henry III. Roger Fitz-Peter, and Edward de Eynford, had lordſhips here, in Southwood and Limpenhoe, held of Robert Fitz-Roger. In the 3d of Edward I. Sir Reginald Fitz-Peter-Fitz-Oſbert had the lete and aſſiſe; and William de Eynford had the lete and aſſiſe. Reginald died in the 14th of that king; Jane his widow had aſſignment then of dower, and John was his ſon and heir, and his lordſhip was valued at 16l. *per ann.* and the heirs of Gerard de Eynford had a lordſhip in the 20th of Edward III.—Dionyſia Clere, widow, was found to hold late Eynford's, of the heirs of Robert Ufford, by half a fee, in the 3d of Henry IV. and in Limpenhoe and Southwood; in the family of the Cleres, of Ormeſby, it remained many years, and came after to the Berneys.

In 1675, Richard Berney, Eſq; was lord, and preſented to the church in that year, and in 1692; after this, the Edwards held it, and Sir James Edwards, Bt. about 1720, and Sir Lambert Blackwell, Bt. whoſe heirs had it in 1740, and ſo to Carteret Leathes, Eſq; the preſent lord.

Arnold de Mounteney had alſo a lordſhip here, and in Haſingham, in the reign of King Henry III. held it of Robert Fitz-Walter by a quarter of a fee. In the ſame family it was found in the 20th of Edward III. and, in the 3d of Henry IV. Arnold de Mounteny, and his parceners, held it.

Tenths were 3l. 19s.——Deducted 9 s.——Temporalities of St. Faith's priory, 2 s.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, was a rectory, valued at 13 marks; paid Peter-pence, 2 s. carvage 2 d. *ob.* On the grant of it to St. Faith's priory of Horſham, a vicarage was appointed, valued at 4 marks, and 6 s. 8 d. is the preſent valor.

VICARS, &c..

1307. William de Bernwell inſtituted vicar, nominated by the biſhop of Norwich, and preſented by the prior of St. Faith's.—1333. Robert de Thorp, ditto.—1349, Maurice Atte-Hawe, preſented by the king, and nominated by the biſhop, being a priory alien.—1405. Nicholas Stradſete, by the king.— ----. John Kneyght, vicar,——1415. Edmund Monie, by the king and biſhop.——1417. William Coll, ditto.——1419. John Bettes, ditto.——1421. Thomas Smith, by the king.——1432. Edmund Stede, ditto.——1488. Adam Middlegate, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1497. Thomas Bungey, ditto.——1593. Robert Broadherſh, by the biſhop, *pleno jure*.——1625. William Keen, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1630. Robert Pepper, by the lady Elizabeth Clere, widow.——James Johnſon occurs vicar in 1662.——1675. James Richer, by Richard Berney, Eſq;——1683. Oliver St. John, ditto,——1685. Robert Talbot, ditto.——1692. Charles Chapman, ditto.——1705. Robert Cubit, by Robert Edwards, and James Faſhion.

—— Moſes White, by the king, occurs rector 1755.

Here were the guilds of All Saints, and of our Saviour.—St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's lights.

King Edward VI. on July 1, *Ao*. 7^{o}. granted the appropriated rectory to William Mingey and William Necton,

HASINGHAM.

THE Conqueror had a lordſhip, which Godric, his ſteward, took care of for him at the ſurvey; of this Ralph Guader, late earl of Norfolk, was deprived for his rebellion. Ralph Stalre poſſeſſed it in King Edward's reign, and it was held of him by ſix freemen; of one of theſe he had the ſoc, with 70 acres of land; one of them had alſo five bordarers. [a] Among them all were five acres and a half of meadow, and three carucates, &c. It was one leuca long, and four furlongs broad, and paid 6 d. gelt—Of the two villains here, in King Edward's time, the king had the ſoc, as the hundred witneſſes, and had it in earl Ralph's time, and now Godric his ſteward.—The ſoc of theſe was in the king, as the hundred witneſſes; but Ralph Guader held it after he was made earl of Norfolk.—— At the ſurvey, Godric held it as ſteward to the king.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had afterwards a grant of it from the crown, and was held of that family, with the manor of Bokenham-Ferry.

Adam de Rattleſden was lord of it in the reign of Henry III. After the Ratleſdens William de Braham poſſeſſed it, and had ſucceſſively the ſame lords, with Bokenham-Ferry, the lady Haſtings ſelling it to Richard Berney, Eſq; who was lord and patron in 1740.

The biſhop of Norwich had alſo a lordſhip here, his manor of Bokenham-Ferry extending into this town.

Arnold de Mounteny had an intereſt here, inthe 20th of Henry III. and held lands of Robert, Lord Fitz-Walter. John de Haſingham, in the 34th of that king, impleaded Adam de Haſingham, ſon of William, for the moiety of a meſſuage, and lands of inheritance, that William held of Arnold.

In the 9th of Edward II. Sir Arnold de Mounteny had a lordſhip, and held here, in Plumſtede *Parva*, and Frethorp, a fee of the earl of Rutland.

Nicholas Peyteyn, of Filby, in the 21ſt of Henry VII. held this manor of Haſingham, as appears from a rental.

The church of Haſingham is a rectory; antient valor 4 l. and the preſent valor is the ſame, and diſcharged.—Peter-pence 7 d.—Carvage 2½ d.—Dedicated to St. Mary.

RECTORS.

In 1319, Adam Haghenne was inſtituted, preſented by Maud, late wife of Sym. de Rattleſden.——1328. William Bryd, by Adam de Tycheby.——1337. Richard le Palmer, by Sir John de Ratleſden, Kt.——1349. John Rayſon, ditto.——1368. John Coke, by Adam de Hautbois, rector of Cockfield, William de Braham, &c. ——1378. William Lighfoot, by John de Pyeſhale, clerk, &c.——1412. John Sandford, by William Golaundre, clerk, &c.——1412. Richard Lewis, by ditto, feoffees of the manor of Haſingham, appointed by the lady Margaret Sencler.—— 1419. Robert Berdene, by Sir John Heveningham, Nicholas Wichingham, John Berney, &c.——1446. William Stallon, by Sir Henry Ingloſe.——1462. Thomas Gee, by William Norwich, &c,——1477. Thomas Spycer, by John Jermyn, Eſq; ——1486. Roger Umfrey, ditto.——1489. John Croftys, by Thomas Jenney, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife.——1508. Henry Adcock, by Margaret Ydley, widow.——1514. Robert Hanſart, S. T. P.——1517. Richard Wynſhip, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1520. Thomas Ellington, by Thomas Godſalve, Gent.——1531. Richard Savage, By T. Godſalve. Eſq;——1554. Edmund Emmes, by Sir John Godſalve.——1557. John Engliſh, by the aſſignees of Elizabeth, relict of Sir John Godſalve.——1560. Gregory Madis, ditto.——1564. Mr. George Leeds, A. M. ditto.—— ----. Harman Godfrey, rector.——1580. Edmund Payng, by Thomas Godſalve, Eſq;——1585. Stephen Gall, ditto.——1585. Richard Newell, ditto. ——1636. Thomas Wolſey, by John Smith, Eſq:——1668. Benjamin Shelton, by the biſhop, a lapſe,——1690. Nathaniel Wadſworth, by Denzil Onſlow, Eſq:—— 1692. William Newbery, ditto.——1713. John Heywood, by ditto.——1717. John Mompeſſon, by Elizabeth, Lady Haſtings.——1722. Benjamin Ellis, D. D. by Richard Berney, Eſq;

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[a] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.—In Haſingeham vi. lib. hoes. R. Stalre et de uno habuit ſoca. t. r. e. LXX. ac. tre. un. ht. v. bor. intr. omes. v. ac. pti. 7. dim. tc. iii. car. m°. i. car. 7. dim. ht. i. leug. in long. 7. iiii. qr. in lat. 7. de gelto vi. d. 7. iii. ſol. 7. de iſtis ii. vill. t. r. e. erat ſoca regis teſtim. hund. ſed R. tenuit ex quo fuit comes m°. tenet Godric in manu regis.

LIMPENHOE.

IN the time of the Confeſſor, ſixteen freemen had a lordſhip, and Alſi held it under Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, conſiſting of one carucate of land, and 13 acres of [a] meadow, and one bordarer, in the whole three carucates and a half, was one leuca long, and ten furlongs broad, paid gelt 20 d. and was valued in Frethorp, &c. On the forfeiture of earl Ralph, it came to the crown, and Godric took care of it for the king at the ſurvey.

This was granted from the crown after the ſurvey, and held by ſeveral lords, and the chief manor was given to Flaald, lord of Mileham.

Richard de Dunham, in the 3d of Richard I. owed five marks to have his right for 10 l. land here, and in Sudwod (Southwood) againſt Reginald de Haſtings: [b] See in Thorp and Southwood, in this hundred.

Roger Fitz-Peter, and Edward de Eynford had lordſhips in the reign of Henry III. as in Frethorp: Gerard de Eynford was lord, in the 14th of Edward II. when a marſh, which he had here, is ſaid in a record to be bounded ſouth on the river Wenſum; this I mention, the general part of writers calling it the Yar, or Hier, at this place.

Dionyſian de Clere enjoyed it, lately the heirs of Gerard de Eynford, of the heirs of Robert de Ufford; from the Cleres it came to the Berneys, and ſo to Sir James Edwards, Bt. and to Sir Lambert Blackwell, and his heirs, who were patrons of this church, and that of Southwood in 1742, and to Cartaret Leathes, Eſq;

Arnold de Mounteny had alſo an intereſt here, as in Frethorp.

William de Scohies had a lordſhip, of which Harduin was deprived, who held two freemen under his protection only. Adarus held it under Scohies, [c] at the ſurvey, with 34 acres of land, and a bordarer, with five acres of meadow, and a carucate, valued at 10 s. but at the ſurvey at 24 s.

William, ſon of Matthew de Redham, was lord of this, in the 8th of Richard I. and conveyed the advouſon of the church, by fine, to Robert Fitz-Roger; and, in the 31ſt of Edward I. [d] John, ſon of Gerard, of Redham, granted, by fine, to John Fitz-John, a meſſuage, fourteen acres of land, two of meadow, ſix of paſture, and two of turbary, in this town, Southwood and Frethorp; and, in the 9th of Edward II. Gerard de Eynford, Sir Hubert Fitz-John, William de Redham, and the earl of Arundel, were returned as lords of Limpenhoe and Southwood.

In the 3d of Henry IV. the heirs of John Steynward had a quarter of a fee of the manor of Mileham, of the earl of Arundel, which John and his parceners held in this town, and Southwood, in the 20th of Edward III.

The tenths were 3 l.—Deducted o. together with Southwood.

The church is dedicated to St. Botolph. In the 8th of Richard I. William de Redham granted his right in this church to Robert Fitz-Roger, being then a rectory, and John Fitz-Robert gave it, by fine, to Hugh, abbot of Langley, in exchange for the church of Eure in Buckinghamſhire; the rectory, with the vicarage, that was ſettled, valued at 12 marks: Peter-pence 13 d. carvage 2 d. *ob.* the preſent valor 4 l. and diſcharged.

VICARS.

In 1311, Henry de Bynham was inſtituted vicar, preſented by the abbot, &c. of Langley.——1311. Jeffrey de Carleton, ditto.——1326. John Bernard.——1342. Ralph Ive.——1349. Henry de Ormeſby.——1378. Richard Cook.——1379. John Everard.——1385. John Meſſager.——1388. William Gladchere.——1393. Simon Peſſey.——1396. William Haverpenny.——1398. William Tiſſeyn.——1402. Laur. Skot.

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[a] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.—In Limpeho t. r. e. xvi. lib. hoes. Alſi ſub R. Comite i. car. tre. 7. xiiii. ac. pti. 7. i. bor. ſemp. iii. car. 7. dim. 7. ht. i. leug. in long. 7. x. qr. in lato, et de gelto xx d.

[b] Rot. Pip.

[c] Terra Willi. de Scohies.——In Limpeho ten. Harduinus ii. libos. hoes. de comd. tantu. m°. Odarus xxxiiii. ac. tre. 7. i. bor. v. acr. pti. ſep. i. car. 7. val. x. ſol. m°. xxiii. ſol.

[d] Tin. *Ao* 8. Ric I. N. 43.——Fin. divers. Com. 20. Hen. III. N. 4.

In the 14th of Elizabeth, Richard Hills, and W. James, on March 8, had a grant of the appropriated rectory, and patronage of the vicarage, late belonging to Langley abby, with certain concealed lands, in fee farm.

John Cullimer, vicar about 1600, Sir Edward Clere, patron.

1727. James Dover.——1735. Thomas Morden, by Carteret Leathes, Eſq;

Here was the guild of St. Botolph. The church is conſolidated with Southwood, and is called a rectory in the inſtitution books.

Under the invaſions, we find that Rabell the carpenter, or artificer, as he is called, had ſeized on the property of 20 freemen, who held here, and in Thorp, in this hundred, one carucate, and 20 acres of land, with 7 of meadow, under the protection of Fincus. At the ſurvey, [e] here were three carucates, and then valued at 11 s. and 6 d. Rabell had alſo a manor in Southwood, and in Mora, in this hundred, (See in Southwood) and was lord of Filby in Faſt Flegg hundred.

LINGWOOD.

THERE is no mention made of this town in the grand ſurvey, it being a part and member of the biſhop of Norwich's great lordſhip of Blofield, and ſo valued, &c. under it, and was held of the ſee of Norwich, by the families of de Cateſton, and de Lingwood.

In the 9th of Edward II. Joan de Cateſton, or Caſton, and William de Lingwood, were returned to be lords; and William de Lingwood was patron of the church, and lord, in 1349.

Margaret, counteſs of Norfolk, aliened to Weybridge priory, a meſſuage, 92 acres of land, with 3 s. rent, in this town, and in the Birlinghams, with the advouſon of the church, belonging to the manor of Blofield, as was found in the 8th of Richard II.—*Eſchaet*.

In the 32d of Henry VIII. the king granted to Thomas Paſton, Eſq: meſſuages and lands here, with the manors of Blofield and Beighton, and lands lately belonging to Langley abby.

The tenths were 3 l. 3 s. Deducted 6 s. 8 d.

The church was a rectory, dedicated to St. Peter, valued at 4 l. Peter-pence 4 d. Carvage 2 d. *ob*.

RECTORS.

1310. John de Tyrington inſtituted rector, preſented by William de Lyngewood. ——1339. Mr. Nicholas Atte Gap de Blofield, ditto.——1349. Edmund le Clerk, ditto.——1356. John de Hindringham——1370. John Elys, by John Stoke, citizen of Norwich, on the grant of Margaret, counteſs of Norfolk, became appropriated to Weybridge-priory.

In 1557, Chriſtopher Dandy was preſented by the biſhop of Norwich, being, as I take it, in the crown.——1559. Andrew Brown, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1590. Thomas Wynington, to the rectory, by the queen, a lapſe. In the 18th of Elizabeth, January 30, the rectory was granted to John Dudley, and John Aſcough, in conſideration of diverſe meſſuages, lands, and tenements, in the iſle of Shepey in Kent, ſold to them by Henry Cheeney.—In 1609, Edward Hilton held it, and was the impropriator. It is a curacy, and was in the gift of Mr. Hilton, in 1740.

In the church was the guild, and the light of St. Mary.

Concealed lands belonging to Weybridge-priory were granted August 7, in the 10th of Elizabeth, to Hugh Counſel and Robert Baker.

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[e] Invaſiones.—In Torp & Limpehou tenet Rabell. Carpentari. xx. libos hoes. ſincq comdoe. de i. car. tre. 7. xx. ac. 7. vii. ac. pti. tc. 7. p'. ii. car. m°. iii. tc. val. x. ſol. m°. xi. 7. vi. d.

PLUMSTEDE MAGNA.

GUERT, [a] brother of King Harold, and ſlain with him at the battle of Haſtings, had a freeman, who poſſeſſed under him a carucate of land, which Godwin after held. William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, was lord, at the ſurvey, in his own right, as a lay fee, by grant of the Conqueror. Five bordarers belonged to it, one carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, &c. and there were ten freemen, with 30 acres of land, who held under the protection of Godwin a carucate and half of meadow, then valued at 10 s. at the ſurvey at 40 s. After the Conqueror was king, Almar, biſhop of Elmham, invaded, or ſeized on this land, as forfeited, on account of the marriage of a woman who remarried within the term of one year expired after her late huſband's death, probably Godwin abovementioned.

Biſhop Beaufoe had three acres of land here, which a ſocman of archbiſhop Stigand poſſeſſed; this was added to Plumſtede manor by Ernaſt, biſhop of Elmham; the ſocman ploughed it with 2 oxen, and paid 5 d. in Stigand's time.—Ernaſt, or Arfaſt, ſucceeded Ailmar, biſhop of Elmham, and removed the ſee to Norwich.

Earl Guert and Stigand had alſo 2 freemen, who poſſeſſed 50 acres of land, with 2 of meadow, and 2 bordarers had a carucate. Ralph, the earl of Norfolk, had theſe before he forfeited, and Robert Blund afterwards; valued then at 5 s. at the ſurvey at 3 s. Biſhop Ernaſt had invaded theſe, and Beaufoe was then lord in fee, by the grant of the Conqueror.—And biſhop Almar had a freeman under his commendation, with half a carucate, and 16 acres of land, at the ſurvey; 2 oxgangs, valued formerly at 2 s. but then at 16 d. this was alſo granted to biſhop Beaufoe.

When the book of *Domeſday* was made, Plumſtede was not divided into 2 townſhips; however it appears, that all theſe tenures were, at that time, in the poſſeſſion of biſhop Beaufoe; and, at his death, he gave them to his ſee of Norwich, and, making one conſiderable lordſhip, was held of the ſee; but ſome time after, it ſeems to be divided, by ſome grant of a biſhop, to the priory of Norwich.

In the reign of Henry III. I find, in old writings, this town to be called Grimere-Homeſtede; and, in the — of that king, Walter, biſhop of Norwich, as lord, had a charter of free warren. The family of De Cateſton, or Caſton, had an intereſt herein, held of the fee, as had John de Toſts in the ſaid reign.

Robert de Toſts, and Agnes his wife, ſettled on themſelves, &c. by fine, 18 meſſuages, 160 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 10 of paſture, 20 of marſh, 10 of turbary, and 13 s. 4 d. rent in Greymere Plumſted, Witton, Brundale, Breydeſton, Plumſtede, &c. in the 12th of Edward III.

The prior of Norwich appears to have a lordſhip in the 24th of Henry III. when a fine was levied before Ralph, abbot of Ramſey, William de York, provoſt of Beverley, Henry de Bath, &c. [b] juſtices itinerant, between Simon, (de Elmham) prior of Norwich, patent, and Simon de Cateſton, and Maſſa his wife, tenants, of 30 acres of land here, conveyed to the prior, who reconveyed it to them for life, and John their ſon.—William de Leams, and Elizabeth his wife, in the ſaid reign, grant to the prior lands for 100 s. in Grimer Plumſtede *Magna*, in the 14 of Edward I. and in the 3d of Edward I. the prior claimed the aſſiſe here, in Pockthorp, and Holm Street, with weyf, &c. In a ſurvey made in the time of prior William de Kirkeby, about 1280, mention is made [c] of 2 acres at the head of Grymere, probably ſome mere, ſo called, and land at the chapel of St. Benedict, the abbot; of lands in Caſtle-Croft; and in the whole of eight ſcore acres, &c. here, belonging to the prior.

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[a] Tre. Willi. Ep. Tedfordenſ. de feudo. —— In Plummeſteda ten. Goduinus libum. hoem. Gerti i. car. tre. m°. tenet W. Eps. ſep. v bord. ſep. i. car. in dnio. ſep. dim. car. hom. ſilva viii. porc. i. ac. pti ſemp. ii. an. 7. ibi ſ. x. lib. hoes de xxx. ac. tre. com'dati. tantu Goduini. ſep. i. car. 7. i. ac. pti. tc. val. x. ſol. m°. xl. et p'q. Rex W. venit in hanc terram invaſit Almarus Eps. p. foris factura, quia mulier que tenuit nupſit intra annu. p'. morte viri.—In Plumeſteda i. ſoc. eſt additus ab Ernaſto ſed fuit Stigandi iii. ac. tre. ſep. arat. cu. ii. bovib; 7. reddit 5 d.—Adhuc in Plumeſteda ii. lib. hoes. Gerti 7. Stigandi qd. Ernaſt. Eps. invaſit l. ac. tre. 7. ii. ac. pti. ſep. ii. bord. ſep. i. car. hos tenuit R. Comes quando foris fecit 7. R. Blund. ad cenſu. tc. val. v. ſol. m°. iii.—In Plumeſteda ten. i. lib. ho. Almari comd. tantu. xvi. ac. tre. tc. dim. car. m°. ii. bovs. tc. val. ii. ſol. m°. xvi. d.

[b] Reg. Cath. Norw. fol. 101. 189. 190.

[c] MSS. pen. Edm. Themilthorp Gen. de Norwich, Ao. 1714.

In the 23d of Edward I. Roſe, daughter of Reginald Baſeley, of Grimere Plumſtede, held 14 acres of heath.

The temporalities of the priory in 1428, were 9 l. 8 s.

In the 1ſt of Edward VI. Sir Thomas Cawarden had a grant of it, late the priory's (of Norwich's) manor, with a foldecourſe in this town, Plumſtede *Parva*, Poſſwick, &c. and, in the ſaid year, Cawarden had licence to alien it to Henry Ward, of Poſſwick, Eſq; Thomas Ward, Eſq; died ſeiſed in 1632, and Sir Randel Ward, Bt. of Bixley, died lord in 176–.

William de Scohies had, at the ſurvey, 8 acres of land, which, in the Confeſſor's time, were in the hands of 2 freemen of Harduin; and Hugh held it of Scohies, and ploughed it with 2 oxen, [d] always valued at 2 s.

From William de Scohies it came to Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, and from that family, by marriage, to the earls of Clare.

Alan Hovelſon, of Peter, held lands of this fee, which he granted to William de Kirkeby, prior of Norwich.

The tenths were 2 l. 4 s.—Deducted 10 s.

The church, with the chapel of St. Euſtachius, was appropriated by John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, to that priory, to find 2 chaplains, ſaving a penſion of 10 s. *per ann.* to the cellarer, and a vicarage was ſettled.—The appropriated rectory was valued at 15 marks; Peter-pence 18 d. carvage 2 d. *ob.* and was dedicated to St. Mary.

VICARS.

1300. Gilbert de Hecham, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior of Norwich.
———1305. John de Elmham, ditto.———1333. John de Bernham, ditto.——
1349. Roger de Madour, alias Repps, ditto.———1350. William Britheeye, ditto.
———1373. Thomas Moyſe, ditto.——— ----. John Bacon, vicar.———1408.
John Broun ditto.———1419. John Cammurtin, ditto ———1421. Thomas Biſhop, ditto.———1591. Thomas Pearcy, or Pearſon, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

Here were the gilds of St. Mary and St. John.

The patronage of the vicarage is in the dean and chapter of Norwich, with the appropriated rectory.———The chapel of St. Euſtachius, I find, to be repaired in 1460.

PLUMSTEDE PARVA.

TOVI held in Plumſtede, which was afterwards (as I take it) the principal lordſhip in this town, a carucate of land, and one villain, with half a carucate; Tovi was a freeman of earl Guert; [a] and there were 6 freemen at that time, and the moiety of one who had 20 acres of land, with 2 of meadow, and a carucate; which freemen, Ralph, a captain of the Conqueror's croſs bowmen, (who had a grant of this lordſhip on the conqueſt) laid claim to, as delivered up to him. What belonged to the manor was, in king Edward's time, valued at 5 s. at the ſurvey at 10 s. and what the freemen held, valued at 5 s. It was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 14 d. gelt, whoever is lord.

The Conqueror was poſſeſſed (when *Domeſday Book* was made) of a carucate of land belonging to 2 freemen, and of 30 acres and a half, with one bordarer; 10 ſocmen held under them 7 acres of meadow, with a carucate, before the conqueſt; and, at the ſurvey, 4 carucates, with paunage for 6 ſwine.—The Conqueror had the land, late of one freeman, with 10 acres;—alſo of another, with 5 acres, with the ſoc; of them Godric was the king's ſteward.

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[d] Terra Willi. de Scohies.—In Plumeſtede, ii. lib. hoes. Hraduini t. r. e. viii. ac. tre. qd. tenet Hugo. ſep. arat cu. ii. bovib; ſep. val. ii. ſol.

[a] Terre Radul. Arbal.—In Plumeſtede ten. Tovi i. lib. ho. Gerti t. r. e. i. car. tre. ſep. i. vills. tc. dim. car. p'. nichil. m° dim. 7. ii. ac. pti. tc. xi. ov. In iſto manerio manebant vi. lib hoes. 7. dim. xx. ac. tre. ii. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. hos reclamat ex libatione. hoc qd. e. in dnio. tc. val. v. ſol. m°. x. ſol. 7. libi. hoes. v. ſol. 7. ht. i. leug. in long 7. dim. laf. 7. de gelt. xiiiid. qiq. ibi teneat.—Terra Regis qua. Godric ſervat.—In Plumeſtede ii. lib. hoes. t. r. e. i. car. tre. et xxx. ac. 7. dim. 7. i. bor. ſep. et ſub eis xviii. ſoc. 7. vii. ac. pti. tc. 7. p'. ii. car. m°. iiii. ſilva vi. por.—In Plumſtede i. lib. ho. x. ac. tre.—Plumſtede i. lib. ho. v. ac. tre. Rex ht. ſoca.

In Plumeſteda i. beruita 7. ten. Edric. t. r. e. dim. 7. jacet in Ettuna ſep. iii. bor. ſemp. i. car. intr. totu. 7. iii. ac. pti. et eſt in p'tia. Ettune.

Alſo part of Plumſtede was a beruite to Etton, (Eaton, by Norwich) and held by Edric de Laxefield, in king Edward's reign, containing half a carucate of land, with 3 bordarers, one carucate in the whole, and 3 acres of meadow, and valued in Etton; this was alſo in the Conqueror, and Godric was his ſteward of it.

Moſt of, if not all, theſe tenures were granted by the Conqueror, ſoon after the ſurvey, to Flaald, or Alan his ſon, anceſtor of the Fitz-Alans, earls of Arundel, together with the great lordſhip of Mileham, in Norfolk; and, under the lords of that town, ſeveral perſons poſſeſſed the fees and tenures abovementioned, of whom I ſhall treat according to the ſeries of time.

Richard de Dunham gave an account of 5 marks paid, [b] to have right done him (in his lands held of Mileham manor, by the king's writ) in the firſt year of Richard I. About this time, William de Mounteney confirmed to William de Plumſtede, lands;—Witneſſes, Peter le Conſtable, Robert Elias, and Hugh de Monteny, *ſans* date. Adam de Plumſtede, and John his ſon, held the fourth part of a fee, and exchanged lands with William, prior of Norwich, in the 5th of king John: this family held the principal part of Tovi's lordſhip, of the lord of Mileham, and took their name from this town. Everard de Plumſtede was living in the 10th of Richard I. it was held by grand ſerjeanty to find a croſs-bow, or baliſta, William de Plumſtede, ſon of Adam, had an intereſt here, as by deed, *ſans* date.

John de Plumſtede had a lordſhip in the 20th of Henry III. and there appears to be a park here, in the 37th of that king.—William, ſon of John de Plumſted, held the 4th part of a fee, of the manor of Mileham, in the ſaid reign.

Richard Gernun of Blofield, with the conſent of Maud his wife, grants half his turbary at Hayes-Brigg, in Plumſtede, to John, ſon of William de Plumſted:—Witneſſes, Sir Thomas de St. Omer, Serlo Gernun, &c. *ſans* date. Maud Gernun, and Gerard her ſon, grants to Sibil, wife of Sir John de Plumſtede *Parva*, and William his ſon, a turbary, which his father held of them, *ſans* date.

Robert de Mounteney gives to the priory of Norwich, [c] by deed, *ſans* date, his mill belonging to his fee, or lordſhip, in Plumſted, ſtanding on the river Ger, for the health of his own, and his wife's ſoul, and of all his parents, friends, &c. and in particular for the ſoul of his father, William de Mounteney, and Roeſia his mother, and Siwat, the prieſt of Plumſtede:—Witneſſes, William, biſhop of Norwich, Geff. the biſhop's ſewer, Roger de Mounteny, Barth. de Martham, Hump. and Jordan de Plumſted. William, the heir of Siwat the prieſt, confirmed this grant, and lands to the priory, and William, biſhop of Norwich, gave Robert for this 100 s. This was in biſhop William Turbe's time.

In the 34th of Henry III. Richard de Witton held lands by ſerjeanty, in finding a croſs-bow in the king's army, or a baliſta, at his own coſts, valued at 5 marks.

Richard, ſon of William de Plumſtede, was found, in the 15th of Edward I. to hold lands valued at 100 s. *per ann.* by ſerjeanty, and finding a baliſter in the king's army (when he went into Wales) for 40 days, at his own coſts. The ſaid king appointed, by writ, William de Barinton, and William de Pakenham, his juſtices, with others, whom they ſhould aſſociate to themſelves to try the cauſe between William Fitz-John, ſon of Iſolde, of Plumſtede *Parva*, againſt ----- Fitz-Alan, lord of Mileham, about 4 l. rent, &c. in Plumſtede *Parva* and *Magna*;—Witneſs, Edmund, earl of Cornwall; dated at Weſtminſter, June 29, *Ao.* ----, Edward I.

In the 16th of Edward I. Iſolda de Mounteny impleaded Adam de Creting for the patronage of this church; her plea was, that Ernold de Mounteney, as lord of Sprouſton, was patron of this church, and had enfeoffed her; but Adam proving himſelf to be lord of Sprouſton, he recovered it. The Mounteneys held that part of this town which belonged to Edric de Laxfield, and was (as I have obſerved before) a beruite to Eaton. Alice, widow of William de Plumſtede, and John their ſon, was living in the 31ſt of the ſaid reign. John was lord in the 8th of Edward II. and held a court, then, on the feaſt of Pentecoſt.

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[b] Rot, Pip.——Reg. Eccles. Norw. i. fol. 187.

[c] Reg. Eccleſ. Cath. Norw. fol. 187.

Sir Arnulf de Monteney, and John de Plumſted, returned to be lords in the 9th of Edward II. and Sir John de Plumſtede, living alſo in the 3d and 6th of Edward III. on whoſe death it came to Sir Edmund de Illey, by the marriage of Alice his daughter and heir. Sir Edmund de Illey, and Ernulf de Monteney, lords in the 14th of that king. Sir Richard de Illey was ſon and heir of Sir Edmund, and living in the 37th of Edward III. by his will, dated at Plumſted *Parva*, October 21, 1366, he bequeaths his ſoul to the bleſſed Mary, and All Saints, and his body to be buried where it ſhall pleaſe God; to the high altar of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, for tithes forgot, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to that of Plumſtede *Parva*, 13 *s.* 4 *d.* that of Hale, half a mark, and to Alan his brother, if he ſurvived him 2 years, his green bed in his manor-houſe here, which bed was woven with doves, roſes, &c. his great deſzor for the hall, with 2 c----, 6 couſſons, all the veſſels of the kitchen and brewhouſe, all carts, plows and inſtruments belonging; one veſtment, with a chalice and miſſal; his new veſtment to be delivered to the pariſhioners of this town; and if Alan ſhould die within the 2 years, then his executors to ſell them for his ſoul's health: to John Lampole of Merſham, 50 *s.* for all things forgotten; to John Creſſingham 20*s.* to John de Hapſburgh, a monk of Norwich, 20*s.* to Robert Illey, his brother, all his bows, with the arrows, and 100 *s.* to Jeff. Baſſeſon, his ſervant, a cow, and 10 *s.* and to each of his ſervants a cow; appoints Sir Edmund Cole, rector of Hale, Robert, his brother, and Jeff. Baſſeſon, reſiduary legatees; gives to Sir Edmund Cole 40*s.* for his pains, and died without iſſue, as Alan his brother did, ſoon after him.

SIR ROBERT ILLEY, his brother, ſucceeded him, who with Catherine his wife were living in the 43d of the aforeſaid king; he died before the 21ſt of Richard II. Catherine his widow confirming then to her truſtees, Sir William Calthorp, John Drew, parſon of Harpley, Henry Walpole, Edmund Berry, parſon of Sculthorp, *&c.* her manor of Frenge, in Norfolk.

In the 3d of Henry IV. the heirs of Arnold de Mounteney were lords of a manor, held (as was found) of the earl of Rutland.

Lady Catherine Illey, widow, on the day after the feaſt of St. Ambroſe, the biſhop, in 1417, made her will, ‡ which was proved on July 9, following, and thereby gives her manor of Frenge, for 10 years, to her executors in truſt, for pious uſes; after that to Sibilla, her daughter and heir, provided ſhe behaved herſelf civilly, and did not diſturb her executors, but if ſhe died before the 10 years were ended, then that manor to be ſold, and the money to be diſpoſed of in pious uſes; and the lady Catherine was buried in the chancel of Plumſtede *Parva*. She is ſaid to be a daughter and heir of -------- Gymingham; Sibilla her daughter, then the wife of Sir Roger Boys.

SIBILLA, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Illey, and the lady Catherine, brought this manor by marriage to Sir Roger Boys; he died in 1421, and was buried in the priory of Ingham; Sibilla his relict was living in the 33d of Henry VI. and Robert Bois, Eſq; her ſon and heir, inherited it; on whoſe death Sir Edmund Jenney, of Knatſhall in Suffolk, became lord, in right of Catherine his wife, daughter and heir of Robert Bois.—This came after to Frances Thurkell, who, in 1532, conveyed the manor of Illeys to Miles Hobart, Eſq; with the advouſon of the church.

The other lordſhip called Chaplain's, *&c.* was held, in the 19th of Edward IV. by Robert Lethum; by his will, dated about this time, he deviſed it to his executor, John Loveday, Eſq; in truſt to the uſe of his will; this manor was to be his ſon John's, Witton manor to Margaret his wife for life, remainder to Robert his ſon, a minor, aged 4 years, and in cuſtody of John Ratcliffe, and Lord Fitz Walter, but John the eldeſt ſon dying, Chaplain's manor was ſold, in the 21ſt of the ſaid king, by Robert Townſend, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, and Richard Southwell, Eſq; feoffees of Robert Lethum, and at the requeſt of John Loveday, to James Hobart, Eſq; by deed, dated June 20, for 200*l.*

He was deſcended from an ancient family, lords of Tye-Hall, in Eſſex. John Hobart, Eſq; † of Tye-Hall, was living there in 1389, and John his grandſon in

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‡ Reg. Hurning, fol. 31. 2d. Pt.

† Nicholas Hobart, and his parceners held a quarter of a fee of the manor of Mileham, in Norfolk, *ſans date*, in the reign of Henry III.

1426; his ſon married ------, daughter and heir of Atte Church, by whom he had Thomas Hobart, of Tye-Hall, who by Eleanor his wife, daughter and heireſs of John Tayler, *alias* Amfrey, was father of James, who was a younger ſon, born at Monks-Illey in Suffolk, ſtudent of the law at Lincoln's Inn, and was reader there in Lent term 1447; his firſt wife was ----, niece of Walter Lyhert, biſhop of Norwich, ſiſter and heir of John Lyhert, ſhe died *ſans iſſue* about the year 1470. King Henry VII. in 1486, made him his attorney general, was of his privy council, and, on the creation of Henry, Prince of Wales, in 1505, was knighted; by Margery his 3d wife, daughter of Peter Naunton Eſq; of Letheringham in Suffolk, relict of John Dorward Eſq; he had 2 ſons, Sir Walter, the eldeſt, of Hales-hall in Loddon, and Miles, who was lord of this town; alſo a daughter Catherine. Sir James died at a great age in the 13th year (as I take it) of King Henry VIII. and was buried in the body, or nave of the cathedral church of Norwich, on the north ſide, between the the 9th and 10th pillars, (in a chapel formerly incloſed) as was Margery his widow, who preſented to this church in 1517, as by her will, [*d*] dated September 13, 1517, proved October 24, 1517.—His 2d wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Glemham, of Suffolk, by whom he had no iſſue living in the 14th of Edward IV. Cambden ſays, that he deſerved well of the church, the country, and the common weal; and indeed he merited this excellent character, being a right good man, of great learning, wiſdom, bounty, and generoſity, as his publick benefactions teſtify, of which I ſhall ſpeak in the town of Loddon-Hales.

He died lord of many manors; Hales-Hall, and Lalleford's, in Loddon, Shadwell, and Cockerel's, in Morley, Eaſthall in Depeham, Dogeney's in Norwold, *&c.*

MILES HOBART, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir James, poſſeſſed his father's lordſhips in this town, and bought of Franc. Thyrkyll the manors of Illeys and Samchis with 4 meſſuages and lands in Plumſted *Magna*, and *Parva*, Blofield, *&c.* *A°.* 24th of Henry VIII. as appears by a fine. He married Hellen, daughter and coheir of John Blenerhaſſet of Frenſe, in Norfolk, Eſq; by his will [*e*] dated Auguſt 6, 1557, he appoints to be buried in the chapel on the north ſide of this church; had lordſhips lands and tenements in Plumſtede, South Walſham, Ranworth, Panxford, Hemlington, Langley, North Walſham, Edingthorp, and Kirkby, by Norwich; gives to his wife the lordſhip of Plumſtede *Parva*, Wytton, Brundale, in Norfolk, and the lordſhip of Heigham, in Melles, in Suffolk, for life; the lordſhip of Thwayt, in Norfolk, to John his 2d ſon; appoints his wife executrix, and JohnCorbet, Eſq; ſuperviſor of his will, proved February 22, 1557. Anne, ſiſter and coheir with Hellen, married Sir Henry Grey, Kt. of Bedfordſhire.

THOMAS HOBART, Eſq; his ſon and heir, married Audrey, daughter and heir of William Hare, Eſq; of Beeſton, in Norfolk, by whom he had 2 ſons, Miles, and Henry.

By an inquiſition, he was found to die March 26, 1560; his widow re-married Sir Edward Warner, lieutenant of the tower of London, who dying November 7, 1565, ſhe married William Blenerhaſſet, Eſq; and in 1572, they preſented to this church. Thomas died alſo lord of Beeſton, in Norfolk, and Leigham, in Suffolk; ſhe died in 1581.

HENRY, the 2d ſon, was lord chief juſtice of the common pleas, lord of Blickling, in Norfolk, from whom the Right Honorable the Earl of Buckingham deſcends.

MILES HOBART, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir of Thomas, was a minor at the death of his father; was living and lord in 1576, and 1595. Margaret, his wife, was daughter of Sir Thomas Woodhouſe, Kt. of Waxham, in Norfolk.

SIR THOMAS, ſon and heir of Miles, preſented in 1613, to this church, and married Willoughby, daughter of Sir Arthur Hopton, of Weſtwood, and Blyburgh in Suffolk.

SIR MILES ſucceeded his father Sir Thomas, created knight of the Bath at the coronation of King Charles I. Margaret his wife, was daughter of Edward, Lord Dudley; it appears by a fine on his marriage, in the 4th of the ſaid king, that he was then lord of this town, Whitton, Brundale, Skeyton, Cattes-Hall,

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[*d*] Reg. Briggs, Norw. p. 35.

[*e*] Reg. Haſtings, Norw. p. 60.

Empolis, Beeſton, Leams, Edingthorp, Willoughbys, and Rowthings; ſhe was buried in the church of St. Margaret's Weſtminſter, in 16--.

In 1653, Sir Miles mortgaged this lordſhip to Edward Myleham, Gent: and ------- Dickſon: in 1664, ------ Winter conveyed it to Roger Smith, an attorney at Norwich; and Thomas Wiſe, of Norwich, was lord by the marriage of Smith's daughter.

WILLIAM HEWAR, Eſq; of Clapham, in Surry, preſented, as lord, to the church in 1701; and the lordſhip, with the patronage, was in Samuel Edgerlye, clerk, *&c.* in 1716: in 1719, Hewar Edgerley Hewar, Eſq; was lord and patron, but in 1745, William Blackbourn, Eſq; and Ann Jackſon preſented.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a little fee, [f] which a bordarer held under Godric, in King Edward's time, 9 acres of land plowed by 2 oxen, valued in Wroxham.—This came by the marriage of Agnes, daughter and heir of this Ralph, to Hubert de Rie Caſtellan, of Norwich, *&c.* and was after united with the manors aforeſaid.

ROBERT DE HOLMESTEDE and Alice his wife, conveyed by fine, in the 43d of Edward III. to Walter Bron, of Norwich, before Robert de Thorp, John Mowbray, William de Fyncham, and William de Wychingham, the king's juſtices, a meſſuage, with 140 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 30 of paſture, 30 of heath, and 5*s.* rent, *&c.* in this town, Plumſtede *Magna*, and Witton; and paid to Robert and Alice 20 marks of ſilver for this grant.

The tenths of the town were 1*l.* 2*s.* — Deducted 2*s.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Gervaſe, and the ancient valor was 12 marks, preſent valor 7l. 12*s.* 6*d.* and is diſcharged: it paid Peter-pence 12*d.* carvage 12*d.*

Gilbert Gernun, of Blofield, confirmed to William, parſon of the church of Plumſtede, and his 2 ſons, John and Nicholas, a turbary by Baiſbrigg, *ſans date.*

RECTORS.

In 1303. William de Hoveden inſtituted rector, preſented by Sir Ernulph de Mounteney, as lord of Sprouſton.———1304. William de Wallop, by Sir Arnold de Mounteney.———1329. Walter le Claver, by John le Claver.———1340. Walter Peck, by Robert de Hales and Amicia his wife, who recovered the preſentation againſt Maud, wife of Alexander Helbeck, of Stokeſby, William de Mateſhall, and Alice his wife, John de Snoring, and Elena his wife, and Agnes, late wife of John Claver.———1356. Walter de Helbeck, by William Clere.——— 1360. Thomas Olyver, by John, ſon of Alexander Helbeck. In the 16th of Edward III. Robert Sweyne of Hales, and Amicia his wife, conveyed the 4th part of the advouſon with lands here, and in Witton, to Maud, widow of Alexander, ſon of Ralph de Helbeck.———1399. Thomas Salterworſe, by the lady Catherine, relict of Sir Robert Ilney.———1438. Walter Burford, by Sir Henry Ingloſe, and Sibilla, late wife of Sir Roger Boys, Walter Eton, and Roger Norwich, in right of the manor of Ilneys.———1469 Richard Bonet, by Robert Leſtoun, Eſq;———1471. Robert Moore, ditto.——— ----. Richard Mere, rector.——— 1479. Thomas Harneys, by John Leſhun, Eſq;———1506. William Clerk, by Sir James Hobart.———1514. William Woodroff.———1517. John Knight, by Margery, relict of Sir James Hobart.———1536. Arnold Witton, by Miles Hobart, Eſq;——— ----. Franc. Garthe, rector.———1559. Adam Barker, by Thomas Hobart, Eſq;———1572. Edmund Biſhop, by William Blenerhaſſet, Eſq; and the lady Etheldreda Warner, his wife.

Edward Bentley rector, about 1600.———Ralph Barlowe, compounded for his firſt-fruits, February 14, 1613, preſented by Sir Thomas Hobart Kt.

1716. Robert Cubit, on the death of John Cornwall, by Samuel Edgerley, clerk, John Hungerford, Eſq; *&c.*———1719. John Ruſſell, by Hewer Edgley Hewer, Eſq;———1745. Norwood Sparrow, by William Blackbourn, Eſq; and Ann Jackſon.

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[f] In Plumſteda, i. bor. ho. Godric. de ix. ac. tre. ſep. arat. cum ii. bovib; appretiat. eſt. in Wroſcham,

At the upper end of the chancel is a marble grave-ſtone, with the portraiture of a knight in compleat armour, at his feet a ------ couchant, in braſs.

Sir Edward Warner, Knight, now reſteth here,
Who lived to full 50 years and fower;
His wifes alſo by armes you ſee appeare,
What needeth then with words to blaze them o're.
His vertues rare, would not be letten paſſe,
Ne yet ſo worthy ſtate in ſilence ſynke,
But who dares wright his golden gifts in braſſe,
Or blot his fame with rude and ſilly inke.
In ſomme therefore, let this be ſayd for all,
With God and man he liveth and ever ſhall.
Obijt. 7°. *die Novemb. A°. Domi.* 1565.

And theſe arms; quarterly, *per* bend indented, argent and ſable — and azure, a lys or, quarterly, in the 1ſt and 4th quarters, by the name of Warner; in the 2d and 3d quarters, vert, a croſs ingrailed, ermin, Whetenhall. — Alſo Warner and Whetenhall, as before, impaling quarterly, 1ſt gules, on a chevron a lion rampant ſable, crowned or, Brook, Lord Cobham; — 2d gules, on a chevron or, 3 lioncels rampant ſable, Cobham, Lord Cobham; — 3d azure, on a feſs, between 3 leopards faces or, a creſent ſable, Delapole; — 4th argent, ſeven maſcles voided gules, Braybrook. — Sir Edward's firſt wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, Lord Brook, of Cobham.

Againſt the north wall of the chancel, is a fair raiſed tomb, with the figure of a man and a woman, without any inſcription, or arms.

On a grave-ſtone by the north wall;—*Orate p. aiã Dni. Walterj Burford, quondam rectoris iſtius ecclie. qui nova. fabricam iſtius Cancellj fieri fecit.*

On a grave-ſtone in the north chapel; — *Here lyeth Thomas Hubbard, Eſq; who departed this life the* 26, *day of March, in the year* 1560, *and left iſſue* 2 *ſonnes and* 2 *daughters;* and the arms of Hubbard, ſable, an eſtoile or, between 2 flaunches ermine, impaling, gules, 2 barrs and a chief indented, or, Hare.

On another adjoyning; Hubbard impaling Blenerhaſſet, without any inſcription, this is in memory of *Miles Hobart, Eſq; and Hellen his wife, daughter and coheir of John Blenerhaſſet, of Frenſe, Eſq;*

On a grave-ſtone, in the church; — *Here lyeth Alice Wayte, firſt wife to William Hare, Eſq; and after to Robert Rugge, and mother to the lady Etheldred Warner, who dyed here in much vertue and quiet,* 72 *years, and departed hence to live for ever, the firſt day of July, A°. Dni.* 1566.

Hobart bore quarterly theſe arms; in the 1ſt Hobart, in the 2d Atte Church, quarterly argent and ſable, in the 3d Taylor, ermine, 3 pallets ſable, 4th Lyhert, argent, a bull paſſant ſable, armed and unguled, or, in a bordure of the 2d bezanty.

In the gallery of Sir Thomas Hobart's houſe here, in 1614, were the following arms:

Hobart impaling Lyhert. — Hobart impaling Naunton, ſable, 3 martlets, argent. — Hobart and Heydon. — Hobart and Fitz Walter. — Hobart and Blenerhaſſet with his quarterings, in the 1ſt Blenerhaſſet, gules, a chevron ermin, between 3 dolphins, embowed argent; — In the 2d Loudham, alſo Kelvedon, Orton, &c. — Hobart and Fineaux, vert, a chevron between 3 eaglets diſplayed, or.— Samſon, gules, a croſs argent, billette ſable, and Hobart. Sir Thomas Sampſon married Catherine, daughter of Sir James Horbart. — Hobart and Hare.—Wiſeman and Hobart. — Blenerhaſſet and Tyndall, with his quarterings. — Felbrigg and Scales.—Blenerhaſſet and Brayham, ſable, a croſs flory, or. — Blenerhaſſet and Eſhingham, azure, fretty argent. — Calthorp and Blenerhaſſet. — Warner and Blenerhaſſet. — Grey quartering, Haſtings and Valence, impaling Blenerhaſſet. Warner, impaling Marſh, ſable, a croſs argent, fretty of the firſt, between 4 lions heads eraſed, of the 2d.

On a tablet hanging there;

Audrey, daughter of William Hare,
His only heir by law, and right,
Of Thomas Hobart, a wife very rare,
And then to Sir Edward Warner, Knight.
And laſt to William Blenerhaſſet.
Three cozens Germans, by God ſo aſſigned,
Where ::::: and lovely marriage was met,
To live all in one, a rare thing to find.
Full ty's to them, a wife moſt true,
To theſe a moſt good and loveing mother;
But by Hobart only her iſſue grew,
The eldeſt Miles, and Henry his brother.
She loved God's word, and lived likewiſe,
She gave to the poore, and welcomed the rich.

She exchanged this life July 16, 1581.

Lo here, you ladies, you widows, and wifes,
A glaſs for your geer, your ſelfs to behold,
Seek here a ſample, and guide for your lifes,
Far paſſing beauty, and borders of gold.

On the top of this tablet; — Hobart le Hart, quarterly, impaling Hare — Blenerhaſſet and Hare — Warner and Hare. — Hobart and Woodhouſe, quarterly, ermin and azure, a leopard's head in the firſt quarter, or, and theſe mottos. — *Qui perde la foy, a ne plus de perdre.* —— *Go ſtrait and fear not.* —— *Deus providebit.*

POSWICK.

THIS town, before the conqueſt, was divided into ſeveral parts, or fees, and held by different perſons, Eſcul, [a] a freeman, had in King Edward's reign 2 carucates of land, 6 villains, 9 bordarers, and 2 ſervi; a carucate and a half in demean, with 3 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 40 ſwine, 15 acres of meadow, a mill, 3 runci, 15 cows, *&c.* with a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 2*s.*

Catton was a beruite belonging to this town, with 30 acres of land, and 3 bordarers, with half a carucate among them, 5 oxen, 5 acres of meadow, valued then at 40*s.* but at the ſurvey at 4*l.* when Eudo, the ſewer, was lord.

Ratho, a freeman, held in the ſaid reign, a carucate of land, 3 villains, 5 bordarers, and one ſervus, there was a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, *&c.* and 8 acres of meadow; two ſocman had alſo 4 acres of land valued then at 20*s.* and at the ſurvey at 40*s.*

Calp, a freeman, had alſo in King Edward's reign a carucate of land, 3 villains, one carucate in demean, half a one among the tenants, *&c.* 8 acres of meadow valued then at 15*s.* but at the ſurvey at 40*s.* the whole town was one leuca long, half a one broad, paid 13*d. ob.* gelt; Liſiws or Leſwi had all theſe fees united and made one manor, before Eudo, who ſucceeded him therein, and was lord at the

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[a] Terre. Eudonis Dapſoeri.——Poſſuic ten. Eſcule. i. lib. ho. t. r e. ii. car. tre. tc. vi. villi. p. 7. m°. v. ſep. ix. bor. 7. ii. ſer. tc i. car. 7. dim. in. dnio. p. 7. m°. i. ſep. iii. car. hou. ſilv. xl. por. 7. xv. ac. pti. m°. i. mol ſep. iii r. 7. xv. an. tc xl. por. m°. xvi. i. Eccla. xx. ac. 7. val. ii. ſol.——Iſti adjacet i. beruita Catuna de. xxx ac. tre 7. iii. bor. tc. dim. car. intr. totu. 7. m°. v. boves. v. ac. pti. tc. val. xl. ſol. p. 7. m°. iiii. lib.——In eade. ten. Ratho i. lib. ho. t. r. e. i. car. tre. ſep. iii. villi. 7. v. bor. 7. i. ſer. ſep. i. car. in dnio. 7. dim. hou. ſilva xx. por. 7. viii. ac pti. ſep iii. por 7. ii. ſoc. de iiii. ac. tre. tc. val. xx. 7. p. 7 m°. xl.——Adhuc in eade. ten. Calp. lib. ho. t. r. e. i. car. tre. ſep. iii. villi. tc. i. car. in dnio 7. ſep. dim. car. hou. ſilv. xv. por. viii. ac. pti tc. val. xv. ſol. 7. m°. xl. totu. ht. i. leug. in long. 7. dim. in lato. 7. de gelto xiii. d. 7. obolu. hoc totu tenet Liſius. p. i. man. m°. tenet Eudo. ſucceſſor illius, 7. intpr. r. e. ſoca. 7. ſaca fuit in hund. ſed m°. tenet. Eudo.

ſurvey. In King Edward's time, the ſoc and ſac belonged to the hundred, but Eudo held them at the ſurvey.

This Eudo was ſewer, or ſteward, of the Conqueror's houſehold, who granted the abovementioned fees, united into one lordſhip, to him, who was a Norman, fourth ſon of Hubert de Rie; of whom ſee in Swanton Morley. [†] How long Eudo enjoyed it does not appear, but it came we find to the deſcendants and heirs of his 2d brother, Hubert de Rya, governor of Norwich Caſtle; whoſe grandſon, (as I conceive) Hubert de Rya, dying in the 18th of Henry II. without iſſue male, left 2 daughters and coheirs, Oliva, and Iſabel; this laſt married Roger de Creſſi, after the death of her firſt huſband, Jeffrey de Cheſter.

Beſides this lordſhip, Eudo had, by the gift of the Conqueror, in the hundred of Shorpham-Rockland, Shropham, Roudham, and Bretenham manors;—in Walſham hundred, Tunſtal;—in Humbleyard hundred Intwood.

Roger de Cressi had in right of Iſabel his wife 17 fees and a half, being the moiety of the barony of Rye; by Iſabel he had 2 ſons, Hugh de Creſſi the eldeſt, who died about the 47th of Henry III. *ſans iſſue*, and Stephen de Creſſi, who alſo dying without iſſue, the ſaid king granted this lordſhip as an eſchaet, to William de Valentia, and Joan his wife: William was brother, by his mother, to King Henry III. and Joan was daughter of William (ſiſter and heir to her brother, William) de Montchenſy, a great baron of this realm. In the 3d of Edward I. William de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, was found to have the lete, and aſſiſe, &c. and was ſucceeded herein by his ſon Adomare, earl of Pembroke, who dying *ſans iſſue*, it deſcended to Joan, (one of the daughters and coheirs of John Comyn, lord of Badenagh, in Tyndale, by Joan his wife, ſiſter and coheir of Adomare,) who being married to David de Strabolgi, earl of Athol, had livery of it on March 27, in the 19th of Edward III. in which family it remained 'till on the death of David de Strabolgi, earl of Athol, or of Athels, in Scotland, it came to his two daughters and coheirs, Elizabeth, and Philippa.

In the 47th of Edward III. Henry, Earl of Northumberland, gave the king 760*l.* to have the cuſtody of the Caſtle of Milford, &c. in Northumberland, and of the 2 daughters aforeſaid of David.—Elizabeth was married to Sir Thomas Percy; and Philippa, to Sir Ralph Percy, two younger ſons of Henry, Earl of Northumberland.

On a diviſion of the eſtate, this lordſhip was aſſigned to her: ſhe re-married Sir John Halſham, of Weſt Greynſted, in Suſſex; and in the 19th of Richard II. it was found that John, ſon of Sir John, was heir to this lordſhip, in right of Philippa his mother.

Sir Hugh Halsham died poſſeſſed of it in the 20th of Henry VI. and Joan (daughter and heir of Richard Halſham his late brother) was his heir. This Richard had been a Celeſtin monk, at Paris, but quitted his order, and married; Joan, their daughter and heir, brought it by marriage to John Lewknor, Eſq; of Gring, in Suſſex, with the lordſhips of Filby, Stiveky, Weſt Lexham, and Holkham, and was ſold by the feoffees of the ſaid John Lewknor, and Joan, to Sir Jeff. Boleyn of Blickling, alderman, &c. of London.

In the 34th of Henry VIII. Sir James Bulleyn had licence to alienate it to Henry Ward, Eſq; [b] whoſe ſon Edward died poſſeſſed of it in 1583; and Sir Randal Ward, Bt. of Bixley, died lord in 176-, leaving Suſan his ſiſter and heir, who after married the earl of Roſebury, in Scotland.

Under the invaſions, [c] we find that Eudo, the ſewer, had at the ſurvey, 2 freemen's lands, which they held in King Edward's reign, (whom Eudo's predeceſſor, Liſwi, had ſeized on) and were under the protection of Eſcule, being 60 acres, and a carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at the ſurvey, with its ſervices, at 2*s.* but before at 5*s.* This was joyned to the other manors, or fees.

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[†] See alſo in Horſeford, Weſt Lexham.

[b] Of the Wards, ſee Blomfield's Hiſt. v. III. p. 307

[c] Invaſiones.—In Poſſuic ii. lib. hoes. Eſcule. comd. de LX. ac. m°. tenet Eudo Dapifer ab anteceſſore ſuo. Liſuio viii. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. tc. val. v. ſol. m°. reddit ii ſol. çu. ſervitio.

STRABOLGI's PEDIGREE.

David de Strabolgi, Earl of Athol. — Elizabeth, daughter of Henry, Lord Ferrers, of Groby, buried at Aſhford, in Kent, *A°*. 49th of Edward III: ſhe remarried John Valeyns, of Kent, or Malmains.

Sir Thomas Percy, 1ſt huſband. — Elizabeth, daughter and coheir. — Sir John Seroop, 2d huſband.

Sir Ralph Percy, 1ſt huſband. — Philippa, daughter and coheir. — Sir John Halſham, 2d huſband.

John Halſham, Eſq;

2d Richard Halſham. — 1ſt Sir Hugh Halſham — Petronilla.

Joan, daughter and heir. — John Lewkenor, Eſq;

CATTON.

CATUN abovementioned (as part of Eudo's fees at the ſurvey) appears to have been a town, nigh to Poſſwick; and was a beruite belonging to, and united to Poſſwick manor, held by Eudo. There was alſo another part (at that time) of the ſaid town, which William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Norwich, held as a lay fee, granted to him by the Conqueror, of which a freeman was deprived, who held it under the commendation, or protection of Earl Gert, [a] conſiſting of 60 acres of land; (when Ervaſt, the biſhop, entered on this ſee, he gave it to Reinald, one of his men) 5 bordarers were here, a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, &c. one runcus, 12 ſwine, with 7 acres of meadow, valued then, and always, at 15*d*

This part of Catton which Biſhop Beaufoe held as a lay fee, at his death, ſeems to have deſcended to his family; Ralph de Beaufoe, probably his ſon, whoſe daughter and heir, Agnes, brought it by marriage to Hubert de Rye, caſtellan of Norwich caſtle whoſe deſcendant Hubert dying in the 18th of Henry II. his inheritance being divided between 2 daughters and coheirs; Roger de Creſſi was lord of this town in right of Iſabel his wife, daughter of the ſaid Hubert, and thus the lordſhips of Poſſwick and Catton were united.

The priory of Norwich had, in the reign of Henry II. an intereſt in this town, Hubert de Seyncler gave to Tancred, [b] the prior, by deed *ſans date*, his lordſhip, in Poſwyck with the appertenances held of the barony of Rye, which was confirmed by William Turbe, biſhop of Norwich, and Thomas Becket, arch-biſhop of Canterbury; and in 1176, John, Biſhop of Norwich, had a bull from Pope Alexander III. for lands, and meadows which the prior of Ely bought of Lecelina, and Beatrice, of the fee of Poſſwyke. Thomas de Blomvyle, biſhop, confirmed to the priory the charter of biſhop, John de Grey, of tithes in Poſſwyk.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior had the lete of his tenants, &c. and in the 10th of that king, William Butt conveyed lands by fine to the priory; and in the 14th, the prior ſued Hugh le Scot, &c. for lands, &c. In the 19th of that king, John, prior of St. Mary's of Walſingham, grants to Henry, prior of Norwich 5*s*. rent here, late William Butt's.

Adomare de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, releaſed the lands, and tenements, that the priory held of him, from all payments, homages, &c. and made them free from all ſervices, by deed, dated at Norwich November 7, *A°*. 3°. Edward II.— Witneſſes, Sir John de Pakenham, Sir Anſelm Marſhal, Sir Adomare le Zouch, Sir

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[a] Tre. Willi. epi. Tedfordènſ. de feudo——In Catuna i. lib. ho. Gerti comd. tantu. t. r. e. de LX. ac. tre. qudo. Ervaſtus venit ad epiſcopatu. dedit cuida. hoc ſuo Reinaldo, tc. v. bord. m°. iiii. tc. i. car. in dnio ſep. et dim. car. hom. ſilva v. porc. 7. i. runc. 7. xii. porc. vii. ac. pti tc. val. 7. xvd.

[b] Reg. i. ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 37, 71, 100, 194, 195.

Walter de Huntingfeld, Simon de Dallyng, Clement de Plumſtede, and Andrew de Yelverton. In the 18th of that king, William, ſon of Egidia, daughter of Adam de Muſters, gave lands to the prior, late Adam's (his grandfather's) in Poſſwyk, with the homage of his villains.

The temporalities of the priory were valued, in 1428, at 3*l.* 10*s.*

After the diſſolution of the priory, on the foundation of a dean and prebendaries, the priory manor was granted to that body, and ſo remains.

The tenths were 3*l*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—Deducted 10*s.* 4*d.*

The church of Poſwick is dedicated to All Saints, and was a rectory, valued at 15 marks:—Peter-pence 10*d.*—Carvage 2*d. ob.* The prior of Norwich had a portion of tithe, valued at 4 marks. Eudo, the ſewer, lord at the ſurvey, with Rohai his wife, granted to Herbert, biſhop of Norwich, and to all his clergy *(omni congregationi)* of the Holy Trinity church of Norwich, the tithe of Poſſwyk [*d*] in corn, money, and all things, as fully as they held it in the time of Serlon; and they beſeech the biſhop and clergy, for the love of God, to receive them and their anceſtors, as benefactors, to pertake of their prayers, &c. and, on their deaths, to keep their anniverſarys in the ſame manner as they did for a brother, or a ſiſter: the cellarer of the ſaid priory had alſo a penſion of 5*s.*

RECTORS.

Thomas Rowland occurs rector in 1295.——1313. Robert de Rudham inſtituted, preſented by Audomare, &c. Earl of Pembroke.——1320. Richard de Wynneferthing, ditto.——1324. William de Northwell, by the king.——1325. John de Houton, ditto.——1327. Mr. William Buſh, by lady Iſabel de Bellomonte, lady Veſcy.——1335. Nicholas de Taunton, by Sir John de Ufford, Kt. (Sir John had a grant of the manor and advouſon, on account of the rebellion of David de Strabolgi, againſt King Edward III and his taking part with the Scots.)——1346. William de Somerdeby, ditto.——1355. John Keke, ditto.——1358. William de Stoke, ditto.——1360. Mr. Robert de Wentebrygg, ditto.——1391. William Cotenham, by William Reeſe.——1404. John Atte-Fen, by John Halſham, Eſq;——John Bron, rector about 1440.——Henry Clifton died rector 1500.

Edward Lane occurs rector about 1600.—Tho. Withe compounded for firſt fruits in May 1613, preſented by Thomas Ward, Eſq;——Henry Stepey occurs rector about 1709.——John Ruſſell, ſenior, rector in 1720.

The Rev. Mr. Arnham is the preſent rector.

The preſent valor is 10*l.* and pays firſt fruits, &c.——Here was the gild of All Saints. In March, 1440, Thomas, biſhop of Norwich, appointed the feaſt of this church, on Sunday after the feaſt of St. Proceſſus, and St. Marcinianus.

The church is a ſingle pile, about 24 yards long, and 8 broad, with a four ſquare tower, and covered with lead, but the chancel is tiled.

In the chancel lye ſeveral marble graveſtones in memory of the Wards.——*Here under this marble ſtone lyeth the body of Jane, daughter of Edward Ward, Eſq; and Jane his wife, who was buried July 22d,* 1666.—*Here lyeth alſo the body of William, the ſon of Edward Ward of Bixley, Eſq; and Jane his wife, buried January* 30, 1669; and theſe arms, in a lozenge; quarterly, in the firſt and fourth checq. or and azure, a bend, ermine, Ward; in the 2d and 3d gules, on a feſs, or, between 3 bezants, a lion paſſant, ſable—Harborn.

John, ſon of Edward Ward, Eſq; and Jane his wife, was buried Janu. 13, 1682, *and Anne their daughter, April 22d,* 1683.

On another, with the arms of Ward, impaling ermin, on a feſs, ſable, 3 lions paſſant, or, Rant.——*Edw. Ward de Bixley, in agro Norfolc. Baronettus, eccleſiæ Anglicanæ filius obſervantiſſimus, Regiæ majeſtatis ſubditus devotiſſimus, vir egregiæ indolis, eximiæ virtutis, poteſtate tam civili, quam militari publica decoratus, in utraq; probatus, obt.* 15 *die Martii, Ao. Dni.* 1685, *Ætat ſuæ* 43, *et ſub hoc marmore a mæſtiſſimâ conjuge poſito dormit.*—On a ſtone with a braſs plate;—*Orate p. aiâ. Hen. Clyſton quod. rectoris iſti Ecclie, qui obt.* v°. *die Janu.* 1500.

[*d*] Reg. I. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 194.—262.

Alſo a mural monument— *In memory of Bernard Ruſſel, who died May 3d. 1723, in the 23d year of his age.*

In the church, a graveſtone for *Mr. Robert Moſs, who died Feb.* 8, 1700, *in the 67th year of his age, and for Mary his wife, who died July 23, in the ſaid year, aged* 65.—I take this to be in memory of the father and mother of Dr. Robert Moſs, dean of Ely, &c. who was born in this town.

Near the font;—*Here lyeth the body of Sarah, wife of William Moſs, who died Feb. 9, 1706, aged 28.*—Near to the ſouth door;—*Orate p. aiab; Willi. Thyrkyll, et Cecilie uxor; ej; qui ob.* 23° *die Martis,* 1501.

SOUTHWOOD.

THIS town occurs under the invaſion, or ſeiſures of the lands at the conqueſt, made without any title or grant from the Conqueror.—[a] In Sutuude, Alſi, a free man, held 4 acres of land under commendation. When Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, was deprived for rebellion, it was accounted for among the king's manors. At the ſurvey, Rabel the carpenter poſſeſſed it, valued at 8*d.*——See alſo in Thorp, and Limpenho, in this hundred. Rabell, the artificer, or carpenter, had invaded, or ſeiſed on it, without any lawful grant from the Conqueror, and was lord at the ſurvey.——In the 3d of Richard I. Richard de Dunham owed 5 marks to have his right in 10*l.* lands here, and in Limpenhow, againſt Reginald de Haſtings. Roger Fitz-Peter, and Edward de Eynford, had an intereſt herein, in the reign of Henry III. held of the manor of Mileham, by the grant of King William I. or purchaſe to Alan, ſon of Flaald, lord of Mileham; Richard, ſon of William de Suthwood, Walter Pye, and Nicholas Hobart, had a quarter of a fee of the manor of Mileham.

The earl of Glouceſter had alſo a lordſhip in the reign of Edward I.

Gerard de Eynford was lord, in the 9th of Edward II. of the manor of Mileham; and the heirs of Gerard, in the 20th of Edward III. of the earl of Arundel, and John Steywar, held a quarter of a fee of the ſaid manor.

Dionyſia de Clere poſſeſſed it in the 3d of Henry IV. and in the family of Cleer it remained, in the reign of Philip and Mary; and Sir Edward Clere was lord and patron in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

From the Cleres it came to the Berneys of Reedham; after that to Sir James Edwards, and to Sir Lambert Blackwell, and Carteret Leathes, Eſq; See in Limpenhow.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Edmund; old valor 6 marks;—Peter-pence 10*d.*—Carvage 2*d. ob.* the preſent valor is 2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

Roger Kynlet, rector.——1313. John de Fleming, preſented by Edmund, Earl of Arundel.——1319. Richard de Dounton, ditto.——1323. Thomas de Cleve, ditto.——1325. John de Coliford, ditto.——1335. Walter de Bradford, by Richard, Earl of Arundel.—— ----. Roger Caly, rector.——1357. Step. le Taliour.——1389. Thomas de Dene, by Richard, &c.——1391. John Benne, ditto.

In 1547, John Waynhouſe occurs rector.

The church is conſolidated to Limpenhow.

STRUMPSHAW.

AT the ſurvey, Godric, as ſteward for the Conqueror, had the care of a lordſhip, of which 2 freemen were deprived, who held it under Robert Stalre,

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[a] Invaſ.—In Sutuude, ten. i. lib. ho. Alſi, comd. t. r. e. qu. R. foris fecit, fuit in cenſu man. Reg. m°. ten. Rab. Carpentar. iiii. ac. tre. val. viii *d.*

conſiſting [a] of 82 acres of land, &c. 4 bordarers; and there was a carucate among them and the tenants; alſo another freeman of Stalre had 30 acres of land, with 8 of meadow, valued at 8s. the ſoc and ſac of the 2 freemen was in Ralph, and the ſoc of the other was in the king.

The antient family of De Danmartin were early enfeoffed of this lordſhip, by a grant from the crown.——Odo de Danmartin held it in the reign of Henry II. Baſilia, wife of Odo, gave, in the firſt year of that king, an account of 60 marks of ſilver to have her dower: and [b] Odo, ſon of Odo, paid 100 marks for his father's lands at Mendleſham in Suffolk, &c. It was a numerous family. In the ſaid reign, flouriſhed Aubrey, Manaſſer, William, and Odo de Danmartin; and, in the 12th of King John, Odo held one fee in this town.

In the book of inquiſitions, called *Teſta de Nevill*, in the cuſtody of the king's remembrancer, Odo held the ſame by one fee, ſaid to be the king's demean, and given to Odo, his anceſtor, by King Henry I. A mandate was granted, in the 9th of Henry III. to the ſheriff of Norfolk, to deliver to Sir John de Wanton all the land belonging to his wife Alice, ſiſter and heir of Odo de Danmartin, deceaſed; the king having received his homage; and a mandate alſo to the ſheriff of Suffolk and Surry. Alice, after the death of Sir John, about the 16th of the ſaid king, remarried Roger de Clare; on his death, ſhe gave 200 marks to have the cuſtody of his lands, and the marriage of his heir.

Galiena de Danmartin granted, by fine, in the 41ſt of Henry III. to Hugh de Maundevill the manor of Mendleſham; and Hugh, at the requeſt of Galiena, granted it to Nicholas Leuknore, he paying 30*s.* *per ann.* for life, in exchange for lands in Braghing in Hertfordſhire, and Taxted in Eſſex, granted to Hugh.

In the ſaid year, Gerard Evermere, and Felicia his wife, releaſed to Stephen de Strumſhaw all their right in a marſh, called Deſtholm, quit of the heirs of Felicia. This Stephen had alſo an intereſt in this lordſhip, which ſeems to be divided about this time; and, in the 3d of Edward I. Stephen was found to have the lete, the aſſiſe, &c. of his tenants; and, in the following year, Sir Stephen de Strumſhaw, and Margery his wife, conveyed the manor of Strumſhaw, with lands in Redham and Tunſtal, and the advouſon of St. Peter's church of North Birlingham (reſerving to Sir Stephen and his wife their lives therein) to William, Lord Bardolf, and Julian his wife.

Nicholas Wancy, and Alice Danmartin his wife, were charged, in the 15th of the ſaid king, [c] with 130*l.* of the goods of Elias, biſhop of the Jews.

The family of Danmartin had ſtill an intereſt in the lordſhip of Strumſhaw; Hugh, ſon of Otto de Danmartin, had a lordſhip here and in Mendleſham, and a patent for a fair at Mendleſham, with a mercate, in the 9th of Edward I. he was maſter of the king's mint, and died *ſans* iſſue.

Sir John de Botetourt, on the death of Hugh, had livery of this lordſhip, and of Mendleſham, [d] in the 30th of Edward I. in right of Maud, ſiſter and heir of Otto, father of Hugh: Sir John was admiral of the Norfolk coaſt, in the 23d of that king, with whom he was in high favour; and was appointed, with Maud his wife, to attend at Ipſwich on the king's daughter Elizabeth, with John, Earl of Holland, on Monday the feaſt of the Epiphany. In the 29th of that king, he was one of thoſe great lords, who ſent to the pope a letter, aſſerting, that the kingdom of Scotland was not of his fee, and denied him all juriſdiction in temporal matters; and, in the 33d, as one of the king's counſellors gave anſwer to the biſhop of Byblis, *in partibus infidelium*, that the preferring him to the priory of Goldingham, in Scotland, by the pope's bull of proviſion, would be to the prejudice of the king's crown and dignity, and therefore not grantable to him. In the ſaid year he was a juſtice of Trayl Baſton in ſeveral counties.

In the 4th of Edward II. the office of engraver of the dies for coin, was in this family, and ſold by Sir John to William Latimer. About this time the manor came to the lords Bardolf, and ſo was united to his lordſhip above-mentioned.

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[a] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat..—In Stromeſſaga ii. lib. hoes. R. Stralre cu. ſoca 7. ſaca de lxxxii. ac. tre. ſilva iiii. por. 7. ſemp. iiii. bor. ſemp. i. car. intr. ſe 7. hoes. et in eade. ali. lib. ho. R. Stalre ad ſoca.—Regis xxx. ac. tre. 7. viii. ac. pti. ſep. val. viii. ſol.

[b] Rot. Pip. Lib. Rub. Sccij.

[c] Rot. Pip.

[d] Some ſay, Maud was daughter and heir of Hugh.

In the 14th of Edward I. William, Lord Bardolf, and Julian his wife, called to warrant his right herein; James de Nicole, and Margery his wife, Euſemia, late wife of William de Billocby, Simon Payteyn, and Alice his wife, and Stephen, ſon of Chriſtiana, (who was a minor) they being the daughters and coheirs of Sir Stephen, their parts being conveyed to the lords Bardolfs, (as in Wirgmegay) and ſo came to the Beaumonts, &c. and to Sir William Arundel, Lord Matravers, and Anne his wife. Henry, Earl of Arundel, conveyed it to Queen Mary, &c. on January 2d. *Ao.* 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary: the queen granted it to Sir Nicholas Hare: his will is dated September 26, 1557, and died in Chancery Lane, London, October 3d following, ſeiſed of it, and of the abbey of Bruſyerd, in Suffolk, leaving Catherine his lady, who died ſoon after, on Nov. 22d; alſo three ſons, Michael, aged 28, Robert, 2d ſon, William the 3d, and Ann a daughter, married to Thomas Rouſe, Eſq; In the 4th of Elizabeth, Robert Hare, Eſq; was lord, and clerk of the pells, and died *s. p.*

In the 5th of James I. April 1, Sir Ralph Hare aliened it to Sir Thomas Berney of Reedham, in which family it remained, till ſold with Reedham, &c. to Sir James Edwards, and after to Sir Lambert Blackwell, and now Carteret Leathes, Eſq; is lord.

The biſhop of Norwich's lordſhip of Bradeſton extended into this town, and was held by the Breideſtons of that ſee, from whom it came to the Cateſtons, or Caſtons, the Carbonels and Berneys, as in Bradeſton, and ſo conveyed to Sir James Edwards, Bart. (as in Reedham and Bradeſton) by chancery, about 1700, on the ſale of the eſtate of Richard Berney, Eſq;——In 1740, Sir Lambert Blackwell's heirs poſſeſſed the whole town, and were patrons; and in 1735, Carteret Leathes, Eſq;

In this manor was the right of patronage of the church.

The tenths were 5*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 12*s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Peter; was valued at 10 marks;—Peter pence 13*d.*—Carvage 2*d. ob.* the preſent valor is 3*l.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

William, rector of this church, by his deed, *ſans* date, gave to Agnes his friend *(amice mee)* all his tenement that he held in Strumpſhaw by lay fee; and afterwards, William, ſon of Agnes de Strumpſhaw, granted it to the monks of Norwich, with the advouſon of the church.———John de Thorp was rector in 1258.———John occurs rector in 1286.——1312. William de Caſton inſtituted, preſented by the lady Joan, relict of Sir Robert de Caſton.——1325. William de Nerford, by Sir John de Caſton.——1333. John de Northſtreet, ditto.—— ----. Ralph de Caſton, rector.——1348. William de Bergh, by Sir John de Caſton.——1349. William de Denſton, ditto.——1349. Ralph Tulet, ditto.——1349. Nicholas Atte Gap de Blofield, ditto.——1361. Simon de Dallyngham, ditto.——1391. Robert Tulby, by Catherine, relict of Sir John Caſton.——1399. William Atte Church de Felthorpe, by the biſhop, on the minority of the heir of Sir Robert Carbonel.——1417. Nicholas Fuller, by William Weſtacre, arch-deacon of Norwich, William Argentein, &c.——1417. John Walſhe, by Sir John Carbonel, Kt. and Margery his wife.——1420. John Richeman, ditto.——1459. John Pemberton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1459. Robert Syre, by Oſb. Mundeford, Eſq;——1479. Edmund Dobbys, by Richard Suthwell, Eſq; guardian of John, ſon and heir of John Berney, Eſq; late of Reedham.———1482. John Hays, by John Berney.—— ---- Thomas Nodd, by John Berney, Eſq;——1547. Edmund Dockyng, by John Berney, Eſq;——1555. John Sewell, ditto.——1562. Thomas Warwick, by Henry Berney, Eſq;——1566. Thomas Moore, ditto.———1576. Thomas Jackſon, ditto.

1618. Thomas Mould compounded for firſt fruits.

1724. Gilbert Pickering, by John Pitts, clerk.——1735. Joſeph Clerk, by Carteret Leathes, Eſq;——1758. George Dowdeſwell, ditto.——1764. Rev. Mr. Nelſon, ditto.

William, ſon of Agnes de Strumſawe, daughter of Thorald de Finchingfield, gave to the uſe [e] of the almoner of the Holy Trinity church of Norwich, his whole meſſuage and lands, and homages, with the advouſon of Strumpſawe church, paying yearly to John de Cateſton, and to Egidia, the wife of the ſaid William, 4*s.* *per ann.* This was in or about the 24th of Henry III.

Sir John de Caſton, and Catherine his wife, grants, in the 7th of Edward III. to the prior of Norwich, a free fold-courſe for 120 ſheep, in the fields and commons here, for ever: dated at Breydeſton.

The temporalities of the priory, valued in 1428, at 6*d.*

A legacy granted to the building of the tower, in 1487.—Here was the guild of St. Peter.

THORP, by NORWICH,

CALLED Torp in the ſurvey. Stigand, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, was lord of it in the reign of the Confeſſor, in his own right, and held it as a lay-fee; on his deprivation, [a] the Conqueror ſeized on it, and William de Noiers took care of it, or farmed it at the ſurvey, as ſteward to him. In Stigand's time, there were 3 carucates, with 24 villains, &c. and 5 borderers, 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, &c. and 4 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 1200 ſwine, and 40 acres of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. with 36 goats. Twenty-ſix ſocmen held 2 carucates of land, and one of them had 3 borderers, and there belonged to them 3 carucates and a half; of one of theſe, Ralph (late) Earl of Norfolk, had a moiety, with 30 acres of land, and the ſoc was in Stigand.——After Earl Ralph forfeited, who was lord of this town, and had the ſoc and ſac; Robert Blund farmed it of the king, as William Nowers did, when it was charged and valued at 12*l.* one ſextary of honey, and 2000 herrings; at the ſurvey at 30*l.* quit-rent. It was 3 leucas long, and one leuca and 3 furlongs broad, and paid 8 *d.* gelt. Here were alſo 3 ſocmen, and the moiety of another, with 32 acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow; and, among the tenants, a carucate, which Godwin Halden then held, with their ſoc and ſac, by the grant of Earl Ralph, as the hundred teſtifies; but they belong to Thorp, with their cuſtomary dues; and beſides there are 140 ſheep, valued at 24 *d.*

After Stigand's deprivation, Ralph de Waiet, alias Guader, &c. being made earl of Norfolk, in 1075 had a grant of this lordſhip, and on his rebellion it came again to the crown, where it remained 'till * King Henry I. granted it, on the 3d of September, 1101, to Herbert the biſhop, and the monks of the church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, and their ſucceſſors for ever, with all its appertenances, ſac and ſoc, &c. in as ample a manor as he, or, &c. had ever enjoyed it.

The aforeſaid king, by his mandate to Roger Bigot, Ralph Paſſelew, and all his barons, French and Engliſh, of Norfolk and Suffolk, commands, that Herbert the biſhop, and all the church aforeſaid, ſhould be free from all gelts and payments, as he himſelf held it;—Witneſs, Robert Malet at Hereford; and by another mandate to Roger Bigot, and R. Paſſelewe, &c. commands, that this lordſhip, with its appertenance, ſhould be free from all aids, ſcots, &c. as it was when held by him;—Witneſs, Robert, biſhop of Lincoln, dated at Norwich.——And in a precept, dated at Rohan in Normandy, to his ſheriffs, &c. of Norfolk, commands, that the biſhop have free warren here, and in Eton, and that no one ſhould hunt, &c. herein, without his licence, on the forfeiture of 10 *l.*——Witneſs, the chancellor at Rohan.

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[e] Reg. 2d. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 76.—88.

[a] Tre. Stigandi Epiſ. quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu Regis.

Torp. ten. Stigand. Archiepiſ. t. r. e. iii. car. tc. xxiiii. vill. p'. xxiii. m°. xxii. et v. bord. ſep. tc. 7. p'. ii. ſer. m°. i. tc. ii. car. in dnio. p'. 7. m°. i ſep. iiii. car. hom. ſilva ad MCC. por. et XL. ac. pti. tc. 7. m°. i. r. ſemp. ii. an. 7. xiii. por. ſep. xxxvi. cap. ſep. xxvi. ſoc. de ii. car. tre. un. ht. iii. bord. ſep. iii. car. 7. dim. 7. de uno iſtor. habuit R. Comes dim. de xxx. ac. tre. et ſoca Stigandi, 7. quando R. ſe foriſfecit habuit ſoc. et ſoca. 7 p'. R. Blund. ad cenſu. m°. W. de Noiers in cenſu de Torp. tc. val. xii. lib. 7. i. ſext. mellis 7. ii. M. allec. p'. 7. m°. xxx. lib. blancas. 7. ht. iii. leug. in long. 7. i. leug. 7. iii quar. in lat. 7. de gelto viii. d. 7. in eadc. iii. ſoc. 7. dim. cum ſoca 7. ſaca de xxxii. ac. tre. 7. iiii. ac. pti. ſep. intr. hoes. i. car. mo. tenet Goduin. Halden ex dono Comitis R. 7. hundret. teſtatr. ſ. pertinent in Torp. cu. conſuet. adhuc CXL. ovs. ſep. val. xxiiii. d.

In the 15th of Edward I. the biſhop of Norwich claimed here, and in Blofield, a gallows, view of frank-pledge, aſſiſe, &c. and was part of his barony, which was held by 5 fees: in the 20th of Edward III. the biſhop paid 10*l.* for the ſaid fees, on the king's ſon being made a knight. In the ſee it remained 'till the exchange made between King Henry VIII. and biſhop Rugg, of lands, *&c.* belonging to this ſee, &c. which were granted to the crown by act of parliament, on Feb. 4, *Ao.* 27, Henry VIII.—The town of Blofield was the head of the barony.

On this exchange, this lordſhip came to the crown, with the advouſon of the rectory, the biſhop's houſe, or palace here; and was confirmed on Feb. 4, in the 27th of Henry III. by act of parliament. By an indenture under the great ſeal of England, dated Jan. 1, *Ao.* 35th Henry VIII. this manor was granted to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, for life, remainder to Henry, Earl of Surry, his ſon and heir, and the lady Frances, his wife, during her life, and their heirs, to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and the rent of 3*l.* 1*s.* 8*d. per ann.* except 10*s.* for the Reeve's fee. On the top of this grant was the king's mark, and ſigned underneath by the duke of Norfolk, the lord Ruſſell, Richard Southwell, and Walter Henby, officers of the court of augmentation. Earl Henry, being afterwards attainted and executed, left Thomas his ſon and heir, who was duke of Norfolk in Queen Mary's reign; but being reſtored in blood only, and the counteſs of Surry ſurrendering it in her widowhood to King Edward VI. the ſaid king, on June 25, in his firſt year, granted it to Sir Thomas Paſton, with the advouſon, a fold-courſe, lands and tenements in this town, Plumſtede *Magna* and *Parva*, &c. with the toll and profits of Mawdelyne ----, and Thorp wood, late the biſhop of Norwich's, to be held by the payment of 5*l.* 2*s.* 1*d. per ann.* and the ſaid king gave to the counteſs the lordſhip of Earl's Soham in Suffolk. Edward Paſton, † ſon of Sir Thomas, was lord in 1571, and his grandſon Clement was living in 1643, in which year Nov. 7, in a court at Norwich,——John Thacker, John Tooly, Adr. Parmenter, &c. juſtices, L. Sherwood, William Symonds, &c. aldermen, it was agreed, that leave ſhould be given to William Kettleburgh to buy of Mr. Clement Paſton wood and timber at Thorpe wood, and grounds, in reſpect of the extream ſcarcity of firing for the poor in this winter time; and the ſaid William Kettleburgh hath

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* The grant of this king Henry I. is a curious piece of antiquity, beautifully wrote in Latin, made by him, as he declares, for his own ſoul, the ſouls of his father and mother, of King William, his brother, of all his anceſtors and ſucceſſors, in the preſence of queen Maud, daughter of the king of Scotland, and the illuſtrious men, eccleſiaſtical and ſecular, of all England, whoſe names are underwritten, that his gift may for ever remain; confirmed with the ſign of the holy croſs, and corroborated with the ſeal of his royal dignity, in the year of our Lord 1101, on the third of the nones of September.

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Ego Henricus Rex donavi et firmavi †

Ego Regina Mahtilerd.

Ego Rotbt. Dux Normannor. fr. Regis Henrici conceſſi, et hoc ſigno crucis confirmavi.

Nomina Archieporu. et Eporum. ſubſ. †
Ego Anſelm. Archieps. Cantuar' ſ. †
Ego Gerard. Eborac. Archieps. ſ. †
Ego Gundulf. Roueceſt. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Mauriti. London. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Jobs. Eps. Bathonienſ. ſ. †
Ego Osb. Exonienſ. Eps. ſ. †
Ego. Rotbt. Ceſtrenſ. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. Lincolienſ. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Radulf. Ciceſtrenſ. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Samſſon Wicreceſt. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Rannulf. Dunelm. Eps. ſ. †
Ego Jobs. Tuſculan. Eps. Legat. Papæ, ſ. †
Ego Tybius Camerarius Paſchal. Pape, ſ.
Menſe Septembri ordinatione beati Papæ Gregorii, apud Windeſores confirmavit hæc Ds. qi. operatur omnia in Scis. cui Reges offert munera incipientes ab jerlm.

Nomina P'matu. et p ncipum. —
Ego Rotbt. Depontivo Comes, ſ. †
Ego Steph. Comes Britannie, ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. Comes de Metlent, ſ. †
Ego Euſtach. Comes Bolonie, ſ. †
Ego Hynric. Comes de Warwic. ſ. †
Ego Symon Comes de Northampt. ſ. †
Ego Wills. Comes de Ullarenna, ſ. †
Ego Wills. Comes de Mauritan. ſ. †
Ego Rogs. Comes Pictavienſ. ſ. †
Ego Eudo Dapifer. ſ. †
Ego Haym. Dapifer. ſ. †
Ego Wills. Pincerna, ſ. †
Ego Ricard. Deretuers, ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. fili. Harmonis, ſ. †
Ego Alanus Flaaldj fil. ſ. †
Ego Giſleb. fil. Ricardi, ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. Maleth. ſ. †
Ego Willm. Maleth. ſ. †
Ego Rogerius fil. Ricard. ſ. †

Nomina Abbatum et Clericor. †
Ego Giſlebt. Abbas Weſtmonaſt. ſ. †
Ego Serlo Abbs. Glóceſtrenſ. ſ. †
Ego Hynric. Abbs. de Bello, ſ. †
Ego Steph. Abbs. Eboracenſis, ſ. †
Ego Alduuin. Abbs. Rameſienſ. ſ. †
Ego Odo Abbs. Cerſienſis, ſ. †
Ego Ricard. Abb. Sci. Albanj, ſ. †
Ego Ricard. Abb. de Heij, ſ. †
Ego Rogerus Cancellarius, ſ. †
Ego Everard. Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Roger. Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. Peccat Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Thomas Cappell ſ. †
Ego Unfrid. Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Rotbt. Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Osbn. Capell. ſ. †
Ego Herbert. Regis Camerarius, ſ. †
Ego Waldric. Cappell. ſ. †
Ego Petrus Valonienſis, ſ. †
Ego Will. de Ullareluuaſt. ſ. †

† Clement married Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Compton of Brambleby in Suſſex, Kt.

undertaken to deliver to the poor of the city, ten thouſand well-ſized billets this winter, at 20 *s. per* 1000; and 5000 two band wood, in faggots, at 3 *d. per* faggot; and the committee are content that he ſhould pay the money, upon the bargain, to Mr. Paſton, whoſe eſtate ſeems, at this time, to be ſequeſted.

From this family, it came, by purchaſe, to Rowland Dee, merchant of London, who preſented as lord to this church in 1670; his ſon, Duncan Dee, Eſq; inherited it, was ſerjeant at law, preſented in 1706, and died May 30, 1720, but ſold it, before his death, to Matt. Howard, Gent. of Hackney, in Middleſex; and, in 1742, Matt. Howard, Eſq; was lord and patron.

The original grant of this manor, in 1728, was in Matt. Howard, and a copper-plate was engraven from it by Mr. Sturt.

The Prior's, *now* Dean *and* Chapter's MANOR.

BISHOP Herbert, lord of this town, by the grant of the manor above-mentioned, on founding the priory at Norwich, gave the beſt part of it to the ſaid convent, and kept the leaſt part of it for himſelf and ſucceſſors, which diviſion he thought neceſſary; [c] otherwiſe his frequent coming to Norwich, as he had no land there, would be very troubleſome; and he gave them for that part of Thorp, which he kept, the lordſhip of Gnatyndon, an hamlet of Sedgeford, with its fold-courſes, the church of Thornham, with the land of Thurſton, and a carucate of land at Gaywood, as appears from a pleading, in the 25th of Henry III.

In 1154, pope Adrian the 4th, by his bull, confirmed to the prior, a moiety of Thorp wood, and all its profits, except the demean and right of hunting, which was in the biſhop; [d] and, in 1156, he confirmed the heath, with all its wood, as biſhop William Turbe had granted it, there being a diſpute between John of Oxford, the biſhop, and the priory, concerning a mill in Thorp, which was farmed of the biſhop at 20 *s. per ann.* the mill and ground were allowed to belong to the ſee, with the water-courſe:—Witneſſes, William de Len, Mr, Robert de Glouceſter, &c. in the 5th year of his pontificate.

William de Raleigh, biſhop, and Simon, the prior, agreed in 1236, that the part of Thorpe wood, covered with oaks, ſhould be divided into 2 equal parts, and that the part neareſt to the manor-houſe of Thorp, ſhould be to the biſhop, and that the other part neareſt to the biſhop's bridge ſhould be to the prior, ſaving to the biſhop his right in the ſaid bridge; and that the heath ſhould be divided into 3 parts; the biſhop to have 2 parts neareſt to him, and the prior one part; and, for this agreement, the biſhop grants to the prior all his right in a moiety of Plumſtede-wood; alſo free warren in the 3d part of the heath aforeſaid; and if he had a deſire to incloſe and cultivate the ſame, he would aſſiſt, and ſupport him in ſo doing; dated at Geywode, 8 calend. of Nov.——Witneſſes, Peter de Raleigh, &c. By this grant of free warren, the prior had a manor, and ſo gave riſe to, and was the original of the prior's lordſhip, now called Pockthorp, and in the dean and chapter of Norwich at this time.

That the heath here was remarkable for plenty of timber and underwood, as appears from a *compotus* of William de Kirkeby, prior in 1283, wherein 37 *s.* 4 *d.* was received for underwood. In 1315, I find bark ſold for 9 *s.* 11 *d*—In 1335, in timber, bark and faggots, received 6 *l.* 16 *s.* 9 *d.*

The heath was called Mouſehold; and, beſides ſheep-walks, here was a netherd for the great cattle, and a ſwanherd, who had 26 *s.* 8 *d. per ann.* wages. In 1428, the temporalities of the priory were valued at 3 *l.* 8 *s.* 2 *d. per ann.* and was called the Cellarer's manor; the lete of aſſiſe, &c. belonged to it.

On the diſſolution of the priory, which was ſurrendered to King Henry VIII. April 1, 1538, by Will. Caſtleton, prior, &c. on May 2, in the ſaid year, the king new founded it for a dean, ſix prebendaries, &c. and appointed Caſtleton the firſt dean; and the dean and chapter of Norwich holds it at this time.

The tenths, with Pockthorp, were 2 *l.* 7 *s.*—Deducted 7 *s.*

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[c] Plita. cor. Reg. Ret. 23.

[d] Reg. i. Norw. fol. 83. 55. 47.

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and was valued at 8 marks: Peter-pence 10*d.* Carvage 2 *d.*—The preſent valor is 8 *l.* and pays firſt fruits, &c. and is a rectory.

In the chancel lies a marble graveſtone, *In memory of Mrs. Mary Chapman, relict of Samuel Chapman, late rector. She founded the houſe called Bethell, in Norwich, for poor lunaticks, and died in* 1724.

Thomas de Middleton was vicar, and preſented (as ſaid) about 1200 by the prior, paying 8 *s. per ann.* to St. Paul's hoſpital in Norwich, or Norman's Spittle.—The cellarer of Norwich had a portion of tithe of the ſame value.

William de Raleigh, biſhop, granted to the prior and convent, and to the hoſpital of St Paul, the 3d part of the tithe of his aſſart lands in Thorp; and the dean and chapter have a portion of tithe, valued at 10 *s.*

RECTORS.

1303. John de Naſſington, rector, collated by the biſhop.——1332. Thomas Cook, ditto.——1339. Thomas Dettiltoff, ditto.——1342. Simon de Cley.——1342. John de Breydeſton.——1350. Laur. de Lyttylton.—— ----. Tho. Rery, rector.——1396. Nich. Fuller.——1399. Thomas Revell.——1405. John Cubet.——1428. John Benet.——1433. John Spurling.—— ----. Richard Wheeler.——1445. Robert Rogers.——1476. Robert Godfrey.——1477. Richard Foo.——1508. Stephen Thorp.——1431. Barth. Holf.——1551. John Brown, by Sir John Godſalve.——1558. John Barret, D. D. and prebend of Norwich, by William Godſalve, Eſq;——1558. William Canvas, ditto.——1560. Germ. Gardiner, by the aſſigns of William Godſalve, Eſq——1586. Robert Brook, by the queen.——1587. Robert Garret, ditto.——1587. Thomas Twaite, by Thomas Godſalve of Buckenham Ferry.——1607. Robert Fielden, by Edward Paſton, Eſq;——1642, Robert Blofield, by Robert Blofield Gent. being under ſequeſtration.——1670. Samuel Chapman, by Rowland Dee, of London, merchant.——This worthy rector left by his will to the miniſter of Thorp, for a ſermon to be preached annually, on January 6, 13*s.* 4*d*, to the pariſh clerk, 20*d.* and to the poor in bread, 9*s.* 2*d.* with a ſalary for a ſchool-maſter. He was alſo a benefactor to Corpus Chriſti college, Cambridge: gave to the 2 hoſpitals in Norwich 200 *l.* to each, and to the augmentation of the church of Metfield, a donative in Suffolk, ordering his tenements, and copyhold lands there, to be ſold, and (which came to above 520 *l.*) to be laid out in freehold lands, with a convenient houſe for the uſe of the miniſter. He lies buried in the chancel of this church, under a black marble, thus inſcribed;—*Samuel Chapman, an humble admirer of grace and wiſdom of God, in a crucified Jeſus, fell aſleep in that Jeſus, the hope of glory, the reſurrection of life, June* 29, 1700.——1700. Charles Cobb, by Robert Huntman, Gent. ——1706. Thomas Tanner, by Duncan Dee, Eſq; he was afterwards biſhop of St. Aſaph, *&c.*——1731. Edward Capper, by the king.——1753. Richard Humphrey rector, (on the death of Mr. Capper) by Thomas Vere, Eſq;

The perpetual advouſon of this church was granted by Richard, biſhop of Norwich, and confirmed by the prior and convent to Thomas Godſalve, regiſter of the dioceſe, and his heirs, on May 1, 1535.——In the church was the guild of St. Andrew.

Ralph de Beauſoe had here at the ſurvey a ſocman, whom he had invaded with all his cuſtomary dues, who held [*e*] 8 acres of land, as he received it from Eudo, his predeceſſor, valued at 17 *d.* This was afterwards joined to the biſhop's lordſhip.

In this town, and in Limpenhoe, Rabel, the carpenter, had invaded the lands; 20 freemen had a carucate of land, and 20 [*f*] acres, and 7 acres of meadow; and there were 2 carucates, valued at 10 *s.* in King Edward's time, and 3 at the ſurvey, valued at 11 *s.* 6 *d.* and Rabel had ſeized on it. This alſo ſoon after came into the biſhop's manor.

[*e*] Invaſiones. Rad. de Bellafago.——In Torp. i ſoc. viii. ac. tre. omi. cſuetud. ab antec. ſuo Eudone, clam. hoc 7. val. xviii d.

[*f*] Invaſion.—In Torp. 7. Lipeh. tenet Rabelh carpentarr. xx libos. hoes. commendatione de i. car. tre' 7. xx. ac. 7. vii. ac. pti. tc. 7. p. ii. car. mº. iii. tc' val. x. ſol. mo. xi. 7 vi d.

On Muſholt-heath, † about a mile from the hamlet of Pockthorp, to the north-eaſt, was a chapel dedicated to St. Catherine, ſaid to have been an antient parochial chapel, about the time of the conqueſt, and afterwards re-dedicated to the honor of St. William, commonly called St. William in the wood, from a boy that was crucified by the Jews, at Norwich, in 1137; a cell of monks belonging to Norwich priory being near to it, and was much frequented by pilgrims, but at the diſſolution was demoliſhed.

Near to this was the chapel of the Tranſlation of St. Thomas of Becket, archbiſhop of Canterbury.—Here was alſo the chapel of St. Michael, which ſtood on the brow of the hill, on the north ſide of the road, juſt out of Biſhop's-gate; its ruins being ſtill viſible, and commonly called Kett's, (the rebel's) caſtle, and was founded by biſhop Herbert.

There was alſo a priory dedicated to St. Leonard, ſtanding oppoſite to St. Michael's chapel, built by biſhop Herbert, (as a cell to Norwich priory) now in ruins. At the diſſolution, it came to the crown, and King Henry VIII. granted it to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk; his ſon Henry, Earl of Surrey, built a ſumptuous houſe on the ſcite, where he lived, and was called Mount-Surrey, and Surrey-houſe. On his attainder, it came to the crown; and, in 1562, Queen Elizabeth granted it, with the prior's partible wood, to Tho. Duke of Norfolk, who having alſo forfeited it, King James I. conferred it in 1702, on Thomas Howard, earl of Suffolk.

WITTON.

PART of this town [a] is accounted for under the hundred of Walſham, and part under that of Bloſield; that in Walſham was granted to earl Ralph, on the deprivation of 2 freemen of Gert, who had 140 acres of land, 6 bordarers, and 10 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, valued at 15*s.* when Earl Ralph forfeited it. After this Blond had it, and, at the ſurvey, Ulchetel, by the king's grant.

Ralph Stalre had, before the conqueſt, 4 freemen, who held 60 acres of land, and 11 of meadow, with a carucate. On the conqueſt, [b] it was ſeized on, and Godrick took care of it for the Conqueror; the ſoc of them was in the king's hundred of Bloſield, and they held it of the king at the ſurvey.

Ulchetel had alſo the lordſhips of Ruſhworth in Gillcroſs hundred, and of Lerling in Shropham hundred. Ulchetel's lordſhips came after to the crown, and both of them ſo remained, but part of them was granted to the family of de Vetula, alias de Veile, by King Henry I. In the *Roll de Dominab;* in the cuſtody of the king's remembrancer, it appears, that Richard de Veile held conſiderable lands here, *&c.* and died before the 30th of Henry II. leaving Roger his ſon, and 5 daughters, in the cuſtody of Emma his mother, daughter of Guy de Botetort, and Thomas Baſſet his uncle; Emma, aged 30 years, and Roger 6, *&c.* and that the land here was worth 60 *s. per ann.*—In the 2d of King John, Roger de Veile held it with Fiſhley, by the ſervice of being the king's falconer. Thomas de Veile was lord in the 17th of Henry III. ſon of Roger, was afterwards a knight, and paid 25 *s.* relief.

In the 3d of Edward I. John de Veile was lord; and, in the 23d of that king, John his ſon had a meſſuage, 48 acres of land, 15 *s.* and 7 *d.* rent of aſſiſe, and died ſeiſed of it in that year, when it deſcended to Reginald de Dunham, ſon of Beatrice, ſiſter of John his father; and, in the 31ſt of the ſame reign, Reginald was found to hold it by grand ſerjeanty, by keeping the king's hawks.

After this, Peter Buxſkyn was lord, in the 9th of Edward II. and in the 18th of Edward III. conveyed it to Roger Hardegrey, citizen of Norwich; and, in the 20th of that king, Roger held it by the fourth part of a fee, late Downham's, which

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† Of this heath and places, ſee Blomefield's Hiſt. of Norf. Vol. II. P. 796. &c.

[a] Terre Ulchetelli.—In Witona, ten. ii. libi, hoes. Gert t. r. e. de CXL. ac. tre. ſep. vi. bor. x. ac. pi. tc. i. car. in dnio. m°. i. 7. dim. ſep. i. car. houm. ſep. val. xv. ſol. quando Rad. ſe foriſfecit, ten. in manu ſuâ, 7. p'. Blond. 7. p'. p. breve Regis fuit reſaitus in manu Regis.

[b] Terra Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.—In Witona iiii. lib. hoes. de LX. ac. tre. 7. xi. ac. pti. ſep. i. car. de iſtis e. ſoca in Hund. 7. reddit viii. ſol.

Reginald de Downham, and Beatrice his wife, paid ſcutage for, in the reign of Edward I.

Robert Letham, Eſq; was lord and patron of the church in 1480; by his will, he gives his manor here, and advouſon to Margaret his wife for life, remainder to Robert his 2d ſon, then in cuſtody of John Ratcliff, lord Fitz-Walter, who dying a minor, it was in the following year ſold by Richard Southwell, Eſq; feoffee, and confirmed by John Loveday, Eſq; executor of Robert Letham, to James Hobart, Eſq; with a manor in Plumſtede: he preſented in 1508. Miles, his 2d ſon, was lord, and preſented in 1531. In this family it remained, 'till mortgaged by Sir Miles Hobart Kt. about 1653, as in Plumſtede *Parva*.

In 1700, William Hewar, Eſq; was lord and patron, alſo one of the ſaid name in 1742.

Nicholas le Boteler had a lordſhip in the reign of Henry III. which came to Adam de Brancaſter, and William de St. Clere, in right of their wives, heirs to Nicholas. In 1272, St. Clere ſold his part to William de Heveningham, and Brancaſter's part was ſold to Guy Botetourt; and Sir Guy Botetort was returned as a lord in the 9th of Edward II.

In the 7th of Richard II. licence was granted to Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk, to alien to the nuns minoreſſes of Bruſyerd in Suffolk, the lordſhip of Witton, to pray for the ſoul of Anne, daughter of the ſaid Margaret, deceaſed, late counteſs of Pembroke, and for her own ſtate whilſt living, and her ſoul when deceaſed: but, in the 12th of the ſaid king, another patent was granted to exchange for this manor, one meſſuage, 6 ſhops, with 200 acres of land in Sauſton, Badburgham, and Pampeſworth, in Cambridgeſhire: in the ſaid year a fine was levied between the aforeſaid counteſs of Norfolk, and John Winterton, and Margaret his wife, who conveyed to her a manor here.

There was alſo another conſiderable manor in the ſee of Norwich, held by the family of De Breydeſton, lord of Breydeſton (which was alſo held of that ſee,) and extended into this town. From the Bredeſtons, it came to the Cateſtons, or Caſtons, and from them to the Carbonels, as in Breydeſton, &c. and the patronage of the church was in this manor,

The tenths were 1 *l.* 14 *s.*—Deducted 4 *s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Margaret; was valued at 12 marks:—paid Peter-pence 12 *d.*—Carvage, 2 *d. ob.*—The preſent valor is 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and is diſcharged.

R E C T O R S.

In 1321. William de Ormeſby inſtituted, preſented by the lady Joan, relict of Sir Robert Caſton.———1318. Mr. Roger the Saham, ditto.———1321. Robert de Stradeſet, by John de Caſton.———1323. Ralph de Caſton, by Sir John de Caſton.———1349. Mr. Richard de Blofield, by Mr. Robert de Cleydon, and Salom. rector of Caſton.———1349. William Dun, by Sal. rector of Caſton.———1389. William Atte Croſs de Spalding, by lady Catherine, relict of Sir John de Caſton.———1391. Walter Ruſſell, ditto.———1401. Nicholas Stradeſet, by the biſhop, in right of his manor of Breydeſton, John Carbonell, ſon and heir of Sir Robert Carbonel, and Margaret his wife, being a minor.———1405. Maurice Atte Howe, by John Carbonel.———1418. John Scambylby, by Sir John Carbonel, and Margery his wife.———1426. Robert Walter, by lady Margery Carbonel.———1475. John Hewyck, by Robert Letham.———1498. Edward Dixſon, by Richard Southwell, Eſq; and John Walter.———1508. John Bleyk, by Sir James Hobart.———1516. James Stuard, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1531. Arnold Wytton, by Miles Hubberd, Eſq;———1556. William Moore, ditto.———1559. Ad. Barker, by Thomas Hobard, Eſq;———1572. Edmund Biſhop, A. M. by William Blennerhaſſet, Eſq; and lady Etheld. Warner.———1580. Edward Fiſher.———1591 Edmund Bentley, by Henry Hubbard, Eſq; aſſignee of Miles Hubbard, Eſq;———1613. Ralph Barlow.———1627. Richard Pierſon, by Sir Miles Hubbard.———1663. Henry Pierſon, by Fran. Cory, Eſq;———1700. John Ruſſell, by William Hewar, Eſq; 1723. John Morrant, by Hewar Edgely Hewer, Eſq;———1723. John Ruſſell, junior, ditto.——1745. Norwood Sparrow, by William Blackbourn, Eſq; and Ann Jackſon, widow.

In the church was the guild of St. Margaret.

John Dade of Witton, by his will, dated in 1505, was buried in this church; [c] orders, "That the old roofe of this church be taken down, the walls helped, and "a new roof to be made after the patern of Little Plumſtede; and, becauſe I am "not able to lede it, I wyll, that it be redid and made at my coſte".

Beſides the towns here mentioned, there was, as appears from the book of *Domeſday*, a town called Mora, in [d] this hundred, granted on the deprivation of Siricius, a freeman, to Rabel the artificer, containing at the conqueſt 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 4 ſervi, a carucate and a half in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and 10 acres of meadow, *&c.* one ſaltwork, *&c.* valued at 40*s.* was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, *&c.* and the ſoc and ſac was in the king.

Where this town ſtood, is at this time unknown, probably the lands belonging to it are not included in Limpenho and Thorp, where Rabel held alſo lands, as will there appear; alſo lord of Filby in Eaſt-Flegg hundred.

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[c] Regiſt. Rix, fol. 314.

[d] Terre Rabelli artificis.——In Mora ten. Siric'. i. lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car. tre. tc. viii. vill. p' 7. m°. v. tc. iiii. ſer. p' 7. m°. ii. tc. i. car. 7. dim. p' 7. m°. ii. in dnio. ſep. dim. car. houm. 7. x. ac. pti. m°. i, r. ſemp. iii. an. tc. iii. p' 7. m°. xii. m°. c. ov. 7. i. ſal. tc. val. XL ſol. p' xxx. m°. XL. 7. ht. viii. qr. de longo, 7. v. de lato, 7. de gelto xx. ſol. 7. ſoca 7. ſaca, e. Regis 7. comit.

CLACKLOSE HUNDRED, AND HALF,

LIES on the weſtern part of the county of Norfolk, and adjoins to the iſle of Ely. The Saxon king Edgar gave the lordſhip of it to the abby of Ramſey in Huntingdonſhire, with 60 ſocmen in the towns of Wimbotſham, Hilgey, Downham, and its market, at the requeſt of Oſwald, a monk, [a] who lived with him; and, at the grand ſurvey, made by king William I. we learn, that the aforeſaid abby had 70 *s. per ann.* iſſuing out of the profits of the ſoc, or lordſhips of it.

Soca hundr. 7. *dim. de Glakeſloſa habt. Scs. ben.* (that is, St. Bennet's abby of Ramſey) LXX. *ſol.—Domeſday Book.*

Sir Henry Spelman obſerves, that there were 60 monks in that convent, ſo that every monk had his ſocman [b] to maintain him, and that there were 4 other ſocmen to maintain the abbot. Many and great were their privileges; in the 4th of King [c] John, they were confirmed, as they had been by King Henry I. with the ſame liberties and pleas that belonged to the crown.

In the 3d of Edward I. the jury find, that it was valued, together with the lordſhips of Wimbotſham, Hilgey, and the Market of Dunham, at 10 marks *per ann.* and that the abbot had the taking out, and the return of all writs, *&c.* view of frank-pledge, forfeitures, felons goods, the lete, a gallows and a priſon belonging to it; and that Roger Giffard was then the abbot's bailiff, together with Richard de Odiam, *&c.*——The priſon for it was at Wimbotſham; and in the 41ſt of Henry III. William Briton, [d] the king's juſtice, by the king's writ made a goal delivery of many robbers, *&c.* taken within and without the abbot's liberty; and before this, in 1249, Robert de Benemere appears to be the abbot's coroner.

The abbot, in the 18th of Edward I. had a power of diſtraining for amerciaments in his hundred court, and before the king's juſtices itinerant; and, in his 22d year, there was an agreement between William de Luda, biſhop of Ely, and John de Sautry, abbot of Ramſey, that the biſhop ſhould have his court baron of his tenants in this hundred.

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[a] Monaſt. Angl. V, I. P. 231.—V. 2. P. 869, &c.

[b] Icenia.

[c] Pat. Ao. 4. Johs. Rot. 10.——Rot. Hundr. de Clackl. 3o. Ed. I. in Curia Recept. Sccij.

[d] Plita Coron. 41. Hen. III. Rot. 12.

The hundred court, and ſheriffs turn, was then held at Clackloſe-hill, on the common of Stradſet, and all lords of manors within the liberty, their tenants, and all men of conſiderable eſtates were ſuitors to it, excepting the tenants of the biſhop of Ely, abbot of Derham, prior of Shouldham, &c.

On the diſſolution of religious houſes, in the reign of King Henry VIII. it came to the crown, when the hundred was ſeparated from the half hundred; and, on October 14, in the 1ſt and 2d of Philip and Mary, the hundred was granted to Edward, lord North, and ſoon after was purchaſed by Sir Nicholas Hare; on his death, October 30, in the 3d and 5th of Philip and Mary, Michael his ſon and heir had livery of it.

At an inquiſition taken in 1637, on the death of Sir John Hare, it was valued at 45 *l. per ann.* and his deſcendant, Sir George Hare, Bart. was lord, who appoints his own bailiff, ſteward, and coroner, and died in 1764.

Several grants from the crown have confirmed it, with all its rights and privileges to this family, and one in particular, in the 2d year of King James I. to Sir Ralph Hare.

The half hundred being ſeparated from the hundred, and veſted in the crown, was granted on March 2d, in the 7th of Edward VI. to John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, who conveyed it the next day to Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; of Outwell, to be held of the king in ſoccage, as part of the manor of Eaſt Greenwich in Kent; and, by the marriage of Dorothy, daughter and heir of Edmund, by his 2d wife, came to Sir Robert Bell, lord chief baron of the Exchequer, who was killed by a peſtilent fume or vapour at Oxford aſſiſes in 1577, whoſe deſcendants enjoyed it, 'till Beaupre Bell, Eſq; on his death, about 1741, gave it, by will, to Elizabeth, his youngeſt ſiſter, who, in 1742, was married to William Greaves, Eſq; of Fulburn in Cambridgeſhire, and is now lord in her right.

This half hundred extends itſelf into the iſle of Ely, and great level of the fens, Well ſtream, or river, running through the towns of Upwell and Outwell, ſeems to be the boundary of the county of Norfolk, and the iſle of Ely; the ſouth ſide, or part, of the river being in Norfolk, and the north ſide in the iſle.

The boundaries of this half hundred to the north, where it joined to the iſle of Ely, (which belonged to the biſhops of Ely) were, in antient days, well known, and remain upon record; but, through great length of time, the names of the places, and rivers, growing obſolete, and being much changed and altered by new drains, &c. by the adventurers on their draining, are at this time, 'tis to be feared, in a great meaſure unknown.

Theſe boundaries were ſettled in the reign of Richard I. and appear in a regiſter [e] of the abby of Ramſey, &c.—There have alſo been diſputes and law-ſuits about the rights, privileges and boundaries between the lords of the hundred and of the half hundred in the laſt century. On the 8th of December, in the 36th of King Charles II. a robbery being committed near Shouldham Thorp and Stradſet, the townſhips of Upwell and Outwell refuſing to pay their proportion as charged, a ſuit of law commenced, they pretending to be in the liberty of the half hundred; but, on a full hearing, it was decreed by Sir Robert Atkins, lord chief baron, on July 9, in the 2d of William and Mary, that they ſhould forthwith pay their ſhares, being members and parts of the ſaid hundred.

In *Domeſday Book*, this hundred and a half is wrote Clachelosa, Clacheſloſa, and Clakeſloſa, and is a compound of theſe 3 words,——Cla or Claia,——Cheſs or Keſs,—and Loſa.——Cla or Claia, and Cley, betokens a place ſurcharged with water, as Cley in Norfolk, by the ſea, Clare in Suffolk, Clavering in Eſſex, &c.—Ches, or Keſs, is a place ſeated near ſome river, as Cheſwick, or Keſwick in Norfolk and in Middleſex, Clacheſton in Norfolk, Cheſham in Bucks.—Loſa ſets forth its ſite, Le Ouſe, on the river Ouſe.

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[e] Regiſt. Abbat. de Ramſey, penes Dom. Geo. Hare, Bt.—and Mr. Hearne's edit. of Sprott's Chron. p. 207.

BARTON

BARTON,

LOVEL's MANOR,

CALLED Bertun by the Saxons, from its ſite by the hills; thus Barley in Hertfordſhire, Barton in Suffolk, *&c.* Bergh or Bar ſignifying a hill. At the grand ſurvey, made by King William I. in the year 1085, it was poſſeſſed by three great lords; one of theſe Hermerus de Fererys, or De Ferrers was lord of this manor, by a grant of the Conqueror, on the deprivation of Turchetel. [*a*]—William was enfeofed of it under Hermerus. In Turchetel's time, it conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, 5 villains, 3 bordarers, 3 ſervi, one only at the ſurvey; there were always 4 acres of wood, and 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants; at the ſurvey but one, 3 cows, and 4 runci, (horſes for draught) &c.—thirty ſheep; at the ſurvey, 61; a church endowed with 12 acres, and was valued at 60*s.* *per ann.* There alſo belonged to it 7 freemen, who held a carucate and an half, with 30 acres of land, but folded in the lord's fold, and were only under commendation, or protection.

Hermerus had invaded, or ſeized on the land of a free man, who had half a carucate, and 12 acres, valued at 3*s.* *per ann.* which William aforeſaid held under Hermerus, and was by that freeman held only by commendation, before this ſeizure:—alſo on the land of a freeman, who had 60 acres, with a bordarer, and half a carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

Turchetil was a Saxon thane, or nobleman, held many lordſhips in this hundred and county, moſt of which were granted to Hermerus.—William, who held it of him, was probably anceſtor of the family of De Wormegey, which was alſo a lordſhip of Hermerus: he is ſtiled a freeman. Godwin, father of King Harold, and his ſons are thus alſo called in the grand ſurvey.

In the book of *Domeſday*, we frequently meet with the word *commendatio.* Romulus, the firſt king of Rome, placed the Plebeians (as a truſt) in the hands of the Patricians, allowing every Plebeian the liberty to chuſe any Patrician he thought proper for his patron. Terence, in his play called the *Eunuch*, ſays,— *Thais patri ſe commendavit in clientenam, et fidem nobis ſe dedit.*—It is probable, the Britons learned this of the Romans, and ſo came to the Saxons.

Another thing to be obſerved here is, that great Norman lords at the conqueſt, frequently invaded, or ſeized on the lands of many freemen and Saxon lords, without any authority or grant from the Conqueror, by force and violence.

About the reign of King Stephen, a family who aſſumed their name from the great Saxon dike, lying at the eaſt end of this townſhip, caſt up (as 'tis ſaid) as a boundary to this hundred, and called De Bendiſh, held it of the honor of Wirmegay, in this hundred, of the heirs of Hermerus, as may be there ſeen: the daughter of this family was married to Thomas Lovell, in the reign of King Richard I.

This family claim their deſcent from the earls of Iberi in France. Andrew Lovell was living in the reign of Henry II. and father of Thomas, who married -------, the daughter and heireſs of John Bendiſh aforeſaid, who was with that king in the wars of the Holy Land, and had the king's protection for his lands.—William Luvell [*b*] held one knight's fee here in the time of Henry III. and in the 54th of that king, John de Luvell was living, attended prince Edward into the Holy Land, and had the king's protection, &c. lord here, and held lands in Boketon, Bitcham-Well, and Mateſhale.—John Lovell, ſon of John, died in the 2d of Edward III. ſeiſed of this manor, with the advouſon of the church of St. Mary, a windmill, &c. held of the honor of Wirmegay. William Lovell was living in the 31ſt of Edward III. and father of Thomas, living in the reign of King Richard

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[*a*] Terr. Hermeri de Ferer.—In Bertuna ten. Wills. ii. car terre qua. tenuit Turchetil lib. ho ſemp. v. vill. 7. iii. bord. tc. iii. ſerv. m°. i. ſemp. iiii. acr. ſilv. 7. xx. acr. p'ti. ſemp. ii. car. in dominio tc. ii. car. homin. m°. i. ſemp. iii. an. m°. iiii runc. tc. xxx. oves. m°. LXI. i. eccleſ. xii. acr. tc. v. porc. m°. xv. ſemp. val. LX. ſol. huic maner°. ſemp. jacent vii. libi. hoes. ad ſocam de folda, 7. commendatione tantu. qui hab. xxx. acr. terre ſemp i. car. 7. dim.

Invaſiones Hermeri.— In B'tuna. i. lib. ho. xii ac. que teñ. W. de Hermero ſemp. dim. car. val. iii. ſol. n. habuit Antec. ñi. com'datione.——In ead. i. lib. ho. com'dat. tantu. anteceſſori ſuo LX. ac. ſemp. i. bor. dim. car. viii. ac pti. val. ii. ſol. 7 viii *d.*—*Domeſday Book.*

[*b*] Teſta de Nevill.——Pat. 54. Hen. III.

II. &c. and by the name of Thomas Lovell, ſenior, of Barton Bendiſh, dates his teſtament, [c] Auguſt 16, 1421; to be buried in St. Mary's church of Barton; to William his ſon, all his ſtuff in this manor of Wanford, to every of his daughters 100 marks portion. Alice his wiſe, Thomas his ſon, William Narburg, junior, Richard Baret of Hecham, and William his ſon, executors.——His laſt will is alſo of the ſame date, whereby he wills all his manors, lands, tenements, &c. in Barton Bendyſh, Buketon, Fyncham, Bycham-Welle and Mateſhale Bergh, to remain in his feoffees hands till his debts were paid. Alice his wife to have a rent-charge of 20 marks yearly, iſſuing out of his lands in the towns aforeſaid, which deſcended to him from his father William.—Thomas his ſon, and the heirs male of his body, to have thoſe manors; but Alice, his daughter, a rent of 10 *l.* yearly; Beatrix, his daughter, a like rent thereout; remainder to Nicholas, brother of Thomas, remainder to Ralph, remainder to William, remainder to John, all his ſons, remainder to his own heirs: William his ſon to have the manor of Wangford. He had lands alſo at Cley, by Swaffham, which he gives to John, with like remainders. Nicholas his ſon to have his purchaſed lands in Fincham, with thoſe in Wretton, Stoke and Wyrham; lands, called Colles and Collyngtons, in Buketon; lands in Denver, Riſton and Roxham; his manor in Tyrington, after ſeveral pious uſes performed to God, to Nicholas his ſon in tail. Proved September 10 following.

This Thomas is ſaid to have married, firſt, Joan, daughter and heir of Robert Muſwell, or Moſell; and his 2d wife was Alice: King Richard, in his 9th year, exempted him from ſerving on any jury, or as an eſchaetor, coroner, &c.

Thomas Lovell, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas, by his firſt wife Joan, left Thomas his ſon, by Cecilia his wife, daughter of ----- Orrell; who by his deed, dated November 1, in [d] the 28th of Henry VI. grants to Cecilia his mother, of Cheſterton in Cambridgeſhire, all his manors and lands aforeſaid, with the advouſon of St. Mary's church in Barton, and that of the chapel of St. Mary in Eaſtmore; and Ralph Lovell of Beecham Well, William Lovell of Cheſterton, and John Lovell of Berton, releaſed all their rights in the ſaid manors, held by Thomas Lovell of Berton, late deceaſed, to the ſaid Thomas and Anne his wife, for the life of the ſaid Thomas and Anne. By this deed, it evidently appears, that this Thomas was not the ſon of Joan, as is repreſented in certain pedigrees; and it further appears, that Nicholas his uncle was not living at this time. This Thomas Lovell married Anne, daughter of Robert Tappes, alderman of Norwich, and merchant. Robert Tappees, in the reign of Edward IV. gives to Anne Lovell his ſiſter, and to his nephew Gregory Lovell her ſon, a manor in Melton *Parva*.——The ſaid Thomas, and his father Thomas Lovell, Eſq; preſented ſeveral times to the church of St. Mary, from the year 1422, to the year 1463. In the 13th of Edward IV. a fine was levied, wherein this Thomas, and Anne his wife, convey to Sir Thomas Brews, William Yelverton, junior, Eſq; &c. all his intereſt in this town, from the heirs of the ſaid Anne; and died, as I take it, ſoon after, without iſſue.

In the year 1474, Gregory Lovell, Eſq; preſented to St. Mary's church, as lord of this manor; he was ſon and heir of Sir Ralph Lovell (as he is ſtiled) brother of Thomas Lovell, Eſq; aforeſaid, lord of Well-Hall manor, of Beacham-Well, and patron of the church of St. John's in that town, to which he preſented 5 times by the name of Ralph Lovell, Eſq; the laſt preſentation being in 1475, and died ſoon after. By Joan his wife, he was father of 3 of the moſt eminent knights in that time; Sir Gregory the firſt ſon, Sir Robert the 2d, was created a knight at Blackheath Field in 1497; Sir Thomas the 3d was Kt. Banneret, knight of the garter, chancellor of the exchequer, preſident of the council, &c.—Gregory the eldeſt was alſo a knight, and preſented to this church in 1496.

He married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Brandon, aunt to Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, and was father of Thomas Lovell, Eſq; who preſented as lord in 1510; and in 1518, then a knight; by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Woodhouſe of Kimberley, had Thomas his ſon, and a daughter Margaret, the wife of John Karſey of Rereſby in Lincolnſhire, Gent. This

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[c] Regiſt. Hurning Norw. pt. 2. Fol. 84. B.

[d] Int. Evident. Dni Geor. Hare, et Johs. Dethick Armig.

Thomas dying before his father, without iſſue by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Dethick, Eſq; of Wirmegay, Sir Thomas Lovell conveyed it to Thomas Mono, whoſe ſon, in the reign of that queen, ſold it to John Dethick, who preſented to the church of St. Mary in 1588, and Edmund Dethick preſented in 1562, and in 1571; Edmund Audley, Eſq; and Edward Dethick, Gent. guardians of Chriſtopher Dethick. Chriſtopher paſſed it to Franc. Woodhouſe, Eſq; in the 16th of Queen Elizabeth, who, in the 21ſt of the ſaid reign, conveyed it to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, afterwards lord chief juſtice of the common pleas, who died poſſeſſed of it. By the marriage of Frances his grand-daughter, it came to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, and ſo to Sir Thomas Cheek, who, in the 17th of King James I. conveyed it to Sir Ralph Hare of Stow Bardolf; and, on the 10th of October, in the 17th of King Charles II. was ſold by Sir Ralph Hare, Bart. to Sir Richard Berney, Bart. in which family it remains; Sir Hanſon Berney of Kirby Bedon, Bart. being the preſent lord.

BRANCASTER HALL.

THE ancient family of Brancaſter gave name to it; Robert de Brancaſter was living, and lord, [e] in the reign of Henry II.

Bartholomew, ſon of Peter de Brancaſter, gave by deed, *ſans* date, (with his body) the chapel of St. John Baptiſt, in Barton Eaſtmore, to the abby of Weſt Derham, and Adam, ſon of Thomas de Brancaſter, by deed, *s. d.* gave to Adam de Fincham, and Annabel his wife, one meſſuage, with the appertenances in Berton, called Brancaſter Hall crofts, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.* of free tenants; 2 villains, with all their goods and chattels, with 2 acres of land, all the homages, wards, eſcheats, &c. of the free tenants.

John, ſon of Adam de Brancaſter, by deed, on Thurſday after the decollation of St. John Baptiſt, in the 17th of Edward II. releaſed to Adam, ſon of Thomas de Brancaſter, all his right in land, rent, the moiety of a meſſuage; and Chriſtiana, late wife of Thomas, in the ſaid year, quit-claimed to Adam her ſon, all her right therein.

John Fincham and John Codington were found, by an inquiſition, to hold in the 3d of Henry IV. one fee of the honor of Wirmegay; in the family of Fincham, (of whom ſee in Fincham) it remained 'till William Fincham, Eſq: in the 12th of Elizabeth, conveyed it to Thomas Heigham, Gent. and he to Edmund Guybon and John Mundeford, Gents. in the 32d of that queen; and after came to ſerjeant Gawdy, and ſo to the Berneys, as in Lovell manor.

CURPELL, *and* HERN HALL.

ROGER CURPEL was lord, and held half a fee here in the reign of Henry III. of the honor of Wirmegay, and left 4 daughters and coheirs: it came to the Cauſtons, and after to Nicholas de Maſſingham, who kept a court here, in the 9th of Richard II. and then to the Lovels. Sir Thomas Lovell ſold it in the 26th of Henry VIII. to Thomas Monox, Eſq; of Walthamſtow in Eſſex. He died ſeiſed of it, *Ao.* 38. 300 acres of land, a meſſuage, called Grymes, 60 acres at Eaſtmore, a cloſe, called Old Hern Hall, &c. held by the 4th part of a fee; ſoon after united to Lovel's manor, paſſed with it, and is in Sir Hanſ. Berney, Bart.

EAST-HALL.

ONE moiety of this was in the Lovels, the other in the Finchams, in the 26th of Henry VIII. held of the aforeſaid honor. Sir Thomas Lovell, in the 26th of Henry VIII. conveyed it to Robert Trapps, goldſmith of London, and Trapps to Sir Roger Townſend, with Littlemore Cloſe, in the 36th of that king; and Townſend to John Dethick, Eſq; Chriſtopher Dethick to Francis Woodhouſe, Eſq; in the

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[e] See in Brancaſter.

16th of Elizabeth, who, in the 21ſt of that queen, ſold it to ſerjeant Gawdy, ſo was united to Lovel's manor, &c.

John Fincham, Eſq; died poſſeſſed of a moiety, *Ao.* 33d of Henry VIII. and William Fincham, in the 12th of Elizabeth, ſold it to John Higham, and ſo came to Gawdy, &c.

SNORE-HALL.

MICHAEL DE SNORE held it in the reign of Edward I. John Atte Snore was lord in the 6th of Edward III. and witneſs to a deed in the 9th of Richard II. Robert Atte Snore kept his court at Snore Hall in Eaſtmore, on the feaſt of St. Peter *ad Vincula*.—Ralph Atte Snore, in the 14th of Edward III. was found to hold a meſſuage, 60 acres of land of the lord Bardolf, and 39 acres of the abbot of Weſt Derham, paying him 22*s.* *per ann.* and the reſt of John de Fincham. This alſo came to Gawdy, and ſo to the Berneys.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, [*f*] had a grant of the principal manor, and part of this town from the Conqueror, on the deprivation of Chetil a freeman, lord in King Edward's reign; this conſiſted then of one carucate of land, 4 villains, 2 bordarers, 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in domain, and one among the tenants, valued at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.* It was one leuca long, half a leuca broad, and 3 furlongs; and when the whole hundred paid 20*s.* gelt, this whole village of Barton paid 16*d.*

The ſaid Rainald had alſo the lordſhip granted to him, which Turchill (or Turchetil) was deprived of, containing 3 carucates of land, 6 villains, 5 bordarers, 3 ſervi, &c. &c. 20 acres of meadow, with 3 carucates in domain, &c. one carucate among the tenants, and 67 ſheep; and to this manor belonged 5 freemen to the ſoc only, with 30 acres of land, a carucate of meadow, and 4 acres of wood, valued in the whole at 10*l.* in King Edward's reign, after at 60*s.* at the ſurvey 85*s.* and what the 5 freemen held, at 42*s.* and 8*d.* *per ann.*

Rainald had alſo a grant of a manor, of which Toli, a freeman, was deprived, who had 6 villains, &c. 5 bordarers, 5 ſervi, and 12 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in domain, &c. one of the tenants, &c. Five freemen belonged to the ſoc only, and under the lords protection, and 2 paid all cuſtomary dues. Theſe 5 had a carucate and 12 acres of meadow; 2 villains had 6 acres of the domain land; when he had the grant, there were 60 ſheep, &c. 11 ſwine, &*c.* the whole valued at 80*s.* after at 60*s.* and what the 5 freemen had at 10*s.*

Theſe tenures poſſeſſed by Rainald, came to the earls of Clare, and conſtituted ſeveral lordſhips.

SCALES-MANOR.

THE Lord Scales held this of the earl of Clare, in the reign of Henry III. Robert, lord Scales, was found then to have one fee; and, in the 3d of Edward I. that a gallows at Mickledick, between Barton and Bicham-Well, belonged to it, and was valued, in the 33d of Edward III. at 10*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* By the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas, lord Scales, it came to Anth. Woodvile, earl Rivers, who enjoyed it in the 4th of Edward IV. This lady dying without iſſue, it deſcended to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Howard by Joan his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Walton, relict of John, earl of Oxford, who was beheaded, *Ao.* 1, of Edward IV. and, on her deceaſe, was granted by King Richard III. on February 1, *Ao.* 2, to John, duke of Norfolk.

[*f*] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.——In Bertuna ten. Chetil. lib. ho. t. r. e. i. car. tre. ſemp. iiii. vill. 7. ii. bor 7. xx. ac. p'ti tc. ii. car. in dnio. p' nulla m°. i. ſep. i. car. houm. tc. val. XL. ſol. p' m°. xxx. ſol. totu. hoc maner. hab. i. leug. in longo, in lato dim. leug. 7. iii. qr. anten. quando tot. hundr. reddit xx. ſol. de gelto, tota hæc villa xvi *d.*

In ead. villa iii. tre. ten. Turchillus i. lib. ho. t. r. e. ſep. vi. vill. 7. v. bor. tc. 7. p' v. ſ. m°. ii. xx. ac. pti. tc. iii car. in dnio. p'. nulla m°. ii. ſep. i. car. hou. 7. LX. oves 7. vii. Jacent huic Man°. v. libi. hoes. ad ſocam tant. 7. hab. xxx. ac. tre. tc. i. car. m°. dim. 7. viii ac. p'ti. 7. iiii. ac. ſilve. Tot. val. x *l.* p' LX. ſol. m°. LXXXV. 7. v. lib hoes. XLII. ſol. 7. viii. *d.*—In Bertuna vi. car. tre. Toli lib. ho. t. r. e. tc. vi. vill. 7. p'. m°. vii. ſep. v. bor. tc. v. ſ. m°. ii. xii. ac. p'ti. ſep. ii. car. in dnio. tc. 7. p' i. car. houm. m°. dim. Huic Manerio jacent v. lib. hoes. ad Socam tantu. comd. 7. ii. de om'i. conſuetudine. Illi v. habt. i. car. 7. xii. acr. p'ti. 7. villi. ii. vi. acr. tre. in dnio. qu. rec. LX. oves. 7. mo. tc. xi. por. mo. xv. tc. tot. val. LXXX. ſol. p' 7. mo. LX. ſol. 7. v. homines val. x. ſol.

On the acceſſion of King Henry VII. it was reſtored to John Vere, earl of Oxford, and lord Scales, who dying *s. p.* it fell to two of his ſiſters ſhare; Dorothy, wife of John Nevill, lord Latimer, and Elizabeth, wife of Sir Ant. Wingfield; the Wingfields being after poſſeſſed of the whole, Sir Robert Wingfield and his ſon Anth. on May 16, *Ao.* 33. Elizabeth, conveyed it to ſerjeant Gawdy, and ſo came (as is above obſerved) to the preſent lord, Sir Hanſ. Berney, Bart.

OVERHALL *and* NETHERHALL.

WILLIAM DE BERTON held, in the 3d of Edward I. the 4th part of a fee; and, in the 8th of Edward II. their heirs of the honor of Clare. The Lovells afterwards poſſeſſed it, and Thomas Monox died ſeiſed of theſe manors, held of the king, as of the honor of Clare, by knights-ſervice, *Ao.* 30, Henry VIII. and Geo. Monox, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed them to John Dethick, Eſq; his grandſon Chriſtopher ſold them to Franc. Woodhouſe of Beccles, Eſq; and he to ſerjeant Gaudy, and ſo united came to the Berneys.

DERHAM ABBOT's MANOR.

THE abbot was poſſeſſed of this, as appears in the 19th of Edward I. In the 12th year of Edward II. Richard Rigge, and Emma his wife, gave (and it was ſettled by fine) 38 acres of land, and 5 of meadow to it, held of the lord Scales. In the 1ſt year of Henry VII. Thomas Lovel, Eſq; held it of the abbot, paying certain rents. The ſite of it was at Eaſtmore, a hamlet in this pariſh. At the general diſſolution, it was found leaſed to John Dethick, Eſq; by Roger Firman, the laſt abbot, in the 29th of Henry VIII. for 60 years; on the expiration of it, was granted to Thomas Jones, by Queen Elizabeth, Aug. 15, *Ao.* 9, in conſideration of his great charges in maintaining two ſhips well armed for ſome time for her ſervice, paying 8*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to the crown *per ann.* This Jones was a burgeſs of King's Lynn. Robert Cecil, earl of Saliſbury, held it, and conveyed it to Sir John Rous, and Nathaniel Rich, Eſqrs. and ſo came to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, and to the Berneys.

Temporalities of this abby, with Winwaloy priory, were valued, in 1428, at 11*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

BROMHILL PRIORY MANOR.

I Find the prior to hold it in 1270; in that year, Richard de Longden gave 6 marks, and a fen to Eaſtmore. In the 14th of Edward I. Cecilia, wife of John de Rungton, gave lands in Berton. It was ſuppreſſed, before the general diſſolution, by a bull of Pope Clement VII. dated May 14, 1528, and granted by King Henry VIII. to Cardinal Woolſey on December 30th following, with all the meſſuages, lands, &c. in Berton and Eaſtmore; ſoon after, on that cardinal's præmunire and attainder, was given January 2, *Ao.* 28, of the ſaid king, to Chriſt college in Cambridge, and ſo remains.

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 39*s* and 6*d.* *per ann.*

BARTON BURIAL MANOR

WAS part of the poſſeſſions of Heringby College, in Flegg Hundred, Norfolk; on its diſſolution, was granted April 18, *Ao.* 36, Henry VIII. to Sir William Woodhouſe, who alienated it, *Ao.* 2. Edward VI. to Auguſt. Steward, who ſold it, *Ao.* 2, Elizabeth, to Robert Wood, alderman of Norwich, who paſſed it in the 10th of that queen to John Gerard. In her 14th year, John Parker conveyed it to Richard Lucas, and ſo came to judge Gawdy and Berney.

Beſides theſe lordſhips, it appears, that Ralph de Camois claimed one knight's fee in Berton and Eaſtmore of Ralph de Roffa, or Rocheſter, which Ralph Wallenſis, uncle of Stephen, father of Ralph de Camois, was ſeiſed of in the reign of Henry II. William de Rouceſter died poſſeſſed of it in the 33d of Henry III. ſon of Ralph, and it came to Sir Robert Tudenham, by the marriage of Eva, relict of Ralph de Rouceſter, ſon of Henry, brother and heir of William, who died *s. p.* This was alſo held of the earls of Clare; and, in the 54th of Henry III. Sir Robert Tudenham, and Eva his wife, granted it, by fine, to Robert de Weſton, and Hawiſia his wife, ſiſter of Ralph, ſon of Sir Henry, (which they held in dower of the inheritance of Hawiſia) in exchange for the manor of Ereſwell in Suffolk; but, in the 1ſt of Edward I. the ſaid Sir Robert, *&c.* conveyed it to Gilbert de Well, and Maud his wife.

BAINARD-HALL.

RALPH BAINARD, a Norman lord, had, on the conqueſt, the grant of a capital manor, of which Ailid, [*g*] a free woman, was deprived, conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 7 bordarers, 4 ſervi, 20 acres of meadow; and when Ralph entered on it, there were 2 runci, 2 cows, 60 ſwine, and 140 ſheep, valued at 80*s.* but at the ſurvey at 60*s.* alſo a church, endowed with 24 acres, valued at 2*s. per ann.* Four men belonged to it, who paid all cuſtomary dues; and there were 4 other, who belonged only to the lords ſoc, and held a carucate and 6 acres of meadow, valued in Ailid's time at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.*——Ralph had alſo ſeized on, in this town, 30 acres, held by a freeman in King Edward's time.

William, lord Bainard, rebelling againſt King Henry I. forfeited this lordſhip, and that king gave it to Robert, a younger ſon of Richard Fitz-Gilbert, anceſtor of the earls of Clare; from this Robert the family of the lords Fitz-Walters deſcended; and, in the reign of Henry III. Edmund de Lenn, and Richard Jeffrey, alias Jovene, held it of the lord Fitz-Walter by one knight's fee. William de Lenn, rector of North Lynn, held a moiety of it in the 2d of Edward III. and conveyed it, *Ao.* 6, to Adam de Fincham, and Annabel his wife; and *Ao* 20, John de Fincham held it, and John de Codington the other moiety, to whom it was conveyed, *Ao.* 17, by William de Eton, and Joan his wife, late wife of John de Jovene. After this, the Finchams were poſſeſſed of it; and, in the 33d of Henry VIII. died lord of the whole. William Fincham, Eſq; in the 12th of Elizabeth, granted it to Charles Cornwallis, Eſq; who married his ſiſter Anne, from whom it came, *Ao.* 32, to Thomas Gawſell, Jaſper Blake, *&c.* and ſoon after to ſerjeant Gawdy, and ſo to the Hares and Berneys.

The lete of the town was in Sir George Hare, Bart.———The tenths were 10*l.* 7*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* for the lands of the religious, who were charged, and paid it themſelves.—Lete fee, 2*s.* 8*d.*

In the 16th of Richard II. Thomas Moor, *&c.* aliened lands here, and in Beacham Well, to the prior of Ingham.—The temporalities of Ramſey were valued in 1428, at 20*s.*—Thoſe of the prior of St. Neots, at 15*s.* 6*d.*—The ſpiritualities of the college of Stoke Clare, in St. Andrew's pariſh, at 40*s.*

ST. ANDREW's CHURCH

IS a ſingle pile, built of flint ſtones, *&c.* in length about 53 feet, in breadth about 19, covered with reed, and has a ſquare tower, coped with free ſtone, and three bells; on the top or ſummit is a cup or cover, with a weathercock. Over the entrance, or arch of the porch, in a nitch, ſtands a little antique figure of St. Andrew, with his ſhield, a ſaltire croſs in his right hand; and on the ſides of this porch are flint ſtones, worked in the form of ſaltires. Many churches had the image of the

Saint

[*g*] Terre Rad Bainardi.——In Bertuna ten. Ailid i. lib. fem. t. r e. ii. car. tre. ſep. iiii. vill. 7. vii. bor. tc. iiii, ſ xx. ac. p'ti. Qn Rad. ii. r. m°. iii. tc. ii. an. tc. LX. por. m°. xv. tc. CXL. ovs. m°. XL. tc. 7. p' val. LXXX. ſol. m°. XL. i. Ecclia. xxiiii. ac. val. ii. ſol. Huic Manerio adjacent ſemp. iiii. hoes. de o'ni. conſuetudine, 7. alii iiii. ad Socham tantu. 7. hab. i. car. 7. vi ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx. ſol. m°. xxx.—Invaſiones R. Baignardi——In Bertuna xxx. ac. qd. ten. lib. ho. t. r. e. ex illis dedit iiii. ac. in vadimonio 7. viii. tulit Wihenoc de Burli.

Saint [b] to whom they were dedicated, in ſuch places. Thus we read, that the image of Thomas Becket, archbiſhop of Canterbury, was over the door of the mercers chapel in Cheapſide, London, dedicated to him, and the baſon for the holy water is ſtill intire on the right hand as you enter.

On the pavement, within the rails of the communion table, lie 3 black marble ſtones :—On one,—*Depoſitum Matthæi Novell, rectoris hujus eccleſiæ.*—2. *Depoſitum Mariæ conjugis Matti. Novell.*—3. *Depoſitum Matti. filii 2di. Matti. et Mariæ Novell.*——The eaſt window has been ornamented with painted glaſs ; on the edging of it may be obſerved ſeveral leopards heads, or, jeſſant flowers de lys, the arms of Cantilupe :—On the pavement of the chancel are ſeveral ſmall antique pavements, and thereon are cinquefoils, ſtars, mullets, lozengys, ... and ermine, and ſome with eagles, and creſcents, and are about 4 inches ſquare : this chancel is about 33 feet long, and 15 broad, covered with reed.

In the church-yard are 3 altar tombs of brick, covered with ſtone ſlabs.—1. *Here lyeth the body of William, ſon of William Mott, Gent. buried November* 27, 1705.—2. *Here,* &c *of William Mott, Gent. buried December* 14, 1705.——3. *Here,* &c. *of Edmund Mott, ſon of William Mott, Gent. buried Feb.* 3, 1705.

RECTORS.

1299. Robert de Everdon occurs rector.——1314. Simon de Blatherwyke inſtituted, preſented by the prior, *&c.* of St. Neots.——Simon de Northburgh occurs in 1326.——1330. William de Lilleford, by ditto.——1344. Martin de Fincham.——1349. Robert Trayle, by the king, the temporalities of St. Noet's priory then in the crown.——1377. Roger Warde, by the king.——1386. John Joſeph, on the reſignation of Warde ; he was rector of Bexwell in Norfolk, and exchanged with Ward ; preſented by the king.——1396. Thomas Stormeworthe, on the reſignation of Joſeph ; he was vicar of Steeple Bumſtede in Eſſex, and exchanged with Joſeph ; preſented by the king, &c.—1404. John Doutre, or Dautre, on the reſignation of Stormeworthe ; he was rector of Acle *Parva* in Eſſex, and exchanged with Stormeworthe ; preſented by the prior and convent of St. Neot's ——1406. William Lopyngton, preſented by the prior, &c.——1410 John Candeler, on the reſignation of Lopyngton ; he was rector of Dalham in Suffolk, and exchanged with Lopyngton ; he had been vicar of Swaffham in Norfolk ; preſented by the prior, &c.——1417. Thomas Ledlady, on the reſignation of Candeler ; he was vicar of South Lynn, All Saints, and exchanged with Candeler ; he had been rector of Downham, Norfolk, and cuſtos of the chapel of Barton Eaſtmore ; preſented by the prior, &c.——1426. Thomas Criſhale, on the reſignation of Ledlady ; he was rector of North Lynn, St. Edmund, and cuſtos of the chapel at Eaſtmore, and exchanged with Ledlady ; preſented by the prior, &c.——1430. John Pomfret, on the reſignation of Criſhale ; he was vicar of Hakeney (now Hackney) in Middleſex, and exchanged with Criſhale ; preſented by the prior, &c.——1431. Robert Lucy, ſubdeacon, on the reſignation of Pomfret ; he was rector of Langdon in Eſſex, and exchanged with Pomfret ; preſented by the prior, &c.——1442. John Paris ditto.——1471. John Lovell, preſented by the prior, &c.——1479. Benedict Newman, on the death of Lovell, by the prior, &c.——Thomas Hall.——1512. John Green, L. L. B. on the death of Thomas Hall, by the prior, &c. This church was then valued at 20 marks ; this old valor was made about the 20th of Edward I. and the laſt (now in uſe) in the 20th [i] of Henry VIII.——Thomas Becket, archbiſhop of Canterbury, in the reign of Henry II. paid no firſt fruits, or annates to the pope ; none were paid in that time, or before it, but afterwards, in the time of Pope John XXII. firſt fruits began to be paid.—Prior of Stoke's portion at 40*s.*—Peter-pence, 18*d.*——1515. Walter Greggs, A. M.——1518. John Rawnes, prior of St. Neots, on the death of Greggs ; preſented by

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[b] Fox's Acts and Mon. V. III. P. 149.—Durant. de Ritib Eccleſ P. 205.

[i] Walt. Hemingford, V. II. P. 525. Edit. a Tho. Herne.——MSS. Miſcellan. in Offic. Regiſt. Norw. P. 44.

Thomas Hynds, on a grant from the monaſtery of St. Noet's, *hâc vice.*——1540. Thomas Hatler, on the death of the laſt rector, by the king.————1544. John Lawnde, on the death of the laſt rector, by the king.——William Burley; he was deprived in 1553, as a married prieſt.————1554. Adam Richardſon, L. L. B. by the queen.————1556. John Farrar, batchelor of decrees, on the reſignation of Richardſon; preſented by King Philip and Queen Mary; rector alſo of Allhallows; ſee there.————1579. Henry Vaux, by the queen.————1585. Edmund Jones, A. M.——In his anſwer to King James, 1603, he ſays there were then 98 communicants in this pariſh; he was then batchelor of divinity, chaplain to the earl of Suſſex, and rector of Allhallows.————1625. Thomas Raworth, A. M. by the king.——1666. Matt. Novell, A. M. ditto.————1689. Laurence Park, by the king.——1716. Joſeph Ward, A. M. ditto.————1724. Joſeph Ward, junior, ditto. ————1741. Joſeph Forby ditto.————1745. William Garforth ditto.————1755. Mr. James Adamſon, the preſent rector.

This rectory is valued in the king's books at 14*l.* and pays tenths 1*l.* 8*s.*

Roger de Clare, [*k*] earl of Glouceſter, *&c.* with the conſent of his ſon Richard, gave this church to the priory of St. Neots in Huntingdonſhire, for the health of the ſouls of his anceſtors, and Thomas, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed it, to take place on the death of Roger de Elmham, then rector; Dated at the biſhop's manor of Eccles, in the ſixth year of his pontificate, on St. John Baptiſt day.

Here was a penſion iſſuing out of the church belonging to the priory and college of Stoke Clare in Suffolk of 40*s.* in 1428, and granted to Robert, earl of Suſſex, *Ao.* 28. Henry VIII. and, at this time, 5*l.* *per ann.* penſion is paid by the rector to the Lord Walpole.—Gilbert de Clare, who lived in the reign of William II. is ſaid to grant the tithes of his manors in Norfolk to the ſaid priory.

There were antiently in this church theſe arms:——Ermine, 3 lions couchant, gules, impaling Lovell.——Argent and azure, lozengy; on every lozenge, azure, a flower de lys, or, on a canton, gules, a ſtar of 8 points, or.

EASTMORE,

BELONGING to this town of Barton. In the hamlet of [*l*] Barton-Eaſtmore, was a chapel, which Bartholomew de Branceſter, ſon of Peter de Branncestre, gave by deed, *ſans* date, with his body, to the abbey of Weſt-Derham, (which, by the ſaid deed, ſeems to have been well endowed) to find two canons of that houſe to pray there for his ſoul, and the ſouls of his parents, *&c.* for ever, at the appointment of that abbot and convent.

—*Sciant p'ſentes et futi. qd. ego Bartholomeus fil. Petri de Brannceſtre, conceſſi et dedi, et hâc meâ p'ſenti chartâ confirmavi p. ſalute aie. mee p. aiâb; p'tis et matris mee, et omni. p'entu. meoru. et omni. fidel. defunctor. Deo et abbat. et conventui Ste. Marie de Derha. cu. corpore meo capella. Sti. Jobis. Bapt. in Mariſco de Bertona conſtita. cu. oib; terr. toft. homagiis ſuis, a me e'ptis. et adquiſitis in villa de Bertona, et de Eaſtmore et in campis Sti. Winwaloi cu. oib; p'tin. et libertat. ſuis et ſervit. Jobis. de Nerburgi de terr. qu. tenuit de me in villa de Ilketeſhale, vid; meſſuag. meu. cu. oib; terr. arabilib; et inarabilib; et cu. hominib; et ſervit. houm. et cu. oib; p'tin. aliis et libertat. in eadem villa de Ilketiſhale, et de Suth Elmham, et cu. meſſuag. qd. emi de Ric. de Freſingfeld cu. oib; p'tin. et - - - - in* viis. *pratis et paſcuis ſemitis, et exitib; cu. oib; aliis rebus ad dcm. tenementu. in utraq; villa ſpectantib; ſine aliquo retinemento, ſalvis s'vit. d'noru. feodoru. in lib'am. pura. et p'petua. elemoſina hnd. et tened. ſcil. ad ſuſtentationem duor. canonicoru. de domo de Derham qi. in dca. capella de Bertona p. ſalute aie. mee et p'ent. meoru. et o'ium. fideliu. defunctor. in p'petuu. divina celebrabunt quos Dei. Abb. et Conventus ibm. ordinabunt et inſtituent. Et ut hæc mea donatio in p'petuu. firma ſit et ſtabilis eam p'ſenti ſcripto et ſigilli impoſitione roboravi.*

In this deed, this chapel is called the chapel of St. John Baptiſt, and was in the patronage, &c. of Derham abbey; but in all the inſtitution books at Norwich, I find it called the chapel of St. Mary, and not to be in the patronage of that abbey; ſo that probably the foundation was afterwards altered, and it was ſettled otherwiſe.

[*k*] Regiſt. St. Noets in Bibl. Cotton.—Monaſt. Angl. V. III. P. 1006, 1119, 1173, and 369.

[*l*] MSS. Tranſcript of Derham Leidger book.

CHAPLAINS.

1314. Henry de Swaffham, by John Lovell.——Henry Attcroſs. 1345. William Atcroſs of Swaffham, on the reſignation of Henry Attcroſs; preſented by John Lovell of Berton Bendiſh.——1377. Roger Baxſter, preſented by Walter Baldwyn, rector of St. Mary, Barton, Nicholas Truſsbut, William de Narburgh, and John, ſon of William Styward of Watlington.——1393. Ralf Fitz-Gerard of Eaſt Walton, (he was rector of Barton, St. Mary, and exchanged with Baxſter) preſented by William de Narburgh, John de Fyncham, and Nicholas Truſsbut de Schuldham, and John Chenery.——1398. Thomas Smith, preſented by William de Narburgh, &c.——Thomas Stanford.——1402. William Barton; he was rector of St. Mary the Leſs at Walyngford, in the dioceſe of Saliſbury, and exchanged with Stanford, preſented by Thomas Lovell, Eſq;——1411. William Berneſton, by Thomas Lovell, Eſq; he had the church of Babbeworth, in the dioceſe of York, and exchanged with Burton: This Berneſton is ſtyled, *Primam habens tonſuriam Clericalem*, on his inſtitution here.——1412. Thomas Cryſhale, preſented by Thomas Lovell, Eſq; he was afterwards rector of St. Andrew, Barton.——1426. Thomas Ledlady, on the reſignation of Cryſhale; he was rector of North Lynn, and exchanged with Cryſhale: This Ledlady was rector of Barton, St. Andrew (and of Downham Hithe, Norfolk) preſented by Thomas Lovell, Eſq;——1427. Richard Cutts, inſtituted by the free chapel or chantrey of St. Mary in Eaſtmore, on the reſignation of Ledlady, the laſt cuſtos or chaplain, by Thomas Lovell, Eſq;——1428. John Chacheroo, on the reſignation of Cutts, (he was rector of Bekeſwell, Norfolk, and exchanged with Cutts) by Tho. Lovell, Eſq;

After this, I find no inſtitution to this chapel in the regiſter books of Norwich. The laſt cuſtos, on the diſſolution of this chapel, in the 1ſt of Edward VI. was William Dicons, who was alive in 1553, and held then an annual penſion of 3*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*——I find a meſſuage, and 30 acres of land, to have belonged to it.—At the ſuppreſſion, it was granted to Sir Thomas Woodhouſe of [*m*] Woxham, and turned into a farm-houſe, having ſome additional buildings. It is ſtill called the chapel-houſe; part of the chapel, at the eaſt end of the houſe, ſtill remains, as appears by the old roof.

ST. MARY's CHURCH

STANDS at the weſt end of the town, and was beat down by the fall of the tower, in the reign of Queen Anne, and is rebuilt of the old materials; it is a ſingle pile about 24 feet long, and 15 broad, covered with reed, as the chancel, which is about 22 feet long, and 14 broad, without any tower.

RECTORS.

1308. Hugh de [*n*] Swaffham, preſented by John Lovel.——1314. Robert Lovel, preſented by John Lovel.——1333. John Turpin of Folkyngham, on the reſignation of Lovel, preſented by John Lovel; he was vicar of Buxton in Norfolk, and exchanged with Lovel.——1335. William Lovel, preſented by John Lovel.——1341. Nicholas Lovel, preſented by John Lovel of Bertone.——1349. Walter Baldwin de Crympleſham, preſented by John Lovel: by his will, dated on Tueſday after the feaſt of St. Edith the virgin, 1387, and proved 20 April following, he deſires to be buried in the church-yard of St. Mary here.——1387. Nicholas Stangrene, preſented by John de Bukyngham, Robert Moſel, William de Narburgh, and Baldwin de Berton, truſtees, as I take it, for Thomas Lovel.——1388. Ralph Fitz-Gerard of Eaſt Walton, by William de Narburgh, John de Fyncham, Nich.

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[m] Pat. 6. Edw. VI

[n] Lib. Inſtitut. Norwic.

Truſsbutt, Robert de Snore, and John Chenery: He was rector of Aſhwyken, and exchanged with Stangrene.——1393. Roger Baxter, preſented by William de Narburgh, John de Fyncham, Nicholas Truſsbut, and John Chenery.——1411. Reginald Peper, preſented by Thomas Lovel, Eſq;——1416. William Garnet, by Thomas Lovel; he was rector of Schirford in Norfolk, and exchanged with Peper. ——1416. Roger Maggus, by Thomas Lovel, Eſq;——1422. John Reeve, on the reſignation of Maggus, by Thomas Lovel, Eſq;—1443. Robert Berton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1445. John Brumpton, by Tho. Lovell, ſenior, Eſq;——1446. Tho. Hecocks, prieſt, by Tho. Lovell, Eſq; of Barton ——1458. Tho. Tyrell, on the reſignation of Heacocks, by Tho. Lovell, Eſq;——1462 William Connyſton, on the reſignation of Tyrell, by Tho. Lovell, Eſq;——1465. Hugh Freeman, on the reſignation of Connyſton, by Tho. Lovell, Eſq;—1474. John Baroughdon, on the reſignation of Freeman, by Gregory Lovell, Eſq;——1481. Tho. Warthyll, on the reſignation of Baroughdon, by Gregory Lovell, Eſq;——1496. Richard Horſman, batchelor of decrees, on the reſignation of Warthyll, by Sir Gregory Lovell.——1498. William Aleyn, on the reſignation of Horſeman, by Sir Gregory Lovell.——1510. William Rothewell, on the death of Aleyn, by Thomas Lovell, Eſq;——1518. William Lynellys, on the death of Rothewell, by Sir Thomas Lovell.—1526. Anthony Medcalf, on the reſignation of the laſt rector, by Sir Thomas Lovell.

John Laydſton, *vel* Ladſtocke, [o] Sir John Laydſton, parſon of Barton, St. Mary, dwelling there, hath a penſion of 6*l.* *per ann.* by reaſon of a certain chantrey in Weſt Lynn, Norfolk.—By this it appears, and many other ſuch like inſtances, that chantrey prieſts, and other religious, were nor turned out to ſhift for themſelves, as ſome repreſent, but had penſions allowed them, and obtained beſides, rectories and benefices.

1558. Henry Wilſonne, on the death of Laydſton, by John Dethick, Eſq; He was alſo rector of Bitcham-well, St. Mary.—*Dns. Henr.* [p] *Wilſonne, preſb. conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in rectoria de Becham-Well, St. Mary, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*——1562. Edward Croft, on the death of Wilſonne, by Edmund Dethick, Eſq;——1571, Robert Lawſon, on the reſignation of Croft, by Edmund Audley, Eſq; and Edmund Dethick, Gent. guardians of Chriſtopher Dethick.——1592. Peter Tye, on the death of Lawſon, by Francis Gawdy, Eſq;; ſee in Southrey and Watlington.——1594. Barthol. Howling, by Francis Gawdy, Eſq; In his anſwers to the king, in 1603, he ſays there were 28 communicants in the pariſh.——1614. John Collin, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, by the lord Rich.——1618. Robert Wilſon, A. M. by Sir Thomas Cheek.——1644. Joſeph Houlton, on the death of Wilſon, by Thomas, lord Coventry, in truſt for Sir John Hare, rector alſo of Allhallows, Barton.——1667. Nicholas Pollard, by Thomas Berney, Eſq;—— ——. William Sheldrake. ——1698. Joſeph Craſke, A. M. by John Meriton, clerk.——1736. Mr. Richard Jones (the preſent rector) by Sir Thomas Berney, Bart.

The patronage of this rectory goes with the manor, and Sir Hanſon Berney, Bt. is patron.

It is valued in the king's books at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and being in clear value but 39*l.* *per ann.* is diſcharged of tenths and firſt fruits.——Antient valor, 5 marks:—Peter pence, 9*d.*

In this church there were antiently the arms [q] of Lovell, Edward the Confeſſor, Carvil, with his creſt, a goat ſable, horn'd, bearded and ungul'd, or.—Gul. a chevron, or, between 3 leopards heads, argent, Carvil, azure, a croſs . . . . . fitché between . . cinquefoils, argent, . . . 3 lozenges, ermine, in a bordure, ingrail'd argent,—Haltoft.—Carvile ſideth ſable, . . . piles argent, ... Carvile ſideth azure, a croſs, bud'd fitché int. 3 cinquefoils, argent.—Carvile ſideth, 3 lozenges ermine, in a bordure, argent.—Carvile and Bedingfeld.—Carvile and Aſteley, azure, a cinquefoil pierc'd, ermine, in bordure engrail'd, argent; a feſs, gobony, or and gules, over all, a lion rampant, ſab. crown'd gules.—Ufford and Beak quarterly.—Gawſell and

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[o] Miſcellan. MSS. Certificat. de penſion. temp. Hen. VIII.

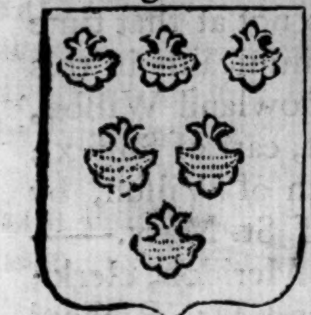
[p] Parkeri Certificat. This archbiſhop, in his metropol. viſitation, made ſuch a general certificate of the clergy.—In Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant. MSS.

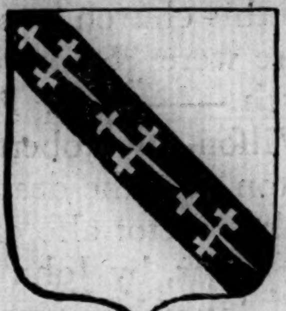
[q] MSS. Penes J. Auſtis, garter mark'd E. 26. Fol. 15. Collect. Le Neve.

Bekeſwell, —Or and azure barré of 6, a canton, ermine, and in chief a coronet, ſable, Gawſell.—Bedingfeld and Tudenham.—Shouldham and Narburgh.—Boſſome, or, 3 birdbolts gules, nook'd and pointed, or, a label, gules.—Syliard, arg. a chevron, gules, between 3 phæons, ſable.—Caſtle, argent, 3 caſtles triple tower'd gules; argent, 6 ogreſſes, and a bordure, ingrail'd gules.

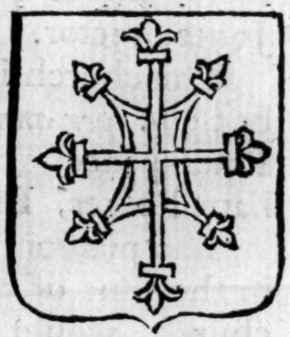
ALL SAINTS.

THIS church ſtands between the churches of St. Mary and St. Andrew, in Barton, and is built of flint and boulder; an antient pile, ſupported by buttreſſes of brick; of a body, or iſle, in length about 47 feet, and in breadth about 16; the top is camerated and impanenlled with wainſcoat, and covered with reed. Here ſeems to have been a little chapel on the north ſide of it, by the pillars, &c. This body or nave is ſeparated by a ſcreen from the chancel, which is about 31 feet in length, and about 16 in breadth, and covered with thatch.





In the north window, here is gules, 6 eſcallops, argent, Lord Scales; and, in the upper window, on the ſouth ſide,—argent, on a bend, ſable, 3 croſs croſslets, fitché of the firſt,—Caſton. Here were antiently the arms of lord Bardolf,—the earl of Clare ſiding or, a croſs gules, in a bordure, ſab.—Burgh, earl of Ulſter.



At the weſt end of the nave is a four ſquare tower of flint, &c. and quoins of free ſtone, embattled with brick. In this tower hang 3 large antient bells. On the tenor,—*Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum,* and 2 ſhields;—on one ſhield, two keys in ſaltire, between a dolphin embow'd, a wheat-ſheaf, a bell, and a lamp, probably to repreſent the four elements.—On another ſhield, a quadrangular croſs florette.—On the ſecond bell, are the ſame ſhields, and *Sancta Catherina Ora pro Nobis.*—On the treble, the ſame ſhields, and *Vox Auguſtini ſonet in Aure Dei.* The antients uſed inſcriptions on their bells;—*Montfaucon* mentions one with a Greek inſcription, but in Latin characters; [r] CHOVS. ARTEMIS. EPHESTION. AER. MENI. that is, Χȣ̃ς. Αρτεμις. Ηεφαιϛιον. Αηρ. Μενει. He makes χȣ̃ς to ſignify the earth, but it rather ſignifies water.—Bells in the Romiſh church were, and are baptized, and have their godfathers and godmothers, and more ceremonies are then uſed, than at the baptiſm of a Chriſtian.

Juga, ſiſter or wife rather of Ralph Bainard, lord of this town, founded 1004, the priory of Dunmow in Eſſex, which her ſon Jeffrey enjoyed; but William lord Bainard, on his rebellion in the reign of Henry I. was deprived; whether any of theſe gave the patronage of this church to the priory, does not appear. In the 13th of Edward I. [ſ] a patent was granted to the convent of this advouſon, moſt likely by the lord Fitz-Walter. In that year there was a ſuit between the prior and Edmund de Leen, and Richard de Jovene, concerning the patronage, and Edward releaſed his right to the prior.

RECTORS.

1325. John Clare, preſented by the prior and convent of Dunemawe.——1342. Walter de Thaxſtede, by the prior, &c.——1360. Phil. de Weſt Wrattyng, ditto.——1369. John Chinery de Clare, by the prior, &c.——1394. John Dunmow, by the prior, &c.——1395. Robert de Peterburgh, by the prior, &c.——1399. Laurence Styward, by the prior, &c. He was vicar of Gayſeley in Cambridgeſhire, and exchanged with Peterburgh. This Styward was alſo vicar of Swaffham Prior, in Cambridgeſhire.——Firſt fruits then 9 marks.——1413. William Bulwer, on the death of Styward, by the prior. &c. By his will, dated 11th of June, 1431, and proved the 27th of the ſaid Month, he deſires to be buried in the middle of the chancel of this church.——1431. Thomas Wygenhale, on the death of Bulwer, by the prior, *&c.*——1443. Robert Cateſſon, ditto.——1460. John Torkeſey, on the reſignation of Cateſſon, by the prior, *&c.*——1462. Simon Furbuſher, on the reſignation of Torkeſey, ditto.——1482. Peter Newman, on the death of Furbuſher, ditto.——1500. John Lyſler, on the reſignation of Newman, ditto.——1533. Robert Talbot, on the death of the laſt rector, ditto.——1554. Henry Gardyner, preſented by Henry, earl of Suſſex. The patronage of this church, on the diſſolution of the priory of Dunmow, was given, [*t*] 28th Henry VIII. to Robert Ratcliff, earl of Suſſex; as alſo the penſion belonging to the ſaid priory out of this rectory, valued, in 1428, at 50*s.* and died ſeiſed of the ſame.—Gardiner was deprived in 1555, being a ſecular married prieſt.—1556. John Fayrhawr, *alias* Farrar, batchelor of decrees, by Henry earl of Suſſex; rector alſo of St. Andrew in Barton; *Dns. Johs. Farrar, preſb. non conjugatus, ſatis doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in rectoriâ ſuâ de Barton Andreæ, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*——1585. Edmund Jones, A. M. rector alſo of St. Andrew's. About this time, I find in a MSS. that this church was not at that time ſeiſed. In 1603, he certified to the king, that there were 56 communicants in this pariſh; and was buried in the chancel of the church.——1616. Rowland Wilſon, A. M. preſented by the king.——1625. Robert Wilſon, by Robert, earl of Suſſex; rector alſo of St. Mary.——1644. Joſeph Houlton, on the death of Wilſon, by Ralph Eltonhed, Eſq;——1658. William Sheldrake, rector alſo of St. Mary.——1698. Joſeph Craſk, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, by John Meridon, clerk; rector alſo of St. Mary, buried in the chancel.——1736. Reverend Mr. Richard Jones, rector.

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[r] Montfaucon's Antiq. Vol. III. p. 69.

[ſ] Trin. 13 Ed. I. de Banco, Rot. I.

This church is valued in the king's books at 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* but being in clear value but 39*l.* *per ann.* is diſcharged of tenths and firſt fruits; old valor, 9 marks;——Peter-pence, 10*d.*—The patronage was in the late And. Taylor, and now in William Folkes, Eſq;

The penſion of the priory of Dunmow in this church was 50*s.*—The regulars, in the time of popery, to depreſs the ſeculars, when they got the advouſon of a church, would not preſent a prieſt, but on a ſimoniacal contract of a penſion, a grievance after complained of, but never remedied.

BICHAM-WELL,

THOUGH now looked upon, and accounted as one town, was, at the time of the grand ſurvey, two diſtinct and ſeparate towns, Well, and Bicham. Well was the moſt ſouthern part, near the river that ariſes at Shingham.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had the grant of the lordſhip of Well, on the deprivation of Toli, [*a*] a Saxon lord. Here were 9 villains, 5 borderers, 6 ſervi, 8 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, *&c.* a fiſhery, (or fiſhpond) one runcus, 2 cows, with 12 ſwine, *&c.* 80 ſheep, *&c.* always valued at 6*l.* but had paid 8*l.* 17 freemen alſo belonged to it, with 64 acres of land, and a carucate and a half, *&c.* valued at 13*s*, 4*d.* whom † Wihenoc had invaded, or ſeized on.——All Well was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 2*s.* to the king's gelt at 20*s.*

Rainald had alſo the lands of 6 freemen, who poſſeſſed 2 carucates, and 15 acres of lands, with 9 borderers, valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* 3 of theſe freemen were under the protection of the predeceſſor of Hermerus, (de Ferrary's.) and Wihenoc had theſe.

[*t*] Pat. 28 Hen. VIII. p. 1.

[*a*] Terre Rainaldi filii. Ivonis. Wella ten. Toli lib. ho. t. r. e. ſemp. car. tre. ix. vill. 7. v. bord. tc. vi. ſervi p'. 7. m°. ii. 7. viii. acr. p'ti. ſemp. ii. car. in dnio. tc. ii. car. houm. p'. 7. m°. i. 7. piſc. ſep. i. r. 7. ii. an. tc. xii. por. m°. vii. tc. LXXX. oves m°. CLX. ſep. val. vi. lib. ſed reddidit viii. lib. huic man. jacent xvii. lib. hoes, de LXIIII. ac terre tc. i. car. 7 dim. m°. i. 7. val. xiii. ſol 7 iiii. d. iſtos invaſit Uuihenoc. Tota uuella ht. i. leug in long. 7. in lat. 7. reddit ii. ſol de xx. ſol. de gelto Regis.——In Wella tenuer. vi. lib. hoes. ii. car. tre. 7. xv. ac. ſep. ii. car. 7. viiii. bord.. val. xxvi. ſol. 7. viii. d. 7. iii. ex h. fuer. com'dati. anteceſſori Hermeri. 7 hos om's. occupavit Wihenoc.

In Bicham xxiiii. ac. tre. ten. i. lib. ho. hunc invaſit Uuihenoc, et Antec. Hermer. habuit comd'. tantu. 7. reddit v. ſol.

† Wihenoc was a dependant of, and held lands under Reinald.

In Bicham, Rainald had 24 acres of land, which a freeman had been deprived of by the invaſion of Wihenoc; and Hermere, predeceſſor, had the protection of him only, and it pays 5s.

WELL-HALL.

HUBERT DE ST. PHILEBERT was lord in the reign of Henry II. and held it of the earls of Clare, and was lord of Bray in Berkſhire. In the 3d year of King John, a fine was levied between Hugh de Philibert, and Roger de St. Philibert, whereby Hugh granted to Roger, and his heirs, a moiety of this manor, to be held of Hugh; and, in the 2d of Henry III. Albreda, widow of Hugh de St. Philibert, had her thirds aſſigned her herein. In the 13th of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Stephen de Scalariis, and Beatrix his wife, daughter and heir of Roger de St. Philibert, and Hugh de St. Philibert, of the moiety above-mentioned, granted to Hugh, reſerving only the domain lands to themſelves. In the 53d of Henry III. Nicholas de Creſſingham, and Alice his wife, granted, by fine, to Gilbert de Well, and Maud his wife, a meſſuage, and 80 acres of land; and, in the 14th of Edward I. Peter de Well, ſon of Gilbert, had 5 meſſuages, a mill, 380 acres of land here, in Caldecot, Cley, and Oxburgh, for life, remainder to Alice, daughter of Roger de Swafham, for life, remainder to Joan, daughter of Peter, &c. by Robert Perſon of Overe.

About the end of Henry III's reign, part of this lordſhip we find held by William Belet, of the earl of Clare. The Belets were a family of great worth and dignity.—Michael Belet was a judge itinerant in the reign of Henry II. and another Michael (if not the ſame) held the cup at the coronation of Queen Alianor, conſort of King Henry III. Of the ſame family was alſo Hervey Belet, a great benefactor to (and by ſome accounted founder of) Cokesford abby in Norfolk. After this, it was in the hands of Ingelram Belet, who was knighted in the 34th of Edward I. with Edward, prince of Wales, by bathing. This Ingelram married Avicia, daughter and heir of Robert Bardolph, by Avicia his wife, daughter and heir of John de Lounds, lord of Wyrham and Crimpleſham. Robert Belet, ſon of Ingelram, by Avicia, died poſſeſſed of it about the 8th of Edward II. Before this, in the 3d of Edward I. the jury preſent, that the earl of Clare, the capital lord, extended the bounds of his warren here, and that he had made warren of lands, which he purchaſed after the grant of the warren made to him; at which time the lete here belonged to that earl, who had a gallows at Mickel-Dyke, between Barton and this town.——*Rot. Hund.* 3d Edward I.——*in cur. Recept. Sccii.*

In 1326, Robert de Well was lord, and preſented to the church of St. John in this town, (the advouſon of which belonged to this lordſhip) who died about the 9th of Edward III. and ſoon after this, in the 20th of the ſaid king, it was held by Richard de Walkfar, and John de Benſtede, &c. which John preſented to the church aforeſaid, as lord, in 1349; but, in the year 1354, John de Denham was lord, and preſented to the church of St. John. This John was ſon and heir of Avice Walkfare; and he appears to be lord, (or his ſon) and preſented to the ſaid church in 1374.

In the year 1420, it ſeems to be in the hands of truſtees, who preſented that year to St. John's church; but, in the reign of Henry VI. it was purchaſed by the Lovells; and Ralph Lovel, Eſq; preſented as lord in 1458, in which family it continued, 'till it was ſold to the Athows, in the reign of king James I. and Thomas Athow, Eſq; preſented as lord in 1613, which Thomas was ſerjeant at law, ſon of Chriſtopher Athow, of Briſley in Norfolk, (by Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Jeniſon of Creak in Norfolk, by Ann his wife, daughter and heir of John Wingfield, Eſq; 2d ſon of Thomas Wingfield of Dunham *Magna*, was father of Wingfield Athow, who died *ſans* iſſue; and John Athow, who married Cecily, daughter of Sir John Lunsford, by whom he had Sir Chriſtopher Athow, Knt. who, by Penelope, daughter of Sir William de Grey, of Merton in Norfolk, left 2 ſons, Chriſtopher and William, who both died *ſans* iſſue. William ſold this lordſhip to Sir Simon Tayler of Lyn. By his ſon, Samuel Taylor, Eſq; it deſcended to Andrew Taylor, Eſq; who dying unmarried, this eſtate came to William Fowks, Eſq; by his wife, ſiſter of the ſaid Andrew.

ASHFIELD *and* JOCES MANOR.

AT the ſurvey, Ribald, lord of Mildham, in Yorkſhire, held under Alan, earl of Richmond, and lord of Swaffham, in Norfolk, 60 acres of land in Bycham. In the time of the Confeſſor, [*b*] it conſiſted of one carucate; at the ſurvey, but of half a one, valued at 5*s*.

In the reign of Henry III. it was held by Richard de la More, of Mary, Lady Nevill, a deſcendant of Ribald, by the ſervice of the 10th part of a fee; and William de la More was lord in the 3d of Edward I. In the 20th of Edward III. Roger de Derſingham; ſoon after it came to John Joce, who, with Agnes his wife, conveyed it with the homages and ſervices of ſeveral perſons, in the 50th of that king, to John Fitz-John, alias John de Thorp, and his heirs. This Joce was probably related to Sir Philip Joce, a retainer to Hugh, lord De Spencer the younger, in the reign of Edward II. John Aſhfield, Eſq; of Stow Langtoft in Suffolk, by his will, [*c*] proved June 13, 1394, appears to die ſeiſed of it; wherein he bequeaths to Agnes his wife, the 3d part of all his goods; to Joan Bokenham, his ſiſter, 40*s*. to each of the churches of Bycham, 40*d*. and names Robert his father executor. In the 5th of Henry IV. Sir John Strange, Knt. granted to John de Bohun, earl of Hereford, *&c.* the cuſtody of all the manors, *&c.* late Robert Aſhfield's, during the minority of Robert Aſhfield, couſin and heir of the ſaid Robert, in the towns of Bycham-Well, Shyngham, Berton, *&c.* and in 1459, Robert Aſhfield of Stow Langtoft, Eſq; by his will, dated Feb. 22, bequeaths his body to be buried in Stow Langtoft church, by Elianor his firſt wife; to Cecilia, (his 2d wife) his utenſils in his manor of Bicham-Well, and for her life this lordſhip, with the appertenances in Shingham, Berton, Caldecote and Cley, and lands which he purchaſed in Helgey, Southrey and Fordham; remainder to John Aſhfield junior, his eldeſt ſon, by Cecil, in tail; remainder to William his ſon, rector of Stow Langtoft, for life; remainder to Reginald his ſon, and his heirs. This Robert was ſon of John Aſhfield, ſon of Robert, who died in the 3d of Henry IV. In the 21ſt of Edward IV. John Aſhfield died lord; and, in the 22d of Henry VII. died his widow Florentia, daughter and coheir of John Botiler of Mepertiſhale in Bedfordſhire.——Thomas Jermyn of Ruſhbrook, in Suffolk, Eſq; in the 11th of Henry VIII. bought of Thomas, earl of Surry, the cuſtody of the lands, and the heir of George Aſhfield of Stow Langtoft, named Robert, and married him to Maud his 4th daughter.

Soon after this, it came to the family of the Lovells, lords of Well-Hall, and became united to it, and ſo continues; being conveyed from the Athows, ſo to Sir Simon Taylor, and And. Taylor, Eſq; and to William Folkes, Eſq; the preſent lord, in right of ----- his wife, ſiſter and coheir of the ſaid Andrew.

CHERVILES MANOR.

ON the deprivation of Alfeith, [*d*] a freeman, Roger Bygot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had a grant of this lordſhip, and Robert de Vaux held it under Bygot, at the ſurvey. Two carucates, with 2 acres of land, 14 borderers, 4 ſervi, one carucate among the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, *&c.* belonged to it in Alfeith's time, *&c.* There alſo then belonged to it 3 freemen under protection only, with 60 acres, and Herold had the ſock, valued at 40*s*.——Wihenoc had taken away 30 acres from the domain lands, and Bygot laid claim to them as the gift of the king; to this manor alſo belonged a church, endowed with 30 acres, valued at 2*s.* and 6*d.*——Herold, who had 3 men under his protection, *&c.* was king of England; and this land, on his death, was granted to Bygot.

[*b*] Terre Alani Comitis.—In Bycham ten. Ribaldus LX. acr. tre. t. r. e .tc. i. car. m°. dim. ſemp. val. 5 ſol.

[*c*] Regiſt. Harſyke, Norw. Fol. 196, B. --.

[*d*] Terr. Rog. Bigoti.—In Bycham ten. Alfeith lib. ho. t. r. e. ii. ca. tre. 7. ii. ac. tre. xiiii. bord. m°. ten. R. de Vals. tc. iiii. ſ. m°. i. ſemp. i. car. hom. vi. ac. p'ti. tc. iiii. por. m°. xii. tc. LXXX. ov. i. min. m°. c. i. afing. huic maner°. ſemp. jac. iii. lib. hoes com'd. tant. LX. acr de his hab, Heroldus ſocam, 7. val. XL. ſol. de d'nio. iſtius tre. tulit Wihenoc xxx. ac. iſtos reclam'. de dono Regis.——Eccla. xxx. ac. val. 11*s*. 7. vi*d*.

This manor took its name from its antient lords the Cherviles; Roger Chervile was found to hold one fee here, *&c.* of John de Vaux, in the reign of Edward I. and, in the reign of Edward III. Roger de Chervile preſented to the church of St. Mary, as lord, who then held it of Sir Thomas de Narford; to which family it came by the marriage of Petronella, one of the daughters and heirs of John de Vaux.

About the reign of Henry V. on the death of Roger Chervile, the laſt heir male of this family, (as I take it) it was divided into parts, and came to his daughters and coheirs; one of which (Chriſtian) was the widow of Richard Grace, and preſented to the church of St. Mary in 1425: this Chriſtian was afterwards (as it is ſaid) wife to Thomas Rous of Walton; but the manor, with the advouſon of the church of St. Mary, was in the hands of Thomas Mannyng of Elyngham *Magna*, who preſented † to that church in 1430; but in 1476, Henry Spelman, Eſq; of Narburgh, was lord, by the marriage of Chriſtian, daughter and coheir of Thomas Mannyng, who died lord, and was found to hold the ſame by fealty of the manor of Well-Hall, and paying the rent of 13*s.* *per ann.* Thomas, ſon of Henry, left it, by will, in 1499, to Ann his wife, 'till John his ſon was 21 years old. Soon after the death of this John, who died *ſans* iſſue, it came into the family of the De Greys of Merton, by the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Spelman, to William de Grey, Eſq; in which it continued, 'till Thomas de Grey, Eſq; ſold it about the year 1722, to Mr. Robert Harvey, whoſe grandſon, Edward Harvey, Gent. of Watton, has conveyed it to Andrew Tayler, Eſq; lord of Well-Hall, who died lord in 1760, and his eſtate came to William Fowks, Eſq; by the marriage of a ſiſter of the ſaid Andrew.

The lete of this town, with that part of Shingham, which is in the hundred of Clackloſe, is in Sir George Hare, Bart. the fee is 4*s.*

In the 16th of Richard II. Thomas More, and others aliened lands here to the prior of Ingham.

In 1428, the temporalities of the abby of Weſt Derham, with the priory of St. Winwaloy, were valued at 4*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

The ſpiritualities of the college of Stoke by Clare, at 20*s.* being a portion out of the church of All Saints; and the portion of the priory of St. Noets, in the ſaid church, at 4*s.* 6*d.*

The town of Bycham is remarkable for an antient Saxon dike, extending from it to the town of Narburgh, dividing the hundred of Clackloſe (of which the abby of Ramſey had the lordſhip) from the hundred of South-Greenhoe. Some conceive, that this town takes its name from this dike or ditch, and is called Bycham, *quaſi*, By-Ditch-Ham: but as this dike is generally believed to be raiſed with its bank, by that monaſtery, as a boundary of their limits and liberties, in this open champion country, it ſeems to me to be ſo called by the Saxons, before that abby was founded, which was not before the year 974.—This dyke, in the 3d of Edward I. was called Mikeldick, (or the great dike) and the earl of Glouceſter had a gallows here between Barton and Bycham.

The tenths were 10*l*,—Deducted 18*s.*

BEACHAM-WELL, ALL SAINTS.

THIS church, which is now in ruins, ſtood about a quarter of a mile ſouth of the town of Bycham, in a cloſe near to Well-Hall. It was a ſingle building, built of flint and boulder; the greateſt part of the walls, both of the church and chancel, were lately ſtanding, with the eaſt gable of the chancel, and the weſt one of the church; whereon are the arms of Athow impaling Wingfield, and the year 1612. The length of the church was about 42 feet, and the breadth about 18; and, on the north wall is an old enarched ſtone monument wrought up with

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† This Thomas ſeems more probably to have married Chriſtian, the widow of Richard, and Grace to have a daughter by her (Chriſtian,) who brought the manor and advouſon to Henry Spelman, Eſq;

the wall, carved, and riſing in the center of the arch, with a floral pyramid; but no arms or inſcription are remaining. The chancel, in length, about 34 feet, and the breadth the ſame with the nave; and a very neat arch of ſtone between the church and chancel, is ſtill ſtanding. Near the north-eaſt end of the chancel wall ſtood, a few years paſt, a very ſtately altar monument of marble and alabaſter, with a wall-piece of the ſame, now in entire ruins; but, in the year 1721, when I firſt viewed it, I found this inſcription on the body of it.—*Nomina exitutum prædict. Thomæ et Annæ,*—1. *Wingfield Athow, natus* 18 *Martii,* 1590.—2. *Johan. Athow, natus* 20 *Septemb.* 1592, *hic duxit in uxorem Ceciliam filiam ſeniorem Johan. Lunsford militis.* —3. *Thomas, natus* 30 *Auguſt.* 1597.—4. *Clement, natus* 20 *Auguſt.* 1599.—5. *Franciſca uxor Wilhelmi Waldegrave armig. nata* 6. *Maii,* 1605.—6. *Gregorius, natus* 11 *Apr.* 1610.—*Iſti ſunt ſuperſtites, et inſignia eorum locantur hic immediatè ſupra.*—7. *Elizabetha Athow, nata* 10 *Martii,* 1588, *et obiit Sabbati in ſeptimana Pentecoſt.* 1589.—8. *Amia, nata* 22 *Jun.* 1594, *et obiit* 3 *Nov.* 1597.—*Dorothea, nata ultimo Maii, et obiit* 1 *Aug.* 1597.—10. *Henricus, natus* 18 *Jun.* 1601, *et obiit* 7 *Jan.* 1601. —11. *Anna nata* 13 *Novemb.* 1606, *et obiit* 28 *Apr.* 1607.—*Inſignia defunctorum locantur hic in occidentali parte.*—Under this inſcription another; *viz.* the names by which the ſeveral coats are borne, in the higheſt two eſcutcheons; in the firſt Athow and Curſon are quarter'd; in the eſcutcheon upon the ſame, 1, Wingfeld, 2, Bovile, 3, Gowſell, 4, Albany, earl of Arundell.—In the ſecond,—1, Wingfield, 2, Bovile, 3, Gowſell, 4, Fitz-Allen, earl of Arundell, 5, Baron of Clun, 6, Albany, earl of Arundel, 7, Kivelioc, earl of Cheſter, 8, Meſchines, earl of Carliſle, 9, Lupus, earl of Cheſter, 10, Hamlin Plantaginet, earl Warren and Surry, 11, Earl Warren and Surry, 12, Theould, marſhal of England, 13, The Earl Marſhal. 14, Strongbow, earl of Pembroke, 15, Macmorrow, king of Linſter in Ireland, 16, Dorward, 17, Coxall, 18, Harſike, 19, Calye, 20, Wingfield.

On the weſt end of the ſaid monument was then, 1721, remaining this quartered ſhield. (*See Plate* I. *fig.* 1.) —1. Sable, a chevron between 3 carpenters ſquares, argent,—Athow.— 2. Ermin, a bend gobonated, argent and ſable,—Curſon.—3. Argent, on a bend, gules, between 2 bendlets, or cottiſes, ſab. 3 hawk lures, or wings conjoined,—Wingfield.—4. Quarterly, or and ſable,—Bovile of Suffolk, whoſe heireſs was married to the Wingfelds.—5. Barry of 6 or and gules, a canton, ermin,—Gawſell: Elizabeth, daughter and heireſs of Sir Robert Gawſell, was married to Ant. Wingfeld, Eſq:—6. Barry of 8, or and gules,—Fitz-Allen, earl of Arundel: Helena, daughter and coheir of Thomas Fitz-Allen, earl of Arundel, was firſt married to Thomas Moubray, duke of Norfolk, and after to Sir Robert Gouſhill.–7. Party per feſs, azure and argent,–Fitz-Allen, baron of Clun.–8. Gules, a lion rampant, or, Albany, earl of Arundel.–9. Azure, 3 garbs, argent,–Kivelioc, earl of Cheſter.—10. Or, lion rampant, tail erect, gules,—Meſchines, earl of Carliſle. —11. Azure, a wolf's head eraſed, argent,—Lupus, earl of Cheſter.—12. Seme of France in a bordure of England,–Hamlin Plantaginet, earl Warren and Surry.–13. Checq. or and azure,—Earl Warren and Surry.—14. Gules, a bend fuſilly, or,—William Marſhal, earl of Pembroke, called the old marſhal of England, from his office; and having 3 ſons ſucceſſively in that office after him.—15. Or, 3 cheveronells, gules, and a label of 5 points, azure,—Richard Strongbow, earl of Pembroke, whoſe daughter and heir Iſabell, was married to William Marſhal, earl of Pembroke.—16. Sable, 3 garbs, argent,—Mac Murough, or (as others ſay) Diarmuid, king of Lemſter, in Ireland, whoſe daughter Eva (with the county of Lemſter) was given in marriage to Richard Strongbow, earl of Pembroke.—17. Ermine on a chevron, ſable, 3 creſcents, or,—Dorward of Eſſex.—18. Argent, a croſs between 4 eſcallops, ſable.—Coggeſhall of Eſſex.—19. Or, a chief indented ſable,—Harſike of Norfolk.—20. Checq. or and gules, a bend, ermine,—Calye, or Clifton of Norfolk. —This church (as I have obſerv'd) is now in ruins; weeds, briers, elders, &c. growing therein, and lies open for cattle, &c. to enter. Its fall was owing to this; the lords of the manor of Well-Hall having the privilege of burial in the chancel, were obliged, by immemorial cuſtom, to keep in repair that part of the chancel to which their burial-place belonged; and, on the conveyance of the lordſhip to the late lords, this being conteſted, and not ſet aright in time, not only the chancel, but the whole church fell by this neglect; and the aforeſaid elegant monument, being by this means expoſed to all injuries, is now ruined, and beat into pieces;

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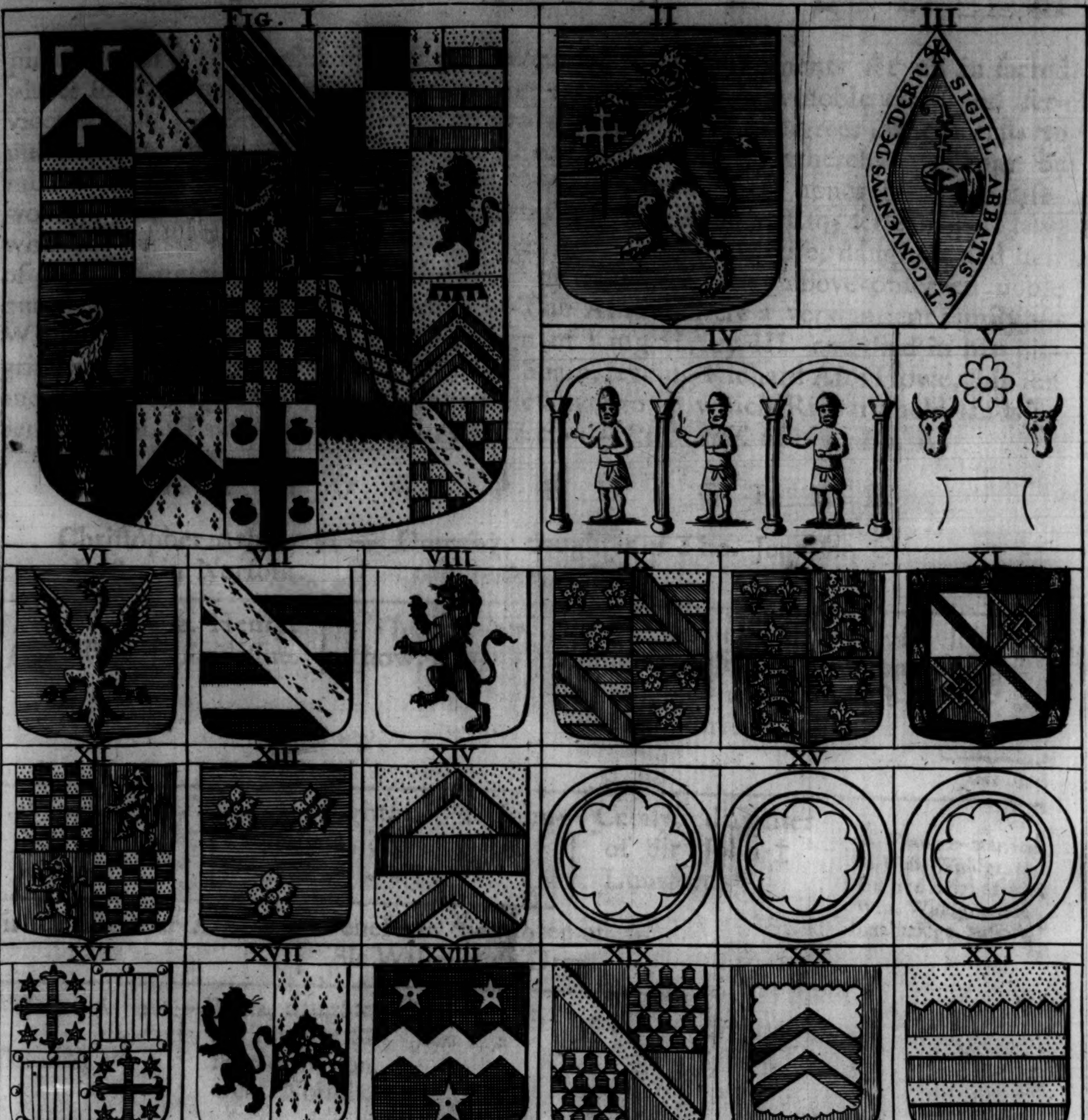

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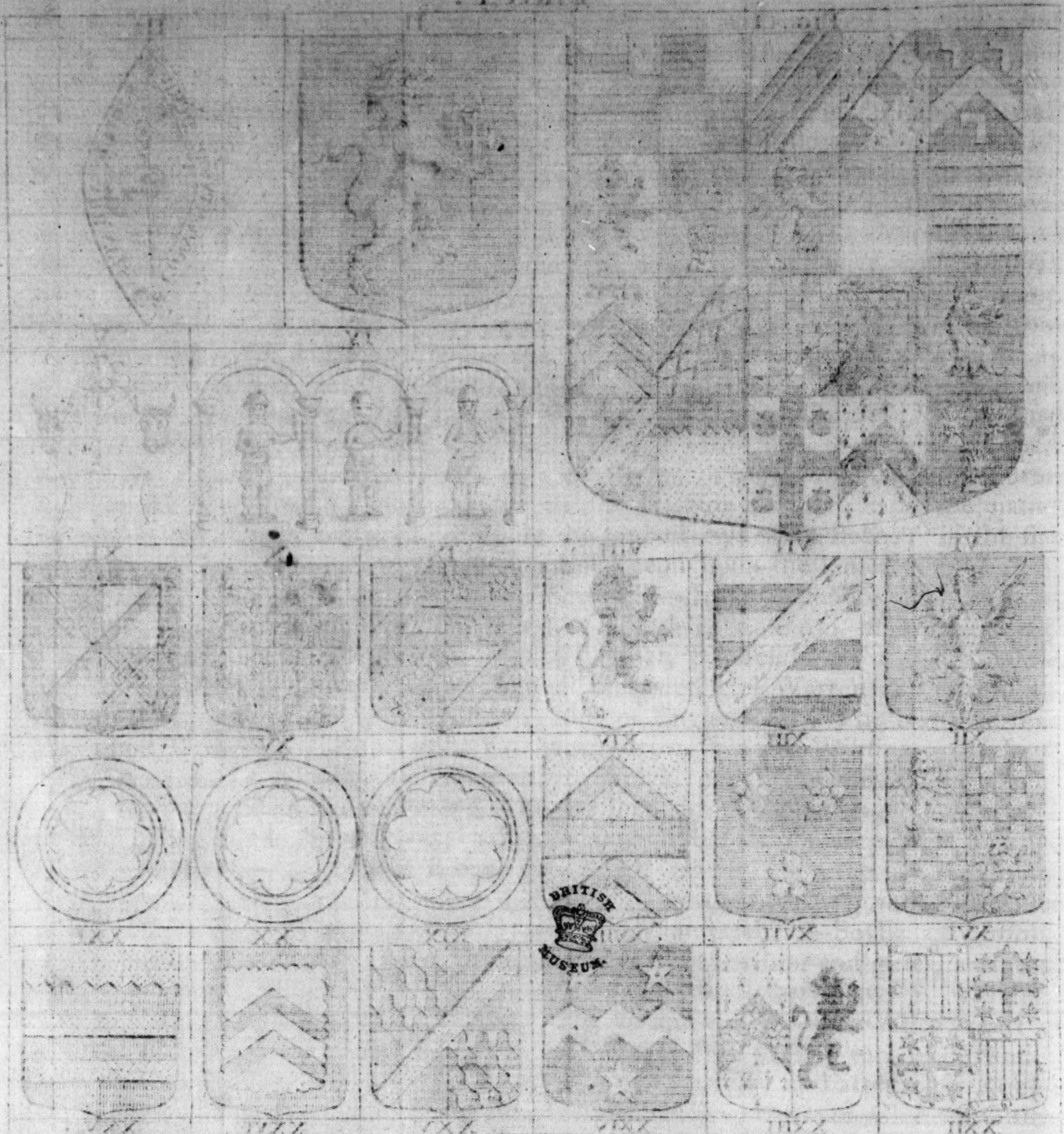

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pieces: and it is a matter of very great concern, that monuments ſet up in ſacred places ſhould be thus violated, when they ſerve alſo for many noble ends and ſervices; being the beſt of evidences to prove deſcents and pedigrees; memorials to put men in mind of their own mortality, and examples, whereby men may be incited to imitate thoſe virtues which have rendered others honorable and praiſeworthy. This monument was in memory of Thomas Athow, Eſq; ſerjeant† at law, who was buried here September —, 1630, and of Ann his wife, daughter and heir of John Wingfeld, Eſq; who brought, by marriage, the above-obſerved noble quarter'd coats into the Athow family.—The Athows were a very antient family.—William Atte Howe flouriſhed in the reign of King Henry III. and died in his pilgrimage to St. James, of Compoſtella, in Spain, leaving Richard Atte Howe, his ſon and heir under age, a ward to Thomas de Snyterton; which Richard held lands in Sengham and Taterford, by knight s ſervice.——*Rot. Aſſiſ.* 68. 15 *Ed.* I.

ATHOW's PEDIGREE.

Christopher Athow of Briſley in Norfolk. — Dorothy, daughter of Tho. Jenniſon of Creake.

1. ----- *ſans* iſſue. | 2. Henry. *ſans* iſſue. | 3. Tho. Athow, Eſq; — Ann, daughter and heir of John Wingfield of Eaſton in Suffolk, and of Eaſt-Winch, Norfolk. | Elizab. | Amy, | Dorothy, | Ann, *ſans* iſſue.

1. Wingfeld Athow, Eſq; *s. p.* — ---- daughter of Lunsford of ----- | 2. John — Cecily, daughter of Sir John ‡ Lunsford. | — Frances—married to Wm. Waldgrave, ſon and heir of Sir Wm. Waldgrave of Smalbridge, Suffolk.

Sir Chriſtopher Athow — Penelope, daughter of Sir William de Grey.

William Athow, *ſans* iſſue. — Diana, daughter of Thomas Biſhop of Barton, Gent. Norfolk. | Chriſtopher, *ſans* iſſue, | Cecile,—married to Tho. Adamſon, Gent. of Werham. | Penelope—married to --- Goodwyn of London.

In the yard near to the church, lies a good bell on the ground, with theſe arms,—Ermin, 3 bells, and this inſcription in old charačters;—*Dulcis Melis ſiſto* * *Camp'a Vocor Mich'is.*

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Martin, who ſtiles himſelf rector of Great Bicham, (probably of this church) and grants land to Ralph de Caldecote, by deed, dated *Ao.* 45 of Henry, ſon of King John.

In 1295, [*e*] Robert de Benhale occurs rector of Bicham-Well, of Riſhton and Keleſhale.——1312. William de Maundevilla, preſented by Gilbert, earl of Clare. The capital lords of the fee always reſerved (as appears) the patronage of this church to themſelves, till it came to the crown.——1313. Roger de Eſtdone, by Gilbert, earl of Clare,——1322. Robert de Hoton, by the king, on the rebellion of Roger, lord Damory.——1323. William de Arundel, by the lord Hugh Le Deſpencer, junior.——1331. William de Wells, on the reſignation of Arundel, by the lord William Zouch of Glamorgan.——1371. Ralph Cook, on the reſignation of Wells, by Robert Perle, William Strete, and Thomas Mortimer, attornies-general to Edward, lord Le Deſpencer. This Ralph, by his will [*f*] dated

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† In 1612, ſerjeant Athow repaired this church, after it had been uſeleſs ſeveral years.

‡ Lunsford bore az. a chevron, between 3 boars heads, couped, or.

* Campana Michaelis.

[*e*] Lib Inſtit. Norwic.

[*f*] Reg. Harſyke, P. 175.

in 1392, deſires to be buried in the chancel of this church.——1393. Geffrey Walker, by the lady Elizabeth Le Deſpencer.——1395. Richard Wormbridge, *vel* Wormbrugge, by the lady Elizabeth Le Deſpencer. He was chancellor of Landaff, and exchanged with Walker.——Thomas Cantrell occurs in the 3d of Henry V. by his will, dated on the feaſt of St. Simon and Jude, 1434, he deſires to be buried in the chancel of this church.——1435. Simon Coſyn, on the death of Cantrell, by Richard, earl of Warwick.——1449. John Boole, on the reſignation of Coſyn, who exchanged for the vicarage of North Elmham, by Tho. Huggeford, Nicholas Rody, and William Berkſwell, feoffees of Richard, earl of Warwick.—1458. Robert Mayſter, on the death of Boole, by T. Huggeford, *&c.* ——1459. Robert Curteys, on the reſignation of Mayſter, by T. Huggeford, *&c.* he was vicar of Nekton in Norfolk, and exchanged with Mayſter.——1465. John Browning, on the death of Curteys, by T. Huggeford, *&c.*—1468. Alared Maſſy, on the reſignation of Browning, by T. Huggeford, *&c.*——1469. Richard Morſton, on the reſignation of Maſſy, by T. Huggeford, &c. who exchanged for the church of Mooſe, in the dioceſe of London.——1509. William Smith, on the death of the laſt rector, by the king. This church was then valued at 12 marks.—1532. Peter Garnet, on the death of Smith, by Thomas, earl of Wiltſhire.——1557. Thomas Watſon, on the death of Garnet, by King Philip and Queen Mary. In archbiſhop Parker's Certificatorium, [g] he was ſtiled, *Dns. Tho. Watſon, preſbyter conjugatus, ſatis doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*——Rector alſo of St. John, Beecham-Well, and Shingham.——Chriſtopher Watſon.——1583. Richard Downes, on the reſignation of Watſon, by the queen: in 1603, in his anſwer to the king, he returned 224 communicants in this town. ——1611. John Burton, A. M. by the king——1611. John Knowles, on the reſignation of Burton, by the king.——1645. Thomas Cabeck, A. M. of Pembroke-Hall in Cambridge, by the king, on the reſignation of Knowles.——1655. Mapted Violet.——1676. Thomas Ibbot, on the death of Violet, by the king. 1684. William Conſtable, by the king.——1686. Thomas Ibbot *iterum*, by the king.—1696. William Whitby, by the king; ſee in Bexwell.—1706. John Richardſon, A. M. by the queen.——1723. Tho. Ibbot again, (by the king) vicar of Swaffham, and rector of St. Mary, Beacham, &c. educated at Clare-Hall, Cambridge.

John Walpole, by will, in 1433, [h] bequeaths a legacy to the guild of St. Ann in this church.

Peter Langwade Capellan. gives, by [i] will, dated 4 Nov. 1446, to this church, 4 marks to buy a ſilver cup.

This church is a rectory, valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4d. diſcharged of tenths and firſt fruits; being (as given in) of clear value, 29*l. per ann.*—Old valor, 12 marks. ——Prior of St. Noet's portion, at 4*s.* 5*d.*——Prior of Stoke's, at 20*s.*——Peterpence, 15*d.*

ST. JOHN.

THIS church (which is now in ruins) ſtands on the north-weſt part of the townſhip of Beecham-Wells; part of the north wall of the nave is ſtanding, as is part of the four-ſquare tower, as high as the ſounding windows; which tower and church was built of flint, *&c.* The church, as appears from the foundation, was about 56 feet in length; and, on the ſcite of the church, ſome poor people have made themſelves little cottages. The patronage of this church ſeems to have belonged always to the lords of Well-Hall; and they who held that lordſhip of the capital lord, preſented to it.——Hugh de St. Philebert was patron about the beginning of Edward I.

RECTORS.

1304. Robert de Suthfeld to the 3d part of Beeham, by Gregory de Felmingham.——1326. Martin Wolwan, preſented by Robert de Welle.——1349. Ralph de Brome de Skelyngham, preſented by John de Beneſted.—— [k] Peter de Baldeſwell occurs rector 27th of Edward III.——1354. William Walwyne, on the reſignation of Baldeſwell, (by John de Denham) who exchanged for the rectory of Gunton in Lothingland.——1359. William de Leightone, on the reſignation of Walwyn, on an exchange for the vicarage of Neketon, Norfolk, by John de Denham.——1364. Robert Warrener, on the reſignation of Leighton, by John de Denham.——1367, William Kemp, on the reſignation of Warrener, by John de Denltam.——1373. Ralph Chercheman of Neketon, on the reſignation of Kemp, on an exchange for a mediety of Wetherdon in Suffolk, by John de Denham.——1374. William Alefounder, on the reſignation of Cherchman, by John de Denham.——1420. John Grymeſton, by William Paſton, John Alderford, Thomas Stedhagh: he was alſo rector of St. Mary, Beecham-Well.——Adam Cooke.——1458. JohnFlytcham, on the reſignation of Cooke, on an exchange for the church of Holkham, Norfolk. He was after vicar of Goodeſton, by Ralph Lovell, Eſq;——1460. Thomas Cely, on the reſignation of Flytcham, by Ralph Lovell, Eſq;——1467. Richard Lethom, canon-regular, on the reſignation of Cely, by R. Lovell, Eſq;——1468. William More, on the death of Lethom, by Ralph Lovell, Eſq; 1475. Thomas Baldewyn, on the reſignation of More, by Ralph Lovell, Eſq;—This rectory was then valued at 2*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*——1479. John Ryſum, on the death of Baldwyn, by William Hermer of Beecham-Well, Gent.——1484. Gilbert Cowper, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, *hâc vice.*——1485. Bartholomew Mekyll, by Jeffrey Flode, Gent. of the king's bedchamber, and Catherine his wife. 1487. William Chapman, on the death of Mekyll, by Sir Thomas Lovell.——1496. Richard Weſtgate, on the death of Chapman, by Sir Thomas Lovell.——1506. Richard Wynſtanley, on the death of Weſtgate, by Sir Thomas Lovell.——1546. Peter Garnet, on the death of the laſt rector, by Sir Thomas Lovell.——1557. Thomas Watſon, on the death of Garnet, by Sir Thomas Lovel of Eaſt-Harling; ſee in Beecham, All Saints.——1587. Edward Smithe, by the queen, a lapſe.——1596. John Williamſon, A. B. by the queen, a lapſe.——1604. John Sherwin, A. M. by Robert Lovell. He was rector of Ickburgh, Oxburgh, &c. Norfolk,——1613. John Canham, A. M. by Thomas Athow.——1615. William Leeds, on the reſignation of Canham, by Thomas Athow, ſerjeant at law. 1623. Clement Athow, by Thomas Athow, Eſq; He was buried 12 April, 1655. 1660. Thomas Woolſey; he was fellow of St. John's college, Cambridge, and preſented by the king, (on the death of the laſt rector) by lapſe. He was afterwards rector of Thornhaugh, Northamptonſhire; archdeacon of Northampton, 1679, and D. D.——1680. Thomas Ibbot, A. M. by Mary Wells, widow: ſee in Beecham, All Hallows.——1737. Robert Say, A. M. the preſent rector, (was vicar alſo of Swaffham) on Ibbot's death, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

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[g] In Bennet Coll. Libr. Camb.

[h] Reg. Surflete, P. 134.

] Aleyn, P, 17.

Here was in this church, in 1420, the guild of St. John, and paid Peterpence, 8*d.*

It is a rectory, valued at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths, together with the rectory of St. Mary, to which it was conſolidated in 1686, and is of the yearly value of 48*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

ST. MARY.

THIS church ſtands at the eaſt end of the townſhip of Beacham-Wells; it has a nave, with a ſouth iſle annexed, and a chancel, built of flint ſtone, boulder, &c. The nave is in length about 29 feet, and in breadth, with the ſouth iſle, about 26. On the pavement, near the eaſt end, lies a grey marble, on which is a demy-pourtraiture of a prieſt, hands erect and conjoin'd; and, on a braſs plate, this inſcription:—*Hic jacet Dns. Jobes. Grimſton quonda. rector iſti' ecclie. qui obiit* viii *die menſ. Novemb. anno Dni.* M.CCCC.XXX. *cuj' aie. ꝑpitietur Deus, Amen.*—In a north window, near the pulpit, is this ſhield; (*ſee Plate* I. *fig.* 2.)—Azure, a lion rampant, or, bearing in his dexter paw a croſs croſlet bottony, fitché, argent,—Beckingham, as I take it. This nave is covered with reed, and has a porch annexed to it, covered with tile. At the weſt end of the nave is a round tower of flint, &c. On

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[k] Rot. Cart. Civit. Norwic.

this (which riſes as high as the roof of the nave) is raiſed an octangular one, (and on that a ſhaft, cover'd with lead, is a weathercock) and one bell. There was a church here in the time of the conqueror, as appears from the *Domeſday-Book*; and Harold, as we there find, had the ſoc of that manor to which this church belong'd. The ſouth iſle, which has been erected not many centuries, is covered with lead, and has ſerved for ſome chapel to a chantrey prieſt. On the pavement before the eaſt-end, lies a grey marble, with the pourtraiture of a prieſt, veſted for the altar; but the plate of braſs, with the inſcription, and other braſs ornaments, are now reaved. ——The chancel is ſeparated from the nave, by an old wooden ſcreen, and is about 26 feet in length, and 13 in breadth, cover'd with reed. The communion table is railed in, and has an aſcent of two ſteps. In the upper ſouth window are the figures of St. Auguſtine, and St. Dunſtan, the archbiſhops, painted in the glaſs. On the north ſide is a veſtry, having a ſtone ſtair caſe, by which it appears here was formerly a room over it, but the floor is now taken away; this is covered with lead.——Some years paſt, Mr. Ibbot the rector found under the pavement of the chancel 2 pieces of alabaſter about 2 feet each in length; one piece had the effigies of 2 perſons taking down our Saviour from the croſs, that of the Virgin, and St. John ſtanding by the croſs; the other had that of St. Peter, with a key and a book in his hands; they had been curiouſly gilt and painted, were well carved, and no doubt were buried here, (about the time of the reformation) as are many other ſuch-like figures, moſt probably in other churches.

That there was a church here, and endowed with 30 acres of land, at the conqueſt, appears from the general ſurvey; the patronage of it was then belonging to that manor, which Roger Bigot held, which is now called the manor of Chervill's, and it continues in the ſaid lordſhip at this day.

RECTORS.

John de Bicham occurs rector about 1278.—— [l] Vincent, rector.——1306. Robert de Chervyle, by Roger de Cherville.——1329. Walter Chervyle de Bycham-Welle, preſented by Roger de Chervile.——1346. Thomas Henod, on the reſignation of Chervyle, on an exchange for the rectory of Wood-Baſtwick, Norfolk, by Roger de Chervile. —— 1349. Thomas Chervyll, by Roger de Chervile. —— 1384. John Mannyng, by John Chircheman, citizen of London, William Bys, citizen and ſtock-fiſhmonger of London, William Parſon of St. Martin's Orgar, London, and Jeffrey de Compton.———1425. John Grymeſton, by Chriſtian, late wife of Richard Grace.———1430. John Sonowe, (on the death of Grymſton) by Thomas Mannyng of Elyngham *Magna*.———Robert Langwade occurs rector in 1448.———1476. Thomas Horn, on the death of Langwade, by Henry Spelman. This church was then valued at 5 marks.——1506. John Lyſter, on the death of Horn, by Henry Wyat, Eſq: on account of the wardſhip of John Spilman.———1532. William Mynſhew, on the death of the laſt rector, by Sir Hen. Spylman, Kt.——1540. David Dawſon, on the death of Minſhew, by Anthony Gurney, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife.——1543. Peter Garnet, on the deprivation of Dawſon, by Thomas Dethick, Eſq; Francis Spilman, William Dethick, Gents. and William Gilliot, clerk, on a grant of the preſentation from Ant. Gurny, Eſq; *&c.* He was rector alſo of All Saints.———1556. Henry Wilſonne, on the death of Garnet, by Thomas Gray, Eſq; [m] *Preſbiter conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*——1562. Edward Croft, A. M. on the death of Wilſonne, by Temperance Gray, widow.——1571. Robert Lawſon, on the reſignation of Croft, by Robert Gray, Eſq;———1581. Richard Downes, A. B. on the reſignation of Lawſon, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe; rector alſo of All Saints. In his anſwer to the king's queries, 1603, he ſays, there were 224 communicants in the townſhip here.———1616. Nathan. Garey, A. M. by Sir William Grey, on the death of the laſt rector. He had a wife and ſeveral children, and was ſequeſtred, and ſuffered much in the time of uſurpation.——1655. Mapted Violett.——1676. Thomas Ibbot, A. M. on the death of Violet, by Eliz. de Grey; ſee in Allhallows church.——1737. Robert Say, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

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[l] Vincent ſubſcribed himſelf Parſon of Bicham, in a deed, *ſans* date, of Mark de Chevervile. Evid. Bedingf.

[m] Parkeri Certificat. in Biblioth. Coll. Corp. Xti, Cant.

In a will, dated [n] in 1430, mention is made of St. Ann's guild in this town; probably belonging to this church.

Chriſtian Grace, by her will, dated in [o] 1427, and proved the 9th of March in the ſaid year, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Mary, Bycham-Well, near her huſband, Richard Grace; appoints her ſon William executor.

John Manning of Ellingham *Magna*, by his will dated 4 July, 1430, deſires to be here buried.

John Fox, rector of Shingham, buried here 22 March, 1624.

This church is valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* diſcharged of tenths and firſt fruits, and is valued with St. John's at 48*l. per ann.* clear value.—The old valor of this church was 5 marks; Peter-pence, 8*d.*

BUCKTON, or BOUGHTON.

CALLED Buchetuna in *Domeſday*, from a winding water or rivulet, that divides it from Barton and Oxburgh, or from that large pond on the hill, in the centre of the town, and then conſiſted of two lordſhips, Over-Hall and Nether-Hall. Thus Buxton, or Buckſton, in South Erpingham hundred, is wrote Bucheſtuna, in *Domeſday Book*; alſo Buckworth, and Buckbroke.

OVER-HALL.

ON Turchill's deprivation, this lordſhip was granted by the Conqueror to Rainald, ſon of Ivo; it conſiſted of a carucate, and 24 acres of land, 5 villains, 2 ſervi, 10 acres of meadow, and a carucate in demean, [a] one runcus, 4 cows, &c. and 126 ſheep; 5 ſocmen belonged to it, with 12 acres, and Ralph held it under Rainald; it was valued at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 62*s.* and 6*d.* All the town was 5 furlongs long, and four broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

From Rainald, the capital lord, it came to the earls of Clare; and, by inquiſitions taken in the reign of King Henry III. Richard Fitz-Simon was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the earl of Clare; the ſaid Richard had alſo a carucate of the [b] king, paying 6 marks *per ann.* into the Exchequer. This was the land of William Bygod, eſchaeted to the king; which 6 marks ſeem to be granted afterwards to Miles de Brompton, who, with Beatrix his wife, in the 3d of Edward I. releaſed all their right in the ſaid land, and the rent of 6 marks *per ann.* aforeſaid, to Richard.

After this, Roger, ſon of Hugh de Buckton, ſeems to be lord, who gave, by deed, *ſans* date, to the abby of Weſt-Derham, lands in the field of Kyppehow, and the liberty of half a foldcourſe here, as appears by his deed, [c] ſealed with a de lys.

In the 9th of Edward II. Thomas de Hindringham poſſeſſed it; and, in the 5th year of Edward III. Margaret de Hindringham gave by her deed, dated on Sunday before the feaſt of St. Catherine, to her ſiſter Agnes, and her heirs, the reverſion of this manor, which Nickolaa, relict of Sir Thomas de Hindringham, holds for life, they being ſiſters and coheirs to the ſaid Sir Thomas. This Agnes was (as I conceive) the wife of John de Wyleby, or Wilbey, in the 17th of the ſaid king. It appears, that a fine was then levied between John de Wylbegh, and Agnes his wife, querents, and John his ſon, Robert de Wylbegh, parſon of Ketelburgh, and Alexander, parſon of Horſham, deforcients of this lordſhip; and, in the 20th of

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[n] Reg. Surflete, P. 63.

[o] Reg. Surflete, P. 15.

[a] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—Buchetuna ten. Turchillus t. r. e. m°. ten. Ran' ſemp. i. car. tre. 7. xxiiii. ac. 7. v. vill. tc. ii. ſerv. ſemp. x. ac. pt'i. 7. i. car. in dnio. ſemp. i. runc. 7. iiii. an. 7. viii. por. cxxvi. ov. Huic Man°. jac. v. Soch. d. xii. ac. tc. val. xl. ſol. m°. lxii. 7. vi*d.*—Tot. Buchet. ht. v. qr. in long. 7. iiii. in lat. 7. redd. viii*d.* de xx. ſol. de gelt. Reg.——*Domeſd. Lib.*

[b] Rot. Hund. de Clackl. 3. Ed. I. in cur. Receptori Sccij.——Fin. 3. Ed. I. L. 1, N. 46.

[c] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Baroni.

the ſaid reign, John de Wilbey was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare, which Richard Fitz-Simon formerly held.

In the 35th of Edward III. William de Wilbey, ſecond ſon of John, kept his court as lord, on Monday before the feaſt of St. Michael; and, in the 3d of Henry IV. John de Wilby occurs lord. After this, Richard Tooth of Werham, and Mary his wife, grant it to Roger Davy, and Alice his wife, and John Davy, Eſq; his ſon, of Tofts, by Bircham; on his death, it deſcended to Margery, wife of Alexander Marſhall, one of the daughters and heirs of Alice Charles, daughter and heir of John Davy; which Alexander and Margery held a court here, in the 27th of Henry VI. ----------. Her daughter and heir Elizabeth brought it by marriage to David Orrell, whoſe ſon, Sir Lewis Orrell, ſold it to George Monox, Eſq; citizen and alderman (afterwards knt. and lord mayor) of London, who kept his court here, October 18, in the 18th of Henry VIII. as did Thomas Monox, Eſq; in the 25th of the ſaid king. After this it came to the Lovels, lords of Nether-Hall; and Sir Thomas Lovell of Herling ſold it, in the 24th of Queen Elizabeth, to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, and afterwards lord chief juſtice of the common pleas, by the marriage of whoſe grand-daughter it came to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick. From this family it was ſold, about the beginning of King Charles I's reign, to Sir John Hare of Stow Bardolf, whoſe immediate heir and deſcendent Sir Geo. Hare, Bt. was the late lord.

NETHER-HALL.

AILED was [*d*] lord of this manor in the Confeſſor's time, but at the ſurvey, Ralph Baniard, a Norman baron. In Ailed's time, there was one carucate, 5 borderers, but Baniard had 7, one ſlave, one carucate in demeſne, and one among the tenants; but at the ſurvey, half a carucate, and 6 acres of meadow, &c. To this belonged a church, endowed with 20 acres, valued at 20*d.* the lordſhip was worth 40*s. per ann.* and 7 ſocmen belonged to it, who held lands, &c. valued at 10*s. per ann.*

William, lord Baynard, rebelling againſt King Henry I. forfeited it, and that king gave it to Robert, a younger ſon of Richard Fitz-Gilbert, anceſtor to the earls of Clare. From this Robert, the noble family of Fitz-Walter, barons of the realm, deſcended. By the inquiſitions, in the time of King Henry III. John de Aula (or Hall) was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of Robert, lord Fitz-Walter; and in the ſaid family it was, in the 3d of Edward I.

In the 21ſt of †Edward III. John de Aula, ſon of Robert de Aula, gave to John de Well, citizen of Norwich, and John Hall, chaplain of Bukton, a meſſuage, with a croft, and all his lands, rents, reliefs, eſchaets; but, in the 24th of that king, Sir Robert de Caſton was lord, his bayliff giving in his accounts for it, on the feaſt of St. Margaret.

On the vigil of St. Bartholomew, in the 37th of the ſaid reign, Richard Franſham, rector of Aylmerſton, kept his court as lord. Soon after this, it was in the family of the Lovels of Barton Bendiſh. Thomas Lovell, Eſq; by his laſt will, dated Auguſt 16, 1421, wills this manor, &c. to remain in his feoffees hands 'till his debts be paid, which deſcended to him from his father William. In this family it remained 'till Sir Thomas Lovell ſold it to Gaudy, and ſo came after to the Hares; Sir George Hare being the late lord.

The lete was in Sir Geo. Hare, Bt. lord of the hundred.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and is an antient building, built of flint and boulder; the nave is about 36 feet in length, and about 23 in breadth, covered with thatch; at the weſt end ſtands a four ſquare tower of the aforeſaid materials, embattled, with quoins, &c. ornamented with 4 pinnacles of free ſtone; on this a a ſpire of wood covered with lead: this tower was erected about the year 1416, when

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[*d*] Terr. Rad. Baniardi.—Buchetuna ten. Ailid, i. car. tre. tc. v. bord. m°. vii. tc. i. ſerv. ſem. i. car. in dnio. tc. i. car. hom. m°. dim. 7. vi. acr. p'ti. ſemp. i. runc. 7. i. vacc. tc. xi. porc. ſemp. c. oves 7. i. eccles. xx. ac. xx*d* 7. val xl. ſol. Huic maner. jac. ad ſoch. vii. ſoc. xxx. ac. ter. 7. iiii. acr. p'ti. 7. i. car. 7. val x. ſol. *Domeſd.*

† Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare.

John Elvered, rector of Oxburgh, left, by will, 3*s.* 4*d.* to the new tower here, in which hang 3 bells. The chancel is in length about 25 feet, and in breadth about 16, covered with thatch, &c. and the communion table is railed in. On the top of the ſpire was a croſs, which, in 1644, was taken down, and the church-warden then paid 3*s.* 4*d.* on that account, and charged in his rates, as he did 6*s.* 8*d.* for one Gelly's taking a view † of the church, and charged 2*s* for going to Lynn to take the covenant.

RECTORS.

Roger de Hingham, [*e*] rector here in the reign of Henry III. gave conſiderable lands to the abby of Weſt Derham, with his body to be buried there.——Philip de [*f*] Brancaſter occurs rector in the 23d of Edward I.——1329. John de Brakkele, [*g*] by the prior of Dunmow.——1330. John Baas, on Brakkele's reſignation, ditto.——1349. William Mulcent, ditto.——Robert Helm [*h*] occurs rector in 1368.——1404. John Smith, ditto; he ſucceeded Helm, and was alſo rector of Lindford.——1408. Robert Chapman, on the reſignation of Smith; he was rector of Aſſewardy in Lincolnſhire, and exchanged with Smith.——Robert Lecy, rector.——John occurs rector in 1427.——John Chelton, by the prior, &c. in 1441.——William Wickham.——1447. Simon Tew, on Wickham's reſignation, ditto.——William Tuee.——1461. William Baſkervyle, on Tew's death, ditto.——1464, John Wenham, on Baſkervyle's reſignation, ditto.——1467. John Stradſet, a canon regular, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe.——John Taſſell.——1481. John Rawghton, decret. bacc. on Taſſel's death.——1483. William Byſſhop, on Rawghton's reſignation.——1490. Henry Botheby, on Byſſhop's reſignation, by John, prior of Dunmow; vicar alſo of Stow Bardolf.——John Ratcliff, rector alſo of Attleburgh 3d part. He died 1524.——Mr. Alexander.——1530. Robert Martyn, on the reſignation of Alexander, by ----- Brytton, L. L. D. He paid Alexander a penſion of 10*l.* *per ann.* for life.——1544. Roger Forman, on Martyn's reſignation, by Robert Huntley.—Forman was the laſt abbot of Weſt Derham.——1548. Robert Halman, on Forman's death, by Henry Ratcliffe, earl of Suſſex, who, on the diſſolution of Dunmow priory, obtained the advouſon of the king. He was alſo rector of Colneſton; and, in 1553, was deprived, [*i*] being a married prieſt.—1554. John Lane, by the earl of Suſſex.——1560. [*k*] John Toller, on the death of Lane; rector alſo of St. Mary in the Marſh at Norwich, and petty canon in the cathedral. In 1563, preſented to the rectory of Spixworth in Norfolk.——1574 Thomas Carre, on Toller's death, by John Flower, A. B. *hâc vice.*——1589. Elias Commeliche.—In his anſwer to King James's quæries in 1603, he ſays, there were 60 communicants here; that he held the vicarage of Stradſet with this rectory, being A. B.——1612. Alexander Ames, A. B. on the death of the laſt rector, by Richard Swan, *hâc vice,*——1617. Thomas Winter, A. B. on the reſignation of the laſt rector, by John Winter, *hâc vice.*——1645. James Bradley, A. M. on Winter's death, by Ralph Eltonhead, Eſq;——1677. Henry Meriton, A. M. on Bradley's death, by Sir John Marſham, Bart. and Matthew Pindar, Eſq; rector alſo of Oxburgh.——1683. Henry Meriton, junior, A. M. on the reſignation of Henry Meriton, ſenior, by Matthew Clerk, truſtee of Henry Meriton, who purchaſed the advouſon of ------- Daſhwood, Eſq; He was afterwards rector of Lutterworth and Pratling *Parva* in Leiceſterſhire.——1687. John Meriton, A. M. on the reſignation of Henry Meriton, junior, by H. Meriton, ſenior, rector of Oxburgh.——1717. Charles Parkin, A. M. on the death of Meriton, by Mrs. Mary Meriton, rector alſo of Oxburgh.

This is a rectory, valued in the king's books at 10*l.* *per ann.* and being in clear value, 49*l.*—is diſcharged of firſt fruits.

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† This view was to break in pieces the pourtraitures of ſaints in the windows; the *Orate pro anima,* on grave-ſtones, &c.

[*e*] Weſt-Derham Ledger.

[*f*] Pryn's Hiſt. Johs. &c. About this time, the rector had a manſion, and 30 acres of glebe; the prior of Dunmow was patron.

[*g*] Lib. Inſtitut. Norwic.

[*h*] Evid. Dni Hen. Bedingfd. Bti.

[*i*] MSS. Miſcellan. in Regiſt. Epiſc. Norwic. p. 43.

[*k*] Dno Johs. Toller preſbyter non conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in eccleſ. cathedr. Norwic. non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.——Archbiſhop Parker's certificat. in Corp. Xti. Coll. Camb.

Gilbert, [*l*] earl of Clare, confirmed the gift of Richard Fitz-Simon, of two parts of the tithe of his demeſne land here to Stoke, *juxta* Clare, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.*

The ſpiritualities of the priory of Dunmow were valued at 20*s.* a portion of tithe given that houſe, probably on its foundation by the lord Baynard.

The temporalities of the prior of Shouldam, in 1428, were valued at 3*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* Moſt of this came to the Bedingfelds, with the grant of the manor of Cavenham in Werham, by King Henry VIII. The prior's manor there extended into this town.

The abbot of Derham's temporalities at 3*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* in 1428. This was land of the fee of Winwaloe priory, and held by the Lovels of Barton, of the abbot.

The ſpiritualities of Weſtminſter abby at 20*s.*

The tenths were 4*l.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.* on account of the lands held by the religious, and charged to them.

BEXWELL

TAKES its name from a ſpring or well in the town, and a beck, or run of water, that has its riſe from it, called, in the Saxon age, Becheſuuella and Bekeſuuella.—In that [*a*] age, it was part of the poſſeſſions of the monaſtery of Ely. At the grand ſurvey, St. Audrey, (that is the church of Ely) held one ſervus, a carucate in domain, and one amongſt the tenants, 7 villains, one ſervus, 10 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.* *per ann.*

This lordſhip of Bexwell was held in the 12th of Henry II. by William de Bekeſwell of Nigell, [*b*] biſhop of Ely, by half a fee; and the anceſtor of this William was enfeoft thereof, in the time of King Henry I. The lordſhip appears in the reign of Henry III. to conſiſt of two moieties; one of them was held in the 41ſt of that reign by William de Bexwell, who was then found to have the aſſiſe of beer and bread of his tenants: in the preceding year, the ſaid king granted to this William, ſon of William de Bexwell and his heirs, free warren in all his domain lands here, in Ryſton, Fordham, Wygenhale, Walſokne, Marham, Helegeye, Dunham, Crimpleſham, and Fincham, in Norfolk, a weekly mercate here on Thurſday, and a fair to be held every year for 3 days, on Monday in Whitſunday week, and the two following days; dated at Walſingham, 17th of March:——Witneſſes, Walter, biſhop of Norwich, G. de Luzignan, the king's brother, maſter John Manſel, William de Grey, Nicholas de Turri, William de St. Ermer, Peter de Everard, Barth. le Bygod, William Gernun, &c. which grant was afterwards, on June 26, in the 4th of Henry IV. exemplified. [*c*] Soon after, taking part with the rebellious barons, his eſtate was taken from him by the king, and given to Jeff. de Scalarijs; but, in the 49th of the ſaid king, he occurs lord, and Peter de Bekeſwell is ſaid to be his ſon and heir.—In the 3d of Edward I. the privileges above-mentioned, with wayfs, &c. and the lete here, and in Ryſton and Fordham, were allowed to William de Bekeſwell, and, in the 9th of Edward II. John de Bexwell was lord; and, in the 5th of Henry VIII. Richard † Bexwell, alias Shordich. In the 1ſt of Edward VI. John Bexwell, alias Shordich, died ſeiſed of it; in 1577, Francis Bexwell enjoyed it; and Henry Bexwell, Eſq; dying in 1654, left it to his daughter and heir Frances, married to Robert Aprice, Eſq; of Waſhingly in Huntingdonſhire, who conveyed it to Sir John Holland of Quidenham in Norfolk, Bart. and, from that family, it came to John Holt, Eſq; of Redgrave, in Suffolk, about the beginning of the reign of King George I. in which family it remains.

The other moiety ſeems to be held by Hermerus de Bekeſwell, in the 4th of King John, [*d*] when Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp had the dower of Sibill, his wife, aſſigned him here, ſhe being the relict of Peter de Bekeſwell. This ſeems to be held by Richard de Almany and Gundreda his wife, and Matilda de Dean, in the time of Henry III. and, in the 6th of Edward I. a fine was levied between Hugh, biſhop of Ely, querent, and Stephen de Bekeſwell and Gundreda his wife, deforcients, of the advouſon of the church here, and an acre of land, granted to the biſhop, quit of the heirs of Gundreda. About this time, Stephen de Muſhill, (who gave name to a houſe in the pariſh) Stephen de Dunneby, and John de Deen held a meſſuage, and 120 acres of land, with free tenants, villains, &c. of the biſhop of Ely, had free bull and boar, and aſſize of bread and beer of their tenants; but, in the 15th of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Robert de Benhale, querent, John, ſon of Henry de Deen, of Deen in Northamptonſhire, and Maud his wife, deforcients, of one meſſuage and lands here, in Fordham, Ryſton, &c. (ſaving to John and Maud the capital meſſuage here, with the homages and ſervices of the free men and villains, and the dower of Alice, widow of William de Bekeſwell, held of Maud's inheritance) the advouſon of Ryſton, with the advouſon of a moiety of Fordham, being granted to the aforeſaid Robert, to be held of John and Maud, and the heirs of Maud, paying a roſe yearly, and Robert granted to them in exchange all his lands in Deen; and, in the 9th of Edward II. Henry de Dene was lord.

[*l*] Dudg. Monaſt. Angl. V. III. P. 369, 1006, 1073.

[*a*] Terr. Sce' Adeldrede.—In Becheſuuella i. car. tre. in dnio. 7 i. car. hom. vii. vill. i. ſerv. x. acr. pt'i. val. xx. ſol.

[*b*] Lib. Rub. Sccij. P. 110.——Plac. Coran. 44. Hen. III. R. 18.

[*c*] Rot. Ragman. in cur. Recept. Sccij.

† This John held of the biſhop of Ely a manor by knight's ſervice in this town, Downham, &c. 160 acres of land, 50 of meadew, 220 of paſture.

[*d*] Fin. Joh. L. 2. R. 98.—Reg. Ely, in Cotton Library, Claudius C. ii. Fol. 29.

In the 3d of Edward III. a fine was levied between Hugh Catchare of Bekeſwell, and Maud his wife, querents, and William Attemere, &c. deforcients, of fifteen meſſuages, 188 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 29*s.* *per ann.* &c. rents, here, in Ruſton, Fordham, &c. ſettled on Hugh and Maud for life, remainder to Cecil, and Alice, the daughter of Hugh; and, by the inquiſitions made in the 20th of that king, John de Bexwell, and Henry de Deen were found to hold the moiety of a fee of the biſhop of Ely, held formerly by Richard de Almany and his wife, and Matilda de Deen.

After this, I find it poſſeſſed by Edward Batchcroft, in the time of Henry VII. and William Bachecroft of Bexwell, [*e*] by his will, dated 8th of March, 1507, and proved 2d of July following, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of Fincham St. Martin, and gives 13*s.* 4*d.* to repair the ſteeple of Bexwell; this manor here, with that of Waterſet, in Bexwell (which he bought of Sir Philip Tilney) to his ſon and heir Richard (and his heirs) when he cometh to the age of 24 years, with all his manors in Norfolk and Suffolk, which were not his wife Margaret's jointure; appoints his brother Gilbert Bachecroft, and John Fincham of Fincham, executors, and his cozin John Fincham, of Outwell, ſuperviſor, Richard, his ſon and heir, died (ſeiſed of this moiety, and the manor of Waterſett, held of the biſhop of Ely) June 27, 1549, and left by his wife Margaret, Thomas his ſon and heir, aged 12 years, who was lord in 1572, and Richard Bachecroft in 1642. In 1658, Francis Bachecroft, Eſq; dying lord, his ſiſters and coheirs ſold it to Sir John Holland, from which family it came to the Holts, as is above ſhewed.

Hermerus de Ferrers [*f*] had alſo a manor here, which, in the Confeſſor's time, conſiſted of a carucate of land, held by 7 freemen, and 3 carucates held by 3 borderers; half a fiſh-pool, 5 acres of meadow, with a church endowed with 24 acres of land, valued at 16*d.* the whole was 12*s.* *per ann.* This the ſaid Hermerus ſeized, but the lord before him had only the protection of theſe freemen, &c.—Roger Bigot had alſo at the ſurvey a lordſhip. R. ſon of Erluin, who held 20 acres, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* In the Confeſſor's time, a freeman held it of Herold. This lordſhip of Hermerus de Ferrers, and that of Bigot, came ſoon after to the barons of Wirmegey, and made part of that honour, held by the lords Bardolf.

In the 41ſt of Henry III. William de Bekeſwell held half a carucate of William, lord Bardolf, and paid to him half a mark *per ann.* About the ſame time, Robert Catt, and Margaret his wife, [*g*] held the 3d part of a fee of the lord Bardolf. About

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[*e*] Reg. Gyles Norw. Fol. 29. 85.

[*f*] Invaſion. Hermeri de Ferrers.—In Bekeſuuella vii. lib. hom. de i. car. tre. ſep. iii. bor. tc. iii. car. p' 7. m°, ii. dim. piſcin. v. acr. prat. Ecc. xxiiii. ac. val. xvi*d.* tot. val. xii. ſol. de his hab. Anteceſſ. commendtant.—Terr. Rog. Bigot.——In Bekeſwella i. lib. ho. ſub Herolt xx. acr. terr. m°. ten. R. f. Erluini, 7. val. ii*s.* viii*d.*

[*g*] Fin. 14 Edw. I. L. 3. N 158.——Eſch. ad qd. damn. N. 52. 16 Hen. VI.

bout the beginning of Edward I's reign, John de Muſhill, and Nicholas de Stradſete held here in dower, with his wife, a meſſuage, 46 acres of land, and 5 of meadow in domain of the ſaid lord, paying 5*s*. *per ann*. and, in the 14th of that king, a fine was levied between Henry le Catt, querent, and Walter de Thorp deforcient, of meſſuages, lands, rents, 2 pools here, &c. which Nicholas de Stradſet, and Agnes his wife held in dower, now conveyed to Henry, and this was held by the heirs of Catt in the 20th of Edward III.

In the 16th of Henry VI. John Stourton, and others were pardoned for purchaſing without licence of the dean of Wells, 300 acres of land and meadow here, and in Wroxham, &c. held of the honor of Wirmegeye.—This afterwards came to the Batchcrofts, and ſo was united to the aforeſaid lordſhips.

Rainold, ſon of Ivo, is alſo found to have a lordſhip here; two freemen which he ſeized on, [*h*] who held land in the time of King Edward, one of them 15 acres valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. the other 3 acres, valued at 6*d*. Before this, the protection only of the firſt free man was in his predeceſſor.

This land of Rainold came ſoon after to the earls of Clare, and was, as I take it, part of the manor of Crimpleſham, which extended into this town. In the reign of Edward I. William Catchare held one meſſuage, one carucate, and 18 acres of meadow in Bekeſwell, in domain of the prior of Shouldham, paying 30*s*. *per ann*. and had a free bull and boar, aſſiſe of his tenants; the prior held of Richard lord Fitz-John, and he in *capite*; and, before this, the family of Belet, in the 52d of Henry III. poſſeſſed lands here, held of the earl of Clare, and paying a quit-rent for the ſame of 10*s*. *per ann*. Robert Belet died ſeiſed of it, *Ao*. 8. Edward II. This came to the Weſenhams, and was conveyed by them to John de Bekeſwell, and ſo became united to the then manor of Bexwell. Robert Weſenham, brother and heir of Thomas, ſon and heir of Robert Weſenham of Bekeſwell, in the 9th of Henry VI. was lord.

Ralph, lord Baynard, had alſo the grant of a lordſhip here, conſiſting of a carucate of land, held [*i*] by 12 freemen, and 4 villains, with 3 carucates and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s*. One of the freemen who held 30 acres, was claimed by way of an exchange by the earl Warren. All Becheſwell is half a leuca long and half a one broad, pays 8*d*. towards a 20*s*. gelt.

This lord Bainard's manor lay principally in Fincham, and extended here, as I take it, and was forfeited by William, lord Bainard, in the reign of Henry I. The chief of this fee ſeems to have been united very early to the other manors. All the account I meet with is, that the Finchams of Fincham held lands here of the earl Warren. About the beginning of Edward I. William Catchare held a parcel of arable land of Step. de Dunneby, and John de Deen, paying 2*s*. *per ann*. [*k*] which Step. holds of Roger de Well, and Roger of the earl Warren. In the 23d of Edward I. a fine was levied between John de Fincham, and Nicholas his brother, querents, and Thomas de la Chambre, and Margaret his wife, deforcients, of meſſuages and lands here; and, in the 45th of Edward III. Steph. de Talbot of Fincham was found to hold lands here; ſoon after, 'tis probable, the whole was united to the aforeſaid manor.

The lete was formerly in the abbot of Ramſey, and was in Sir Geo. Hare, Bart. —Lete fee ſix-pence half-penny.

The tenths of this town, with Ryſton, were 7*l*.—Deduct 1*l*.—Rem. 6*l*.

The temporalities of the prior of Shouldham here, were valued in 1428 at 30*s*.

The temporalities of the abbot of Ramſey, at 15*s*. and 2*d*,

The temporalities of the prior of Weſtacre, at 12*d*.

The prior of Pentney had lands held of the lord Bardolf.

[*h*] Invas. Rain. fil. Ivonis.—In Becheſuuella ii. lib. hoes. i. de xv. ac. de quo hab. antec. comd. tant. val. ii*s*. 7. 8*d*. Alius hab. iii. ac. val. vi. hos m°. ten. Rainoldus.

[*i*] Terr. Rad. Baignardi.—In Bekeſuuella xii. lib. hom. ten. i. car. tre. 7. iiii. vill. iii. car. m°. ii. x. ac. p'ti. ſilv. xx. por. ſep. val xl. ſol. Un. ex his recl. W. de Warr. de xxx. p. Excang. Tota Becheſwella ht. dim. leug. in long. 7 lat. 7. redd. viii. de xx. ſol' de gelto. *Domeſd*.

[*k*] Fin. 23 Ed. III. L. 5. N 9. —— Eſch. 45 Ed. III. N. 32.

BEXWELL's PEDIGREE.

John Bexwell, Eſq; lived in the 2d of Hen. VI. of Bexwell. —

Tho. Bexwell, *alias* Shoredich, of Bexwell, flor. 4 Edward IV. —Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Tey of Eſſex.

Richard Bexwell, *alias* Shordich, flor. 4 Hen. VII. — Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, and ſiſter of Thomas Sharington of Cranworth, Norfolk.

2. Elizabeth, daughter of Geo. Bokenham, Eſq; of Snetterton, Norfolk. —†2. John Bexwell, alias Shordich, by his will, dated May 22, 1546, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Martin's, Fincham. — 1. Margaret, daughter of Humph. Carvile, of Wigenhale, St. Mary's, Norfolk.

Thomas Bexwell.
Edmund Bexwell.
Elizabeth Bexwell, 19th Hen. VII.
Jane—Wentworth of Steeple Bumpſted in Eſſex.

Robert Bexwell.
Ann, married to Leonard Spencer of Rendleſham.

Franc. Bexwell, alias Shordich, of Bexwell, Eſq; 2d ſon. —Ann, daughter of Richard Batchcroft of Bexwell. —Humph. Bexwell, alias Shoredich, 1ſt ſon. —

Ann, married to Robert Wright of Wigenhall, St. Mary's.
John, eldeſt ſon, *s. p.* as I take it.

Elizabeth, married to Edward Riches of Fring.

Henry Bexwell, —Urſula, daughter of Pratt, of Riſton in Norfolk.

Gregory Bexwell, alias Shoredich.

Gregory died *ſans* iſſue.
Suſanna *ſans* iſſue.
Frances Bexwell —Robert Aprice of Waſhingley, in Huntingdonſhire.

The Bexwells bore quarterly in firſt and 4th, argent and ermine, a croſs, gules, over all a bend, ſable,—Shorditch;—and in the 2d and 3d,—argent, 3, 2, and 1 annulets, ſab. in a bordure engrailed, gules,—Bexwell.

BATCHCROFT's PEDIGREE.

Simon Batchcroft of Bexwell — Elianor, daughter and coheir of Gilbert Haltoft, baron of the Exchequer

William Batchcroft, Eſq; died 1518. — Margaret.
John Batchcroft. Eſq; lived temp. Edward IV. — Alice, daughter of Simon Fincham, of Fincham.

Richard Batchcroft, Eſq; died 3d Edward VI. — Margaret.
2. Gilbert.
3. Humphrey.
Eleanor.

Thomas Batchcroft, ſon of Richard. —
John.
Chriſtoper.

Richard Batchcroft, ob. 1642. —

Francis Batchcroft, ſans iſſue, ob. 1658. —Margaret, daughter of Robert Long of Foulden, Eſq;
1. Ann.
2. Elizabeth.
3. Alice, married to Edw. Barber of Denver.

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† John Bexwell mentions his ſon and heir John, in his will; his 2d ſon Francis, his 3d Robert, his daughter Ann, appoints his wife Elizabeth, and William Sharington, Eſq; executors, and John Pigot, Gent. ſupervisor.—Regiſt. Hill, P. 48.

The church of Bexwell is dedicated to St. Mary, and built of rag or car ſtone, dug out of the neighbouring pits; it has a nave and a chancel, both of equal height and breadth, and covered with lead. At the weſt end ſtands a round tower, and on that an octangular one; the quoins of every angle are of free ſtone, and the upper part embattled; a work of later date probably erected on the decay of the old round tower about 1517, when William Bachecroft, of this town, by his will, bequeathed to the ſtepyl 13*s*. 4*d*.. In this tower hangs one bell. The nave is about 46 feet in length, and 19 in breadth. At the weſt end, on the pavement, lies a marble graveſtone:——*Here lyeth the body of Henry Bexwell, Eſq; born October* 17, 1581, *buried July* 8, 1654. Higher up another:——*Here lyeth the body of Gregory Bexwell, Eſq; who was born the* 19*th of Febr. An. Dom.* 1577, *buried* 15*th day of March*, 1644, with the arms of Bexwell on it. On a third:——*Here lyeth the body of Richard Bachecroft, Eſq; who was born December* 16, 1562, *was buried March* 1642.

Againſt the ſouth wall of the nave is a mural monument of alabaſter; on the ſummit are theſe three ſhields;—Bexwell impaling, argent, on a chevron, between 3 pellets, two in chief charged with as many martlets, and one in baſe, with a trefoil, argent, 3 maſcles, or, Pratt;——Bexwell alone, and Pratt alone. On a black marble in the centre:——*In hac nave ſubpoſitæ ſunt reliquiæ Henrici Bexwell in hoc agro Norfolc. armig. in quo gens illa nobilis et antiqua maſcula deſinit, ad ſenium vergens uxorem duxit Urſulam e proximâ Prattorum de Riſton nobili itidem proſapiâ oriundam, e quâ tres habuit liberos, Gregorium, Suſannam, vivente patre mortuos, et Franciſcam ſolummodo ſuperſtitem. Natus erat Henricus Octob.* 17, 1581, *obiit Julii* 8, 1654. *Mærens Urſula hoc ſic fixum voluit.*——On each ſide of this inſcription is a lace or fillet by way of ornament; over that, on the right hand, is an hour glaſs, and over that, on the left, a book is carved.——On the baſis;—*Tu temet lector lectites dieſq; tuos numera, &c. Ut Pſal.* 90, 12.

Oppoſite to this, on the north wall, is another mural monument of black and white marble, with this ſhield; *per* feſs, or and argent, a lion rampant, ſable,—Batchcroft; impaling, gules, a ſaltire engrail'd, or, on a chief, of the ſecond, 3 croſs croſslets, of the firſt, Longe; and thus inſcribed:——*Hic jacet Franciſcus Batchcroft de Bexwell in agro Norf. armig. qui uxorem duxit Margaretam Roberti Longe de Foulden, armig. filiam, adhuc ſuperſtitem. Sobolem nullam, cohæredes ſorores ſuas chariſſimas, Annam, Elizabetham et Aliciam reliquit. Quæ memoriæ ſuæ ſacr. hoc condiderunt monumentum. Obiit* 13° *die Novemb. Ao. ætat. ſuæ* 42, *Ao. Dni.* 1658,

The chancel is in length about 24 feet. On the pavement are graveſtones thus inſcribed:——*Richs. et Maria proles Richi. Foſter, cler. ex Eliza. conjuge nati ſunt utriq;* 3 *id. Nov. alter* 1712, *ultera* 1717, *ſepulti cal. Maii, alter* 1713, *altera* 1718. *Johs. item qui natus eſt* 5 *id. Maii, obiit* — 1719.——*Here lyeth the body of John Foſter, born May* 8, *and buried September* 10, 1722.——*Here lyeth Suſan, daughter of Henry Bexwell, born April* 26, 1645, *buried September* 20, 1646.

RECTORS.

Mr. John de Newton, rector about 1293.——1314. Robert de Luffenham, preſented by the biſhop of Ely.——1328. Edmund de Staunford, ditto.——1349. Thomas Attecroſs, by Alan, prior of Ely, vicar-general of the biſhop of Ely.——1349. Thomas Bochard, by Alan, &c.——1367. Jeff. de Kerbey.——1377. John Joſep; in 1384, he exchanged with John Jay for Laxfield vicarage in Norwich dioceſe.——1386. Roger Ward.——1397. John Auſteyn, by the biſhop of Ely.——1402. Simon Derby, a colyte, (the loweſt order amongſt the Romiſh clergy, ſuch novices being admitted very young to great rectories, and cure of ſouls, was guarded againſt at the Reformation.)——1403. John Coneſby, ditto.——1403. William Aleyn; in 1704, he exchanged with John Stacy, vicar of Elm.——1420. Thomas Marchale, ditto.——1426. John Cachero.——1428. Richard Cuts, ditto.——1445. Hugh Bernard, ditto.——1446. John Walter, ditto.——1461. John Denham, ditto.——1464. John Lyndeſay, a carmelite

frier,

ſrier, ditto.——1476. John Pryour, ditto.——1488. John Clare, by the biſhop of Norwich, *hâc vice*.——1490. John Norman.——1491. William Sclater, by the biſhop of Ely.——1511. Richard Thomlynſon, ditto.——1530. John Reder, ditto.——1533. Richard Heigham, ditto.——1554. Arthur Rawlins, ditto.——1555. William Blakey, ditto.——1556. Humph. Buſbye, L. L. D. ditto.——1557. Bernard Hartley.——1565. John Trundell, ditto.——1574. Anthony Cole, ditto ——1579. James Carre, ditto.——1627. Edward Bentley, by the king.——1641. John Duncan, S. T. B. ditto.——1642. Edmund Day, ditto.——1664. John Randolph, S. T. P. ditto.——1666. John Hickman, ditto.——1671. William Whitby, ditto.——1705. Richard Croſs, ditto.——1707. Robert Canon, S. T. P. ditto, afterwards dean of Lincoln, &c.——1708. Thomas Pyle, ditto.——1709. Thomas Davies, ditto.——1711. Richard Foſter, ditto.——1739. Richard Foſter, on his father's death, ditto.

The preſent valor is 7*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged.

CRIMPLESHAM.

RAINOLD, ſon of Ivo, had a grant from the Conqueror of the lordſhip that Ailid, a free woman, was deprived of, which ſhe poſſeſſed in King Edward's reign [*a*], conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 4 borderers, 7 ſervi, and 8 acres of meadow. There were then in demean 3 carucates, and at the ſurvey 4, one fiſhpond, one runcus, 2 cows, 2 ſwine, 240 ſheep; at the ſurvey 300. Twenty freemen alſo belonged to this manor, of whom the lord had the ſoc, with their protection, or commendation, with 60 acres of land; formerly they had a carucate and a half, at the ſurvey one carucate.

In the ſame town Turchill held a carucate of land, with a borderer, and one ſervus, 8 acres of meadow, a moiety of a fiſhery; 5 freemen alſo belonged to it, with 4 acres, who were under the commendation and ſoc only of Turchill. When Rainald had the grant of theſe, they were valued at 8*l. per ann.*

Theſe freemen alſo had a carucate of land, with 4 borderers, and 12 acres of meadow; and of theſe Turchill had the commendation, with all cuſtomary dues: this was granted to Rainald, valued at 16*s.* but at the ſurvey at 9s.—All Crimpleſham, with Toimere (a town adjoining) was one leuca long, and a leuca broad, and paid 8*d.* to the gelt, when the hundred paid 20*s*, whoever was lord.

Rainald was a Norman baron, attended William duke of Normandy in his invaſion; and, on the conqueſt of England, was rewarded for his ſervices with this lordſhip; thoſe of Fincham, Barton, Toimere, Werham, Stoke, Boughton, Shouldham, Bicham-Well, Foſton, in the hundred of Clackloſe;—thoſe of Weſt-Winch Wiche, and Maſſingham in Frebridge hundred—of Stanford in Grimſho hundred—of Caldecot Cley, Pickenham, Houghton, in South Grenehow hundred—of Panworth, Aſhley, Threxton, in Weyland hundred—of Sutton, in Launditch hundred—of Yaxham, in Milford hundred—of Penſthorp, in Gallow hundred——Rainham, in Brothercroſs hundred—Wiveton, in Holt hundred — Walſingham *Magna* and *Parva*, and Stukey, in North Grenhow hundred—of Carleton, in Loddon hundred—of Whitwell, Wichingham, Haverland, Norton, in Eynford hundred—Felthorp, in Taverham hundred—Scothow, Ingworth, Torton, Caſton, Baningham, in South Erpingham hundred—Sloley, in Tunſted hundred. From Raynald, it came to the earls of Clare.—Gilbert Clare, earl of Clare, gave the church, as lord, in the reign of William II. to the priory of Clare.

This Gilbert is called in *Domeſday-book*, Gilbert, ſon of Richer, earl of Brion in France, and attended the Conqueror into England; was anceſtor of the earls of Clare.

[*a*] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis—In Crepeleſham ten. Alid liba fem. t. r. e. ii. car. tre. ſep. viii. villi. 7. iiii. bor. vii. 7. ſer. 7. viii. ac. pti. tc, in dnio. iii. car. p' iii. m°. iiii. ſep. i. piſc' 7. i r. ii. an. tc. ii. por. tc. CCXL. ov. m°. ccc. huic man. jacent xx. libi. hoes. ad ſocum 7. comd. de LX. ac. tre i. car. 7. dim. m°. i.—In eade' villa Tchillus tenet i. car. tre. ſep. i. bor. 7. i. s. 7. viii. ac. p'ti. 7. dim. piſc. tc. i. car. jacent etiam v. libi. hoes. de iiii. ac. ad ſoca. 7. comd. tantu. Hoc totu. val. ſep. viii. lib.—In Crepleſham iii. lib. hoes. de i. car. tre. ſep. iiii. bor. 7. xii. ac. p'ti. de iſtis ht. comd. 7. conſuetudine. tc. val. xvi. ſol. m°. viii.——Totum Crepleſham (et Toimere) ht. i. leug. in long. 7. dim. in lato. 7. reddit viii. d. de xx. ſol. de gelto regis qcq; ibi teneat.

Clare. He with Richard his ſon, and Rohaiſe his wife, were great benefactors to the abbey of Bec in Normandy; and as this Gilbert had the lordſhip of Clare in Suffolk in 1190, and was after a cell of benedictine monks, to that abbey, ſo it is reaſonable to conclude, that he was alſo lord [b] of this town; and Gilbert, ſon of Richard, who died 1151, we are told by a French antiquary, was buried at Clare, a cell which Gilbert his grandfather had given to the monks of Bec.

STOKE-CLARE PRIORY, *or* COLLEGE MANOR.

RICHARD DE CLARE, earl of Clare and Glouceſter, is ſaid to have removed the cell at the priory of Clare, to Stoke-Clare in Suffolk, in 1224, and to have endowed it with a lordſhip in this town; and in the 52d of Henry III. that prior had a park here.

John de Aula, or Hall, of this town, held a meſſuage, 72 acres of land, 8 of meadow, with 14*s.* rent of divers free tenants, of the prior, in the 17th of Richard II. and William was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 22. Thomas Derham held it of Thomas Hendercote, prior of Stoke-Clare, in the 2d of Henry IV. At the diſſolution, it was granted to the Derhams; Thomas Derham, Eſq; held it of the crown by ſoccage, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary.

The temporalities of this houſe, being a college, when diſſolved, were valued at 3*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* ½.

PRIOR *of* TUNBRIDGE's MANOR.

RICHARD DE CLARE abovementioned, founder of this priory, endowed it with a lordſhip in this town: Walter, ſon of Adam Davy, held it in the reign of King Henry III. of the priory, by the eighth part of a fee; and, by a pleading in the 25th of Edward I. it was found that certain lands here, called Inglewith, Stafford, North and South field belonged to this priory. In the 8th of Edward III. and the 3d of Henry IV. the heirs of Davy are ſaid to poſſeſs it.

On the diſſolution, it came to the crown, and ſo remained, till on the 20th of October, in 6th of James I. it was granted to Robert and Thomas Derham for the ſum of 64*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* with a capital meſſuage, and 115 acres of arable land, valued at 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* eſchaets valued at 12*s.* twelve acres of mowing ground at 12*s.* 3*d.* of paſture at 18*d.* *per ann.* Rent of aſſiſe, due at St. Michael, 15*s.* at St. Andrew 15*s.* and the ſame at Eaſter, with one pound of cumin, valued at 1*d.* the hens at Chriſtmas, valued at 9*d.* perquiſites of court 6*s* 8*d.* *per ann.*

CRIMPLESHAM's, TALBOT's, COLDHAM's *and* WESENHAM's MANOR.

BESIDES the two lordſhips above ſpecified, ſeveral perſons held of the earls of Glouceſter and Clare (the capital lords) certain lands, and had an intereſt herein. Gilbert de Crimpleſham was lord, and witneſs to a deed of Sampſon, abbot of Bury.——King John, in his 18th year, October 11, grants to his beloved clerk, John de Pavilly, all his lands here, which were Roger de [c] Crimpleſham's, with the appertenances, and commands the good tenants to perform all that was incumbent on them; dated at Lyn; and this was but a few days before his death. Theodore de Crimpleſham was lord in the 34th of Henry III. and in the following year, the earl of Glouceſter, as capital lord, had the privilege of a gallows, felon's goods, &c. frank-pledge, aſſiſe, the lete of his tenants, and would not permit the king's bayliff to enter into his lordſhip. William Criketot, who married Maud, daughter of Peter de Crimpleſham, held in her right 4 meſſuages, a carucate of land, 20 acres of meadow, paying 26*s.* *per ann.* and had free bull and boar.

Anſelm de Lound had alſo the 8th part of a fee, which came by his daughter to Robert Bardolf, and ſo to Sir Ingelram Belet, as in Wereham.—Ralph de Wyrham held in the ſaid reign of Henry III. a meſſuage, one carucate of land, 6 acres of meadow in demean; and William de Bereford 2 meſſuages, with 60 acres of land, and 10 of meadow, of the earl of Glouceſter, as appears from a roll, by the 8th part of a fee.

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[b] Neuſtria pia, p. 547, &c.

[c] Pat. 18. m. 1.

In the 21ſt of Edward III. Ralph de Stafford, and Margaret his wife, convey to John de Weſenham, citizen of London, a lordſhip from the heirs of Margaret. Maud de Bereford, alſo, in the 20th of Edward III. the 8th part of a fee; and Stephen de Talbot held lands here, in Derham, &c. as by the eſcheats in the 45th of Edward III.

After this, in the 22d of Richard II. it was in the family of the Derhams. Ralph de Derham was found to have held at his death the 8th part, and the 6th part of a fee of Roger Mortimer, earl of March, in this town, Derham, &c. and, in the 13th of Edward IV. Thomas Derham, Eſq; was found to die ſeiſed of the manor of Weſenham, held by the 4th part of a fee; and Thomas was his ſon and heir, aged one year; and William Purchaſe had a grant of the cuſtody of him, and his lands.

In the reign of James I. Thomas Derham, Eſq; was lord of Weſenham, Coldham, and Talbot manors, all which being united, were ſold by the Derhams (of whom ſee in Weſt Derham) to the Soames; and colonel Edward Soame died lord in 1706, whoſe daughter and heir Mary brought them by marriage to Soame Jenyns, Eſq; of Botleſham-Hall in Cambridgeſhire (ſon and heir of Sir Roger Jenyns, Kt. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Peter Soame, Bt.) member of parliament for the town of Cambridge, and one of the honourable lords of trade and the plantations, who is lord of the whole town.

In the 32d of Henry VIII. Thomas Derham had the grant, December 8, of the meſſuage and lands here belonging to the abby of Weſt-Derham.

The lete was in Sir George Hare; the fee 16*d*.

The tenths were 5*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*.—Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

The church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and was a rectory. Gilbert de Clare, earl of Clare and Brion in Normandy, gave in the reign of William II. the lordſhip [*d*] and the church of St. John of Clare in Suffolk, to the abbey of Bec in Normandy; and this church was confirmed to them by Pope Alexander III. and was appropriated, the ſpiritualities being taxed at 20 marks (a vicarage was ſettled, valued at 40*s*.) and there belonged to it a manor with 50 acres of land.

VICARS.

Alexander occurs vicar in the 27th of Edward I.——1308. Walter Baldwin inſtituted, preſented by the prior and convent of Stoke by Clare, in Suffolk.——1335. Robert Rikke, ditto.——1381. William Sempiere, by the king: the temporalities of the priory then in the king.——William Normanton, vicar.——1390. John Stratton, ditto.——1397. Nicholas Duffield, ditto.——1398. Simon Attemore, by the prior, &c.——1440. Simon Bergh, by the dean of Stoke-Clare——1443. Robert Arnold.——1462. Thomas Hecock, ditto.——1486. Simon Jollyf, by Richard Ednam, biſhop of Bangor, and dean of John Baptiſt college at Stoke.——1509. Robert Bitſon, by the dean, &c.——1515. Thomas Smith.——1523. William Penyon, by the dean, &c.——1527. Thomas Moor, ditto.——1538. John Breyliſforth, by Thomas Weſtler, L. L. B. on a grant, *hâc vice*, from the dean, &c.——1541. Thomas Underhill, by the dean, &c.——1554. Robert Parſon, by Henry Hawe, Gent. who farmed the rectory of the crown——1556. Robert Newton, ditto.——1581. Elias Comeliche, by the queen.——1589. William Ellis, ditto: in 1603, he returned 89 communicants.——1608, Stanley, Waller, by the biſhop of Ely; the impropriated rectory, and the advouſon of the vicarage being granted to that ſee, on the exchange of lands belonging to that ſee, and the crown, by act of parliament.

After this, I meet with no preſentation, the great and ſmall tithes being leaſed out by the biſhop of Ely to his tenant, and ſo is now ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate and ſtill ſtands charged at 8*l*. as a vicarage in the *Valor Beneficiorum*.

[*d*] Dugd. Mon. Vol. III. p. 1006, &c.

In this church was the guild of St. Mary.—It is a ſingle pile, with a chancel covered with reed, and built of courſe ſtone, found in the neighbourhood; has a ſquare tower, embattled, &c. with 5 large bells. On the pavement of the church lye ſome old marble grave-ſtones deprived of their braſſes, in remembrance, probably, of the Derhams. Baldwin Derham, Gent. of Crimpleſham, by his will dated in Febr. 1527, requires to be buried in the church near the ſouth door; and, in the reign of Henry VI. there was a chantry founded here for Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Derham, Eſq; of this town, daughter and heir of Baldwin Vere of Denver, Eſq; brother of Robert de Vere of Addington in Northamptonſhire, Eſq;—Thomas Derham, Eſq; buried here *Ao.* 13th Edward IV.

In the windows were formerly—argent, 6 annulets ſab. in a bordure, ingrailed, gules—Bexwell—Sable on a chev. argent, 3 annulets of the 1ſt. between 3 pewits heads eraſed, ermine, beaked gules—Gillour —— Alſo the arms of Scales and Bardolf.

In the church-yard, an altar-tomb in memory of Thomas Biſhop, Gent. who died 1703, aged 72.

Queen Elizabeth, on the petition of Henry lord Wentworth, granted Auguſt 8, *Ao.* 27, to Theophilus Adams, and Thomas Butler of London, Gent. certain meſſuages, with conſiderable lands, late belonging to the college of Stoke, held of the king, as of the honour of Clare, in ſoccage, by Thomas Crimpleſham.

The town takes its name from a ſmall creeping run, or ſtream of water, here riſing, and proceeding to Weſt-Derham.

TOIMERE,

WAS a town near to Crimpleſham, and held by Rainald, ſon of Ivo. At the ſurvey, there were 3 freemen who had the liberty of the lord's fold, and [a] were under his protection, with other freemen belonging to the ſoc of St. Bennet (that is of Ramſey abby) valued at 14*d.* and one freeman, with 40 acres, valued at 2*s.* and was included in its length, &c. and gelt under Crimpleſham, having the ſame lord.

This lordſhip came with Crimpleſham to the earls of Clare. The town has been deſtroyed time immemorial; the ſcite was in or near the cloſes, now called Great and Little Tombers, which are now in Stradſet, and was ſtanding about the reign of Henry III. By a deed *ſans* date, John de Houghe de Wallington conveyed to Roger, ſon of John Aylmer of Tomers in Torpe, for 10*s.* and paying homage and ſervice to him, 3 roods of land in the field of Tomers:—Witneſſes, R. Ruſſell of Thorp, Hubert Hakun of Shouldham, John Truſſbut of the ſame, &c. It alſo appears from an old roll, that the lete fee was anciently 6*d.* and held by the abbot of Ramſey.

Great and Little Tomers, in Stradſet (that is, Shouldam-Thorp) cloſes were ſold by Charles Cornwallis, Eſq; to Hugh Hare, Eſq; Nov. 2. in the 17th of Elizabeth; and Sir George Hare poſſeſſed them as lord.

It took its name from 2 ſmall meers, or ſtagnating waters.

DENVER,

CALLED in *Domeſday-book* Danefella and Danefala, ſeated in a valley by the water. Here were 2 lordſhips, one of which (afterwards named Weſthall) was held by Hugh, under the earl Warren [b], who had a grant of it on the deprivation of Aluric, a free man, who was lord in King Edward's reign, when it

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[a] Tre Rainaldi filii Ivonis—In Toimere iii. libi. hoes. ad ſoca. falde 7. comd. alii ſoca. Scj. B. ſemp. val. xiiii d, i. lib. ho. xl. ſol. ac. val. ii. ſol.

[b] Tre. Willi. de Warenna.—In Danefella tenet Hugo ii. car. tre. 7. iii. ac. quas tenuit Aluric'. libr ho. t. r. e. ſep. ii. car. in dnio. 7. xii. bord. 7. viii. lib. hoes. xl. ac. tre. tc. 7. p' i. car. mº. i. 7. xii. ac. pti. ſemp. ht. i. piſcaria tc. val. lx. ſol. mº. xl. hoc reclam. p. eſcang. tota ht. ilg. in longo 7. dim. in lato 7. reddit viii d. de gelto. In eade. ii. car. tre. ten. Will. quas tenuit i. lib. ho. Hoſmunt. t. r. e. ſep. viii. vill. 7. i. ſerv. viii. ac. pti . et i. piſcar.

contained 2 carucates of land, and 3 acres, 2 carucates in demean, with 12 borderers, and 3 freemen held 40 acres of land; there was alſo a carucate, &c. of meadow, and a fiſhery, valued then at 60*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* which was claimed by an exchange; the whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d.* gelt. The earl had alſo 2 carucates of land, held before the conqueſt by Hoſmunt, a free man, with 8 villains, one ſervus, 8 acres of meadow, and a fiſhery.

WEST-HALL MANOR.

HUGH abovementioned, who was enfeoffed of this lordſhip by the earl Warren, was anceſtor of the family, who took their name, according to the cuſtom of that age, from this town. Oſbert de Denevela [*] lived in the reign of Henry I. (probably ſon of Hugh) and gave tithe of his lands to the priory of Caſtleacre, founded by the earl Warren. Walter de Denvere and Alice his wife, were living in the 41ſt of Henry III. ſhe was one of the aunts and coheirs of Henry, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole, and had in her right a lordſhip in Walpole. Walter was lord of this manor, and in the ſaid year had the aſſiſe of bread and beer, and other liberties. In the 52d of the ſaid reign it was certified that he held one knight's fee; and, in the 3d year of Edward I. he had the lete, paying 8*d.* to the bailiff of the abbot of Ramſey; and with Nicholas de Harpley, and Robert, ſon of Godfrey of Wygenhale, was fined for not being knights. Of this family was John de Denver, who was living in the 20th of Edward III. the heireſs of the family was married to the Goddards of Walpole and Tyrington, who quartered the arms of Denver, as may be there ſeen.

In 9th of Edward II. Peter de Spalding was lord, and preſented to the mediety of St. Michael's, of Denver, as lord of this manor. John, ſon of the ſaid Peter, was lord in the 13th of Edward III. and had 30 meſſuages in this town, with 500 acres of land, 30 of meadow, and in Hilgey, Downham, Fordham, &c.

By an inquiſition taken in the 20th of that king, Richard de Bradenham, and John de Foxley were returned to be lords; and, in the 9th of Henry IV. John Gourney, Eſq; died lord, and of Weſt Barſham. In the 47th of Edward III. the convent of Weſt Derham had a patent for this moiety (as I take it) but I do not find them poſſeſſed of it.

In 1395, Walter Goddard preſented to the aforeſaid mediety as lord; and in the 15th of Henry VI. Robert Goddard of Tirington, Eſq; Thomas Clifton, Eſq; and Joan his wife, and Thomas Dereham, Eſq; ſenior, convey by fine, 2 meſſuages, with lands, a free-fold in this town, Ryſton, Fordham, &c. to William Dalling.

After this, in 1452, John Bennet, Gent. was lord; and by the marriage of Joan his daughter, it came to Thomas Derham, Eſq;

Sir Nicholas Hare preſented as lord in 1554; and by his will dated Sept. 26, 1557, conveyed all his intereſt in this lordſhip and advouſon (after ſuch intereſts as his cozens Audrey Hobart, and Alice Rugge, her mother, claim therein for their lives) to his heirs; and Michael Hare, Eſq; his ſon, by his will dated 1609, gives this manor, after the death of his brother Robert, to Nicholas Timperley, Eſq; his nephew.

In 1617, Sir Thomas Hobart was lord; and Sir Miles Hobart in 1637, and Edward Barber, Gent. preſented as lord of this manor in 1660. About the year 1726, Mr. Towerſon of Hadenham, in the iſle of Ely, purchaſed it from the Barbers; and about the year 1730, conveyed it to Roger Pratt, Eſq; of Ruſton, the preſent lord; but the right of patronage was ſold off before he purchaſed it.

EAST-HALL

WILLIAM, Earl Warren, had alſo another lordſhip in this town, which Oſmund held of the earl, conſiſting of 71 acres, held by 4 free men, with half a carucate, who were under the commendation only of Hermer. In the ſaid village

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[*] William Denver held a manor in Cockthorp, Norfolk, of the biſhop of Norwich, when *Domeſday-book* was made, had then an intereſt in Gunton manor.

were five free men, and the moiety of another, with 36 acres, and half a carucate; theſe were under the protection alone of Oſmund; but the abbot of St. [*b*] Bennet had the ſoc of two of them; and there were here 3 freemen, with 2 acres of land, and 2 borderers, which Oſmund holds; the whole valued at 40*s.*

Oſmund, who was enfeoffed of this manor, and held it of the earl, was (as I take it) anceſtor of the family of De Kailley, or Caleye. John de Kailly died lord about the 8th of King John, and his widow Margery in the following year, then the wife of Michael de Ponyngs, recovered dower from Adam de Kailli. Oſbert de Cailly was lord in the reign of Edward I. and, in 1307, Michael de Caylli conveyed it by fine to Adam de Caylli, and Edmund his ſon.

In 1324, Edmund, ſon of Sir Adam de Cayly, preſented to a moiety of this church as lord of this manor; and Sir Adam de Clifton was lord and patron in 1349, &c. as heir to the Caillys, and ſucceeded herein by his 2d ſon Sir Adam, who preſented in 1402, and 1409; Sir Robert de Clifton, his ſon and heir, was lord in 1430. In the 13th of Henry IV. Sir Adam was found to die poſſeſſed of it; and this Robert his ſon was aged 26 years. Thomas Clifton, Eſq; was ſon and heir of Sir Robert; and, in 1463, John Tilleſley, Eſq; preſented in right of Joan his wife, late relict of Thomas Clifton; and, in the following year, Robert Clifton, ſon and heir of Thomas, conveyed by fine all his right in this lordſhip and advouſon, which Joan Tilleſley his mother held for life, to Sir William Willoughby, and Joan his wife.

Edward Willoughby, Eſq; was lord and patron in 1491, and by his will dated October 23, was buried in the chancel of St. Mary's church of Denver. Soon after, in the 3d year of Henry VIII. John Willoughby, Eſq; his ſon, lord of this manor, and Hugh Willoughby of Riſley in Derbyſhire, Eſq; ſerjeant at arms to the king, by deed dated April 22d, covenant that Elizabeth, late wife of Robert Willoughby, late ſon and heir apparent of the ſaid John Willoughby, ſhould take to her huſband George Willoughby, ſon and heir apparent of Hugh; and John was to ſettle on them this manor, and thoſe of Berkley, Newport, Durſley, &c. in Glouceſterſhire.

John Willoughby, Eſq; ſon of Edward and Iſabel, was lord and patron in 1543 *, and dying in 1557, was buried in this church before the crucifix. He left by Mary his wife a ſon William, aged 4 months, &c. at his father's death. It came afterwards to the Gawſells; Thomas Gawſell, ſon of Richard Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, married Mary, widow of John Willoughby, Eſq; and they preſented in 1558.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Robert Gawſell, Eſq; brought it by marriage to Robert Barber, Gent. by whom he had 3 ſons: 1ſt. Edward, lord and patron of this church in 1660, who married Alice, daughter and coheir of Richard Batchcroft of Bexwell, Eſq;—2d. Thomas Barber, who had 2 wives; Martha, daughter of Robert Pearſon, D. D. rector of Snoring *Magna* in Norfolk, and Joan, daughter and coheir of John Parlet of Lynn—3d. ſon, Gregory Barber, married Mary, daughter and coheir of Luke Conſtable of Swaffham, and left 2 daughters and coheirs. Edward Barber, who was lord of both the manors, and patron of both medieties, left no iſſue (as it ſeems) ſo that the eſtate came to Thomas Barber, ſon of Thomas, brother of Edward, by Martha. This Thomas took to wife Mary, daughter of Robert Marſh, Gent. and was father of Edward who married - - - - - - -, daughter of - - - - - - Hopkins, of Wilberton in the iſle of Ely, who is ſaid to have conveyed it to Mr. Towerſon of Hadenham, in the ſaid iſle, who was lord in 1726, and ſoon after ſold it to Roger Pratt, Eſq; of Ruſton, the preſent lord.

The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*—Temporalities of Ramſey abby, 7*s.*

The church is dedicated to St, Mary, and conſiſted of 2 medieties, or rectories, one called St. Michael's, or Weſt-Hall mediety, the other St. Peter's, or Eaſt-Hall mediety. It is a ſingle pile, built of rag ſtone out of neighbouring pits, and camerated with pannels of wood, covered with reed; at the weſt end is a four-ſquare tower, and on that an octangular ſpire of wood, covered with lead, with 5 bells.

[*b*] In eade. ten. ide. iiii. libi. hoes. LXXI. acr. q. ten. Oſmund. de R. habuit Herm. comd. tantu. 7. ht. ſemp. dim. car..—In eade. villa v. lib. h. 7. dim. xxxvi. ac. ſemp. dim. car. hos tenuit Oſmundus com. tantu. 7. Scs. B. ht. ſoca. de duob; hoib;. In ead. iii. lib. h. qd. tenet ide. Oſmundus ii. tre. et ii. bord. hoc totu. val. XL. ſol.

* Reg. Jagges Norw.

Againſt the north wall is an atchievement with the arms of the profeſſors of phyſick in the univerſity of Cambridge, and of Caius college, impaling argent, 2 bars, and in chief 3 lioncels rampant, ſab. Brady. On the pavement is a black marble graveſtone, with the ſaid arms, and——

"*Depoſitum Roberti Brady, M. D. ſereniſſimis principibus Carolo et Jacobo 2dis:* "*medici ordinarii, regii apud Cantabr. medicinæ profeſſoris, collegii de Gonville et* "*Caius* 40 *circiter annos cuſtodis vigilantiſſimi et benefactoris munificentiſſimi, qui poſt-* "*quam rem medicam et hiſtoricam ſummâ diligentiâ et fide, tam praxi, quam ſcriptis* "*fœliciter exornaverat apud ſuos Denverienſes, ubi primum hauſerat ſpiritum, ultimum* "*clauſit diem Aug.* 19, *Ao. Dni.* 1700, *ætat. ſuæ* 73."

This worthy gentleman gave a conſiderable paternal eſtate in the pariſh to Caius college, and 500*l.* towards the buying a perpetual advouſon. Mr. Hearne, the Oxford antiquary, gives him this character—*Rob. Bradius* [c] *pleriſq; omnibus ſequioris ævi hiſtoricis noſtris Anglicanis ſit anteferendus.*

Againſt the wall of the chancel reſts a graveſtone, with the *inſignia* of a knight templar.——In the windows were checky, or and gules, a bend ermin, with an annulet, gules, Clifton; alſo gules, a chevron ermin, between 3 cinqfoils argent; alſo on the right ſhoulder of a woman's veſt; or, on a ſaltire gules, 5 lozenges; and on the left ſhoulder, barry of 6, argent and vert, Poynings. On the outſide of the eaſt window of the chancel is a mural monument of ſtone:—*In vicino pulvere depoſitæ ſunt exuviæ Franciſci Jenny, A. M.* 46 *annos hujus eccleſiæ vigilantis et benigni paſtoris, qui obt. Apr.* 10, *Ao,* 1715, *ætat.* 70. and this ſhield;—ermin, a bend cottiſed, or.

St. MICHAEL's MEDIETY.

SIR WALTER DE DENVER was patron in the reign of Edward I. the rector had then a manſe, and 16 acres of land, valued at ſix marks and a half:——Peter pence 12*d.*

RECTORS.

1316. Robert de Stradeſete inſtituted, preſented by Peter de Spalding.——1321. Roger de Saham, by Mr. Ralph de Palgrave, clerk, *hâc vice*——1322. Robert de Stokes, ditto.——1342. John de Bradenham, by Richard de Bradenham, and John de Foxley; they recovered the patronage by ſuit againſt William de Barſale, and Margaret his wife.—In 1395. Thomas Atte Falgate of Tottyngton, by Walter Godard; in the 17th of Richard II. Sir Adam de Clifton, Kt. and Margaret his wife, ſold this advouſon, with 3 villains of their manor, to Walter Goddard, and Katherine his wife; and ſhe and Walter conveyed lands here in exchange.—John Goddard occurs in 1420.——1452. William Payn, by John Bennet, Gent.——1474. John Spencer, A. M. ditto.——1501. William Derham, by Thomas Derham, Gent. of Crimpleſham.——1521. Ralph Steyke.——1537. William Blakey, by Thomas Derham, Eſq; he was deprived in 1553, being a married prieſt.——1554. John Willoughby, M. D. by Sir Nicholas Hare.——1558. Richard Burnet, M. A. by Michael Hare, Eſq:——1561. Robert Harris, ditto.——1566. Robert Elden, by Thomas, duke of Norfolk, *hâc vice.*——1577. Roger Gunſon, A. B. by Thomas Seman, notary publick; in 1603 he was S. T. B. and rector of both medieties, and returned 180 communicants:——1617. Samuel Cooper, A. M. by Sir Thomas Hobart.——1637. Horace Woodhouſe, by Sir Miles Hobart.—1642. John Carter.——1643. Cornelius Cuſhing.——1660. Nicholas Saunderſon, A. M. by Edward Barber, Gent.——1669. Francis Jenney, A. M. ditto.——1715. Nicholas White, A. M. by John Lightwin, clerk, preſident of Caius college, Cambridge.——1728. Daniel Greenway, A. M. maſter and fellow of Caius college.——1735. Daniel Munins, A. M. ditto.——1738. Samuel Steadman, ditto, the preſent rector, D. D. arch-deacon of Norfolk, prebendary of Canterbury, who holds both the medieties united, valued at 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt-fruits, &c.

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[c] Hiſt. Walt. Hemingford, V. I. præf. P. 16.

St. PETER's *or* EAST-HALL MEDIETY.

ADAM DE CAYLY was patron in the time of Edward I. when it was valued at 6 marks and a half, and paid Peter-pence 12*d*. There was a manſe, and 16 acres of land.

RECTORS

1312. Simon de Cayly inſtituted, preſented by William de Waſteny.——1324. John de Wygenhale, by Edmund, ſon of Sir Adam de Caly.——1333. Benedict de Neketon, ditto.——1349. John Fox, by Sir Adam de Clifton.——1374. Henry de Redgrave, ditto.——1374. Roger de Wotton, ditto.——1402. William Marſhall, by Sir Ad. de Clifton.——1409. William Warboys, ditto.——1430. William Alby, a frier preacher, by Sir Robert Clifton.——1463. John Lindeſey, by John Tilleſley, and Joan his wife.——1479. Hugh Serle, by William lord Berkley.——1491. Robert Logge, by Edward Willoughby, Eſq;——1497. Robert Edmunds, ditto.——1505. Walter Symonds, ditto.——1515. John Maſon.——1518. William Carre, by Richard Gawſell, in right of Iſabel his wife, late wife of Edward Willoughby, Eſq;——1528. Richard Pycroft, ditto.——1543. Jeff. Watts, by John Willoughby, Eſq; he was deprived in 1553, being a married prieſt.——1558. John Willoughby, M. D. ditto.——1562. Richard Barnet, A. M. by Thomas Gawſell, and Mary his wife——Edward Williamſon, ditto.——1582. Roger Gunſon, ditto.——1608. Samuel Garey, L. L. B. by the king, *a lapſe*.——1617. Ant. Southouſe, A. M. by Robert Gawſell, Eſq;——1626. Robert Wallis, A. M.——1627. Henry Roſe, by Robert Gawſell, Eſq; of Denver.——1660. Nicholas Saunderſon, A. M. by Edward Barber, Gent.——1669. Francis Jenney, ditto.——1715. Nicholas White, by Mr. Lightwin.——1728. Daniel Greenway, by Caius college, Cambridge.——1735. Daniel Munins, ditto.——1738. Samuel Steadman, the preſent rector, ditto, arch-deacon of Norfolk, prebend of Canterbury, &c. D. D.

Robert Gybbs, chaplain in 1420, gives by will a ſilver gilt cup to the high altar, to St. Mary's guild, and to John Godard, rector, legacies.—Edmund Cootes, by will in 1504, gives to the ſepulchre light in the church 40*s*. and 2 tapers of wax of 3 pounds [*d*] weight each; to Our Lady's tabernacle and light 20*s*. and 20 moder ſhepe, with legacies to St. Mary's, Allhallow's, and St. John Baptiſt's guilds.

In this pariſh is a noble bridge of ſtone, and a ſluice over the great river Ouſe.

From this place began a famous Roman way, extending to Peterborough, over the great level of the fens, about 24 miles. Dugdale [*e*] ſays it was of gravel, &c. 3 feet thick, and 60 broad, now covered with the moor; that it went firſt to Charke, thence to March, Plantwater and Eldernel, and ſo to Peterborough.

King Henry VII. in his firſt year, on September 24, granted to Thomas Hatton this office of water-bayliff of Salter's lode, in this pariſh, during pleaſure, with the annext fees, to be received by his own hands.

WEST-DERHAM.

WE learn from the Conqueror's book of *Domeſday*, that there were at that time ſeveral fees, or lordſhips in this town.

Hermer de Ferer (or Ferrers) a Norman nobleman, who for his ſervices was rewarded at the [*a*] conqueſt with 25 lordſhips in this county, and had by his own power, (a practice common on the conqueſt) ſeized on, and invaded the lands of 32 freemen here, who, in the reign of King Edward the Confeſſor, poſſeſſed 120 acres: of 25 of theſe, the predeceſſor of Hermerus had the protection, with 2 carucates, valued at 35*s*. Bordin holds of Hermer 3 of them, and a moiety of the reſt;

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[*d*] Reg. Rix Norw. P. 80.

[*e*] Dugd. Hiſt. of imbanking, &c, P. 157.

[*a*] Invaſio Hermeri de Ferrariis.—In Derham xxxii. lib. hoes. de cxx. ac. t. r. e. de xxv, ex iſtis habuit ant. Hermeri comd. ſep. ii. car. val. xxxv. ſol. Bordin. tenet de Hermero iii. de ò'i. medietate 7. vii. fuer. comdati. anteceſſori Rogeri Bigot, 7. in his nichil habuit antec. Hermeri 7. val. v. ſol. Hos vii. invaſit Hermer.

and 7 of the 32 were under the protection of the predeceſſor of Roger Bigot, (on theſe the predeceſſor of Hermerus had no claim; and this was valued at 5*s.*) Hermerus had invaded them alſo. Of this Hermerus, ſee in Wirmegay. Out of this tenure aroſe 2 lordſhips, that of Curple, and that of Timworth.

CURPLE MANOR, *or* PENTNEY PRIORY MANOR,

ASSUMED its name from its lords.—Jeffrey Curpel held half a fee in the reign of Henry III. (when an aid was granted on the marriage of that king's ſiſter to the emperor) of the honour of Wirmegay.

In the 9th of Edward II. Catherine and John Curpell were found to hold the ſame half fee in this town, Fincham, Roxham, and Fordham, of the lord Bardolf, baron of Wirmegay; and Roger Curpell was lord of it in the 3d of Henry III. This Roger gave it to the priory of Wirmegay [*b*], and his grant was confirmed by the lord Bardolf.

After this, when the ſaid priory was united to the priory of Pentney, it was veſted in that convent: at the diſſolution of Pentney priory, it came to the crown; and, in the 29th of Henry VIII. was farmed by John Dethick, Eſq; at 4*l.* 15*s.* 3*d. per ann.* of Thomas, Earl of Rutland, who had a leaſe of it from the court of augmentation.

On April 11. *Ao.* 4. of Edward VI. it was granted to Thomas Thirlby, biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, and is now held of that ſee by Sir Simeon Stuart, Bt. The ſcite of it was in a cloſe, called Hall Cloſe, ſouth-weſt of the abby of Derham, and near to the fens.

This was moſt likely that lordſhip which John Houton Capellane gave to the priory of Wirmegay, held of the lord Bardolf, by the 4th part of a fee, and payment of 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* to the manor of Wirmegey, *Ao.* 9. Edward III.

TIMWORTH MANOR.

THIS manor aſſumed its name from its lords. Sir William de Timworth, lord in the 2d of Henry III. and Richard de Timworth held the fourth part of a fee of the honour of Wirmegay, in the ſaid reign.

Thomas de Timworth was lord in the 14th of Edward I. and in the 5th of Edward II. this lordſhip was ſettled on John de Beccles, and Hawiſe his wife, probably daughter of Thomas.

After this, a fine was levied in the 10th of Edward III. when Robert, ſon of Ralph de Hemenhale, Kt. and Agnes his wife, ſettled a moiety of it on their truſtees; and Robert Hemenhale, and Richard Bachecroft were found to hold it in the 4th of Henry IV. of the lord Bardolf as part of the barony of Wirmegay.

John Badgecroft held it in the reign of Henry VI. and Richard Badgecroft held it in the reign of Edward VI. and left it to his ſon and heir Thomas, who was lord of Bexwell; and ſince that time has been enjoyed by the lords of that town, ----- Holt, Eſq; of Redgrave in Suffolk being lord of Bexwell, and of this.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had, at the ſurvey, a lordſhip, conſiſting of 9 acres of land, with 3 borderers, valued at 10*s.* of which 6 freemen had been deprived, which Hugh [*c*] held of Roger.—In the ſaid town he had 16 acres, of which a freeman was deprived, valued at 12*d.* and Hugo held it. Sunſant had only the protection or commendation of this freeman in King Edward's time. Roger had alſo 60 acres of land, of which Godric, a freeman in the Confeſſor's time, was deprived, held by the ſaid Hugh; but the predeceſſor of Roger had the protection only of Godric.

This came by ſome grant to the abbot and convent: and, in the 2d of Henry VI. it appears by the eſchaet rolls, that Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Mowbray,

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[*b*] Rot. Honor. de Wirmeg. penes Camerar. Scij.—Eſch. 9. Edw. III.

[*c*] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Derham vi. libi. hoes. ix. ac. tre. 7. iii. bor. 7. val. x. ſol. hoc tenet Hugo.—In eade. i. lib. ho. xvi. ac. 7. val. xii. hoc tenet ide. de hoc habuit Sanſant comd. tantu. In eade. LX. ac. tre. qd. ten. Goddric, lib. ho. t. r. e. m^{o}. tenet idem, de hoc habuit antec. Rog. comd. tantu;

duke of Norfolk, died ſeiſed of the moiety of one knight's fee in Weſt-Derham. The eſtate of the Bigots came to the Mowbrays.—Of Roger Bigot, ſee in Pentney.

William, Earl Warren [d], had 30 acres of land given him on the expulſion of a freeman, and half a carucate: of this earl, ſee in Caſtleacre.

In the 3d of Henry IV. the abbot was poſſeſſed of this, (and then found, of the earl Warren's fee lately) in pure alms, and the 4th part of a fee; before this, in the reign of Henry III. he held the ſame.

Rainald, [e] ſon of Ivo, had 32 acres of land belonging to ſix freemen. Wihenoc had invaded and ſeized on them; and, in his predeceſſor's time, they held it only under protection. Wihenoc was a dependent (and held lands) of Ivo; the lands of this Ivo came after to the earls of Clare; ſee in Crimpleſham. In the reign of Henry III. the abbot held the 6th part of a fee of the heirs of William de Narford, he of the earl of Clare; and, in the 3d of Henry IV. the abbot held it of the earl of March, heirs of the earls of Clare.

Ralph, Lord Bainard, held at the ſurvey, and Luvell under him, one carucate of land, and one villain, with a carucate: out of this the abbot [f] of Ramſey had 20*s.* rent in King Edward's reign, as the hundred witneſſed; and there belonged to this manor 50 acres of land, held by freemen in the aforeſaid reign, with one carucate and an half, &c. valued at 10*s.* The abbot of Ramſey had the ſoc of theſe men. This laſt ſeems to have been part of the lord Bainard's manor of Stoke, and was meaſured with it.—On the forfeiture of William, Lord Bainard's eſtate, for his rebellion in Henry I's time, this came by the king's grant to Robert Fitz-Gilbert, a younger ſon of Richard, anceſtors of the earls of Clare, which Robert was father of Walter Fitz-Robert, one of the witneſſes to the foundation deed of Derham abby, and who probably granted it to the ſaid monaſtery.

The abbot of St. Edmund of Bury had a ſocman, with 6 acres.—The abbot alſo of St. Bennet of Ramſey had 3 ſocmen at the ſurvey, with 6 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at 12*d.*

The lordſhips above-mentioned being united, and belonging to the abbot and convent of Weſt-Derham, came to the crown on its diſſolution, and ſo remained till granted to Sir Thomas Lovell of Eaſt Herling, in the 1ſt and 2d of Philip and Mary.

The ſcite of the abby, with the lands following, were granted on December 3. *Ao.* 32, Henry VIII. to Thomas Derham, Eſq; of Crimpleſham, *viz.* Carter's Cloſe, Great Moon-Shines, with Derham Grange, Barſales, Eaſt Brake Cloſe, Fen Crofts, with the fiſhery in the waters of Weſt-Derham and Roxham, &c. to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and the payment of 46*s.* and 3*d. per ann.* together with Weſt-Brake Cloſe, Calf's Cloſe, Oxcloſe, Heath Cloſe, Old Tallow Beatles, New Tallow Beatles, Church-field, Redhill-field, Well-head-field, Downham wood, and lands in Feltwell, which the ſaid Thomas died poſſeſſed of, Auguſt 29, 1554; and, about the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Sir Thomas Lovell conveyed to Thomas Derham, Eſq; the lordſhips above-mentioned; all which remained in the family of the Derhams 'till the death of Sir Thomas Derham, Bt. when the inheritance came to Sir Simeon Stuart, Bt. (by the marriage of Elizabeth, ſiſter and ſole heir of Sir Thomas Derham) who dying in 1762, his ſon and heir Sir Simeon Stuart, Bt. of Hartley Mauduit in Hampſhire, is the preſent lord, and knight of the ſhire in parliament for Hampſhire. Elizabeth, his eldeſt daughter, married Hewar Edgley, Hewar of Clepham, Eſq; and left no iſſue. Ann, the 3d daughter, married George Bourne, Eſq; of Enfield in Middleſex, and left a ſon and a daughter; alſo Mary and Sophia, the 2d and 4th daughters.

Sir Simeon Stuart married Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir Richard Derham, Bt. of Derham abby in Norfolk, by the honourable Frances Villiers his wife, eldeſt daughter of Robert, Lord Viſcount Purbeck, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Sir John Danvers, brother to Henry, Earl of Danby, and ſole heir to her brother Sir

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[d] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.—In Derham i. lib. xxx. ac. ſemp, dim: car.

[e] Invaſiones Rainaldi fili. Ivonis.—In Derham tenet vi. lib. hoes de xxxii. ac. quas invaſit Wihenoc comdatos tantu. ſuo antec.

[f] Terra Rad. Baniardi.—In Dereham tenet Luvell. i. car. tre. 7. i. car. ſep. i vill de hoc hab. Scs. b. xx. ſol. t. r. e. teſte hund. adjacent huic manerio L. ac. qd. ten. lib. hoes. t. r. e. tc. i. car. 7. dim. mº. i. car. 7. val. x. ſol. de iſtis hab. Scs. b. ſocam.

Thomas Derham, who died at Rome in January 1738-9. and by her had Elizabeth, married to Hewer Edgley Hewer of Fotheringhay caſtle in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; he died Nov. 6, 1728, *s. p.* and Ann married to George Bourne, Eſq; of Enfield in Middleſex; ſhe died December 7, 1739, and Simeon his only ſon now living. Thomas and James dying in their minority, and other daughters, Mary, and Sophia Derham.

The family of De Derham is of great antiquity.—Richard de Derham, Nicholas de Derham, and Elias de Derham were brothers, and witneſſes to Hubert, the arch-biſhop's foundation deed of the abby; and from this Nicholas, 'tis ſaid, the family is deſcended. Jeffrey de Derham, and Alice his wife, impleaded [g] Nicholas, ſon of Gervaſe, and John de Perchehaie for a free tenement in Riſton, *Ao.* 10. *R. Johs.*—Herluinus de Derham held lands of Ramſey abby, and paid 7*d.* rent *per ann.* to them, as lord of the hundred, *ſans* date.

Ralph de Derham was found to die ſeiſed of lands in Derham, Roxham, and Crimpleſham, of Roger Mortimer, earl of March and Clare, *Ao.* 22. Richard II. and Thomas de Derham was living in the ſaid reign.

Thomas de Derham, Eſq; (probably his ſon,) lord of Crimpleſham, was an eminent lawyer in the 5th of Henry IV. a feoffee for the manor of Weſt Herling, and ſealed with a buck's, or deer's head caboſhed. In the 7th of Henry VI. he was juſtice of goal delivery of Eaſt Derham, for the liberty of the biſhop of Ely, and married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Baldwin de Vere, Eſq; of Denver, younger brother of Robert de Vere, Eſq; of Addington in Northamptonſhire, and was father of Thomas Derham, Eſq; of Crimpleſham, who by Alice his firſt wife *, daughter and heir of Gilbert Haltoft, one of the barons of the exchequer, had John, who died a minor; and Elizabeth, who married John Fincham, Eſq; of Outwell in Norfolk; and by his 2d wife Joan, daughter of John Bennet, of Bunwell in Norfolk, Gent. married in 1470, had Thomas his ſon and heir.

Thomas, ſon and heir, a minor, by Joan (at the death of his father, who was buried at Crimpleſham in the 13th of Edward IV.) married Iſabel, daughter of John Paynell, Eſq; of Boothby in Lincolnſhire, by - - - - -, daughter of Philip Tylney, one of the lords of the cloſe of Lincoln minſter. He died in 1531, leaving Thomas his ſon, Dorothy, a daughter, married to Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, &c. Thomas, ſon and heir, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Audley, Kt. Banneret of Swaffham in Norfolk, and dying 1554, left by her a numerous iſſue.—Jane married Robert Lade, alias Baker, of Tyrington; Alice, to Humph. Guybon of King's Lynn, Thomaſine, firſt to - - - - - - Throgmorton of - - - - -, Eſq; next to John Repps, Eſq; of Weſt Walton, and after to John Heath, Eſq; of London.—Alſo 5 ſons, Thomas, ſon and heir, Robert, John, Baldwin, and Audley; Ela their mother, ſurviving their father, married Thomas Guybon, Eſq:

Thomas Derham, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir, married firſt Amphillis, daughter of Sir Francis Lovell of Eaſt Herling; his 2d wife was Ann, daughter of Richard Catlyne, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, but dying *ſans* iſſue, *Ao.* 19 Elizabeth, was ſucceeded by Baldwin his 4th brother and heir.

Baldwin, by his firſt wife Margaret, daughter of John Heath, Eſq; of Durham, had a numerous iſiue; 1. Thomas—2. Roger, rector of Branſton in Leiceſterſhire, and D. D.—3. John—4. Baldwin—5. Robert, rector of Stukeley, in Huntingdonſhire, and D. D. and 6, Nicholas; and 5 daughters—Ann, married to - - - - - Prat, Eſq;—Mary, to Sir Hugh Hamerſley, lord mayor of London;—Margery, to - - - - - Turfet, Gent.—Elizabeth, to Ant. Peninſton, Gent.—Suſan, to Henry Farington, Gent. and by his 2d wife - - - - - -, daughter of - - - - - Booth of Cheſhire, he had Jane, married to Thomas Coventry of London, Gent.—Thomaſine, to John Edes, rector of Lawford in Eſſex.

Sir Thomas Derham, ſon and heir of Baldwin, and heir to his uncle Robert, which Robert is by ſome ſaid to have purchaſed the lordſhip of Derham of Sir Francis Lovell of Eaſt Herling, was knighted by King James I at Newmarket, Dec. 1, 1617. By his firſt wife Catherine, daughter of Sir Henry Anderton of London, had Thomas his ſon and heir; 2. Henry, who married Olivia, daughter and coheir of Jeffrey Kirby † of London, Eſq; by his 2d wife Ann, daughter of Thomas Gooding ‡ of Bliburgh in Suffolk, Gent. and relict of Richard Gotts, Eſq; He had no iſſue.

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* Alice died in 1458;—Haltoft bore ſable, 3 lozenges, ermine, in a bordure, argent.

Thomas, ſon and heir of Sir Thomas Derham, was created a Bt. June 8, 1661. By Elizabeth, his firſt wife, he had John Derham, who is ſaid to have married - - - - -, a daughter of - - - - - - Codde, and died (as I take it) before his father, whom, by his marriage, or otherways, he had diſobliged, ſo that Sir Henry Derham, Bt. was heir to Sir Thomas, by Elizabeth his 2d wife, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Gargrave, Kt. of Noſtell in Yorkſhire; by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir John Danvers. Sir Henry Derham, Bt. having no iſſue by - - - - - - his wife, daughter of Sir John Maynard, and dying in 1682, was ſucceeded by his brother Sir Richard, who waſted his patrimony, and died in foreign parts; ſo that this eſtate was conveyed to his relation and couſin Sir Thomas Derham, Kt. who for many years was envoy at the court of the duke of Tuſcany; after that reſided here, and built the ſtately ſuperb edifice of Derham abby, now ſtanding; and dying in 1697 a batchelor, made Sir Thomas Derham, Bt. ſon of Sir Richard Derham, Bt. by Frances his wife, eldeſt daughter of Robert Villiers, viſcount Purbeck, his heir; who being bred in the court of the duke of Tuſcany, reſided there, lived a ſingle life, died at Rome January 16, 1738, and was buried there in the church of St. Thomas, belonging to the Engliſh nation.

On his death, the inheritance came to the honourable Sir Simeon Stuart, Bt. of Hartley Mauduit in Hampſhire, in right of his wife Elizabeth, only ſiſter and heir of Sir Thomas Derham, Bt. aforeſaid; and their only ſon and heir Sir Simeon is the preſent lord and knight of the ſhire for Hampſhire, and one of the chamberlains of the exchequer, as his father was, who died Auguſt 11, 1761.

The abby of Weſt-Derham is about a mile ſouth of the pariſh church; the old gate-houſe or tower is ſtill ſtanding, and entire, and ſeems to have been built in the reign of Henry VI. It is a noble, lofty, four-ſquare pile of curious workmanſhip of brick embattled; at each corner ariſes an octangular tower, with quoins of free-ſtone, and over the arch of the gate, which is of ſtone, wide and lofty, is this ſhield:—Azure, 3 buck's heads caboſed, or; the buck's head in baſe was pierced with a croſier ſtaff, and was the arms of the abby: this ſtaff has been cut out ſome time paſt; but in the bow window of the room over the arch it ſtill ſtands painted in the glaſs. The common ſeal of the abby was in 1429, and in the reign of Henry VIII. of an oblong form, and red wax,—The Virgin Mary ſtanding under an arch, holding in her arms the child Jeſus; over her head a ſtar, and on each ſide of her an angel with a palm branch:——the legend, *Sigillum abbatis et conventûs Sce. Marie de Derham*. On each ſide of this elegant gate or tower adjoining to it, Sir Thomas Derham, the envoy, built a long, ſtately, and lofty wing, with a quadrangle and a cloiſter on the ſouth ſide, containing many grand rooms, galleries, &c. like the Italian palaces; and many offices, that it is capable of receiving any prince, and pleaſures the taſte of the moſt curious judges.

In a wainſcoted parlour are theſe arms over the chimney, the quartered coat of Derham;—azure, a buck's head caboſed, or, Derham,—quartering, argent on a croſs gules, an annulet, or, Vere in the 1ſt quarter;—and gules, an eagle diſplayed, argent, Goddard in the 3d quarter;—gules, 3 dexter gauntlets, argent, and a canton checque, or and azure, Denver in the 4th quarter,—impaling Anderton, argent, a chevron between 3 croſſes flory, ſab.—and about the room are the arms of ſeveral families that married with the Derhams; *viz.* Fincham, Audley, Lovell, Catlyn, Repps, Guybon, Carvill, Hamerſley, Montford, Gawſell, Pratt, Heath, Penniſton, Painell, Booth, &c.

Derham impaling Scot;—argent, 3 catherine wheels ſab. in a bordure ingrailed, gules;—Derham impaling Heath; alſo Booth, Catlyne; alſo impaling Haltoft and Bennet, ermin, an eſchutcheon gul. ſurmounted with a bend, ingrailed ſab.—and Painell, gules, 2 chevronels in a bordure, argent.

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† Kirby bore argent on a feſs, vert, 3 croſſes formy, or.

‡ Gooding bore—or, a feſs between 6 lions heads eraſed, gules.

In this pariſh, ſouth of the town, near the fens, is a farm-houſe, called Barſale; accounted formerly as a lordſhip. Thomas de Barſale was living in the reign of Edward I. In the 11th of James I. it was ſettled on Thomas Derham, Eſq; on his marriage with the daughter of Sir Henry Anderton,

Afterwards it was ſold to the Harbords of Gunton in Norfolk; and, about 20 years paſt, conveyed by them to Mr. Say of Downham in Norfolk; and captain Say of the militia now poſſeſſes it. William de Barſale was living in the 50th of Edward III. and ſealed with . . . . . a feſs dauncy, between 6 eſcallops, ſeemingly. In the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, Thomas Derham held it *in capite*, of the king, lately belonging to the abby.

The tenths of Weſt-Derham were 10*l.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* —Ramſey abby temporalities were 3*s.* 6*d.*—The lete in Sir George Hare.

The town takes its name from the Britiſh word Dur, water, being near the fens, and the river Wiſſey; and alſo having 3 or 4 little rivulets or ſtreams of water running through it. Thus Durham, Derby, &c.

DERHAM, St. ANDREW's CHURCH.

THERE were in antient days two churches in this town, that of St. Andrew, and that of St. Peter; that of St. Andrew is (as I conceive) the church now ſtanding; and weſt of this church in the church-yard, the ſcite of that of St. Peter's may be perceived. In a ſmall pannel at the ſummit of the preſent church may be ſeen the pourtraiture of St. Andrew painted on the glaſs.

It is a ſingle pile, built of flint and other ſtone, in length about 52 feet, and in breadth about 20, with a chancel about 33 feet long, and 20 broad, covered with thatch. At the weſt end of the church is a large round tower of ſtone, found in pits in this neighbourhood, and called rag ſtone, and on that is raiſed an octangular one of brick, embattled and coped with free ſtone; on the decay of the old tower, in the reign of Henry VI. as I take it. On the ſummit is a cap or cover, with a weather cock; and in this tower hang 4 large modern bells.

On the pavement, at the eaſt end, lies a black marble grave-ſtone with theſe arms quarterly; in the 1ſt quarter—argent, a chev. az. between 3 ſquirrels ſejant, gules, Lovell—2d. ſab. a croſs argent, between 4 lions rampant, or, Bendiſh——3d. vert on 2 chevronels, argent, 6 cinquefoils (3 and 3) gules, Muſwell—and in the 4th quarter, barry of 10 pieces, argent and gules, a lion rampant over all, or, crowned argent, with a ducal coronet, Brandon; the creſt a plume of peacock's feathers.

——*Here lyeth interred the body of Gregory Lovell, Eſq; born in this pariſh, who departed this life the 29th day of Aug. Ao. Dni.* 1693, *in the 63d year of his age.*

Againſt the north wall of the chancel is a neat marble monument; on it——

MEMORARE NOVISSIMA

Robertus Derham, armiger, filius natu ſecundus Thomæ Derham, armig. et Elæ Audley, filiæ Johs. Audley, militis banneretti, magnis impenſis, crebriſq; ſummæ pietatis officiis in univerſam Derhamorum familiam, eximiâ humanitate in omnes ſingulari in colonos ſuos, et tenentes beneficentiâ, nativâ quâ quadam in pauperes [h] *Weſt-Derham, et Crimpleſham benignitate (cujus poſt ſe locuples et perenne pignus ſanctum reliquit) deniq; integritate, prudentiâ, pietate, æquabiliq; morum conſtantiâ poſteris multum celebris et colendus; una cum patre ſuo chariſſimo Tho. Derham, armig. filio Tho. Derham, armig. et Iſabellæ Painell, filiæ Johs. Painell, armig. annis plenus et cœlebs placide in Chriſto obdormivit.*

Tho.	*Derham*	XXIX *Aug.* 1554.	*Æt.* LI.
Robert.		6 *Dec.* 1592.	*Æt.* LXXX.

Quibus propatri, patruoq; indulgentiſſimis, nec non omnibus officiis, nominibuſq; colendiſſimis Tho. Derham, filius Baldwini Derham, armig. pronepos, nepos et hæres monumentum hoc qualecunq; piæ memoriæ, et religioni ſacrum poſuit, dicavitq;.

[*b*] The charitable gift which he is ſaid to have left, was 3l. *per ann.* to Weſt-Derham, and 2l. *per ann.* to Crimpleſham poor, which was paid 'till Sir Tho. Derham, who rebuilt the abby, refuſed to pay it.

On the ſummit of this monument is Derham's quartered coat, *viz.* Vere, Goddard and Denvere; on the right of this ſhield is Derham impaling Audley and Touchet quarterly; & on the left, Audley and Touchet quarterly.—On the ſides of the monument are ſeveral ſhields—Derham impaling Catlyne—Derham impaling Lovell—Derham impaling Booth—Throgmorton impaling Derham—Heath impaling Derham—Derham impaling Heath—Derham impaling, argent, 3 bulls caboſhed, ſab. attired, or, Walrond.—Repps impaling Derham—Gybon impaling Derham—Lade, *alias* Baker impaling Derham.

On the baſis of the monument are theſe verſes, now almoſt obliterated.

Propater et patruus quanvis ſint morte perempti,
Myriades vivent cœlis cum conjuge Chriſto.
Nam pater et patruus Chriſtus, nos ſanguine puro
Ut conſanguineos ſibi ſecit adoptionatos.
Sic queis pura fides, queis vitâ hâc, pauper, egenus
Sunt chari, quamvis cineres conduntur in urna;
Hi tamen ut ſancti penetrabunt nubila celſa, his
Vita, ſalus, ſpes, pax, æternaq; gaudia Chriſtus.

Againſt the ſaid wall is a moſt elegant, curious monument of marble, made at Florence in Italy, with a large quartered ſhield, *viz.* Derham impaling Vere, Goddard, Denvere, and lozengy, argent and ſable, on a bend of the ſecond, 3 creſcents of the firſt, Gargrave. In the ſixth quarter, argent on a chief indented, gules, 3 croſs croſlets, fitchée of the firſt; in the ſeventh, ſab. 3 lions paſſant, in bend, between 2 bendlets, arg. Brown.—In the 8th quarter, ſable, a croſs flurt between 4 annulets, argent.—Alſo two creſts, a boar ſejant, ſable, muſled and chained, or, with a collar, and on his ſhoulder an annulet, argent, the ancient creſt of Derham, and a falcon riſing, or.

Under this in a lozenge, argent, on a croſs gules, 5 eſcollops, or, with a mullet, ſab. in the dexter quarter, for difference,—Villiers. The ornaments of this monument are highly beautiful, and what is moſt curious is, that the field, with the bearings on each field and arms, is of marble, all in their proper colours, and inlaid.

D. O. M.

Thomas Derham, * *Baronettus, Richardi Derham, Militis et Baronetti, et Franciſcæ Derham, filiæ primogenitæ Roberti vicecomitis de Purbeck, filius; erga prudentem, providam et amantiſſimam matrem, necnon erga liberalitatem Tho. Derham, Militis olim Jacobi II. Regis Angliæ apud Coſmum III. Hetruriæ magnæ ducem, ablegati, Richardi Derham de Boſton in comitatu Lincoln. armigeri, primogeniti Richardi Derham, Militis et Baronetti Conſobroni. Qui in manerium de Derham ſe redegit, propriis ſumptibus denuò ædificavit dominationem redituum ampliavit, Viduam Conſobrini Executricem Teſtamentariam, et filium hæredem conſtituit, et memoria beneficæ magnanimitatis illuſtrium Deceſſorum ſuorum poſteritati tranſmittatur adhuc vivens hoc grati animi monumentum poſuit, Ao. Dni.* 1722.

Againſt the ſouth wall of the chancel, incloſed with iron rails, is a ſumptuous monument of marble and alabaſter, riſing to the top of the wall; on the ſummit is gules, a chevron between 3 mallets, or; the creſt a hawk on the lure—Soame; on the corniſh, a Cupid, mourning, with 2 lamps. On a baſis of veined marble ſtands the effigies of colonel Soame in full proportion, in armour of alabaſter; the workmanſhip of an eminent Italian carver, who, from a curious picture of the ſaid colonel, has taken a wonderful likeneſs. On the pedeſtal is this inſcription.

In a vault near this place lies the body of the honourable colonel Edmund Soame, of Derham-Grange in this pariſh, ſon of Edmund Soame of London, merchant, and Mary his wife; which Edmund was one of the ſons of Sir William Soame of Thirlow-Hall in Suffolk; and ſhe the daughter of Simon Middleton of Hackney, in the county of Middleſex, Eſq;—In the reign of King William and Queen Mary, he went a volunteer into the wars of Ireland, and to their majeſties and country's ſervice dedicated the revenues of a

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* In the reign of King James I. Sir Thomas Derham quartered, —— Vere, ... a canton flory of delices. .... paly of 6 .... a chief vairy .... a lion rampant ...... then Goddard and Denver.

plentiful eſtate, which he inherited; and having a captain's commiſſion given him, behaved himſelf in all the wars during the reign of that king with ſuch eminent courage and fidelity, that when Queen Ann came to the crown, her majeſty firſt rewarded him with a lieutenant-colonel's commiſſion, and afterwards with the command of a regiment; and being by his ſovereign ſent on an expedition into Spain, died as he was going, at Torbay in Devonſhire, Sept. 8, 1706, in the 38th year of his age, being thus immaturely cut off, when he was in purſuit of, and ready to be rewarded with the higheſt military honours. In the time of peace, and during the receſs of arms, he was ſeveral years a repreſentative in parliament for the ancient borough of Thetford, in this county, where he approved himſelf to be as true and faithful a patriot in the ſenate houſe, as he was a brave and honourable commander in the field.

In the ſame vault, *lies the body of his only ſiſter, Margaret Green, who died Aug. 10, 1710, relict of Giles Green, Eſq;* according to her deſire, between her huſband and her brother; and, in her laſt will, requeſted her executrix, dame Elizabeth Jenyns, wife of Sir Roger Jenyns of Botleſham-hall in Cambridgeſhire, to erect this monument.

In the church-yard is an altar monument for *Thomas Baron, Gent. who died Aug. 4. 1725.*

BURIALS.

Ann Derham, Gent. July 6, 1567.——William Fearnſley, Gent. Feb. 12, 1583.——Peter Barton, Gent. Sept. 18, 1584.—— - - - Gibbon, Gent. Feb. 12, 1592.——Robert Derham, Eſq; Dec. 6, 1592.——Cath. Derham, wife of Thomas Derham, Eſq; June 21, 1616.——Ann, wife of Roger Prat, Gent. July 21, 1619.——Lady Ann Derham, wife of Sir Thomas, May 28, 1605.——Edward Brampton, Gent. July 7, 1640.——Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Derham, Eſq; Jan. 24, 1640.——John Derham, Eſq; May 20, 1644.——Sir Thomas Derham, May 28, 1645.——Baldwin Derham, Gent. Sept. 11, 1658.——Ann Derham, Gent. May 19, 1672.——Lady Elizabeth Derham, Nov. 12, 1677.——Sir Henry Derham, Bt. May 27, 1682.——John Baron, Gent. Nov. 29, 1683.——Gregory Lovell, Eſq; Sept. 1, 1693.——Sir Thomas Derham, Oct. 7, 1697.——Colonel Edmund Soame, Sept. 26, 1706.——Gyles Green, Gent. 1695.——Mary Green, Gent. Aug. 1710.

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BENEFACTORS.

William and John Millſop gave each 20 *l.* in 1660, with which a town cloſe in Whintoft field was purchaſed, containing two acres and a half, let at 2 *l. per ann.* and given to the poor.

Gregory Lovell, Eſq; gave by will 500 *l.* with which land is bought at Upwell in Norfolk, let at above 30 *l. per ann.* He appointed a ſermon to be preached in this church on Lady, Midſummer, and St. Thomas's day, by the curate of the pariſh, and 40*s.* for each ſermon to be paid to him, the reſt to the moſt neceſſitous poor.

In 1706, Mrs. Green of Derham Grange, gave a large ſilver flagon, and incloſed the communion table with decent rails and baniſters.

WEST-DERHAM ABBY.

THIS abby was founded in the reign of King Henry II. by Hubert Walter, then dean of York; the particular year is not known, but was between the year 1168, when he was preferred to that deanry, and the year 1189 *, when he was preferred to the ſee of Saliſbury, having bought the land on which it was built of Geffry Fitz-Geffrey, and belonging to his own fee or lordſhip.

It was dedicated to God, and the Virgin Mary for regular canons of the premonſtratenſion order, who were to pray for his own ſoul, the ſouls of his father and mother, Ralph de Glanvile, juſticiary of England, (who had the care of his education) and of Berta his wife, as appears from the foundation of the charter.

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* Founded, as an old MSS. ſays, on the feaſt of the aſſumption of the bleſſed Virgin, in 1188.

—Omnib; ſancte matris eccleſie filiis p'ſentib; et futuris Hubertus, Dei gratia Eboracenſis eccleſie decanus, æternam in Domino ſalutem.—Prudentis eſt hiis, que ſaluti anime proficiunt, dum poteſt intendere, et tranſitoriis æterna commutare. Quod quidem intelligentes in honore Dei, et glorioſe Virginis Marie, matris ejus quoddam cœnobium premonſtratenſis ordinis in feodo noſtro apud Derham fundavimus, p. ſalute anime noſtre, et patris et matris noſtre, et Domini Raduphi de Glanvile, et Domine Berte uxoris ejus, qui nos nutriebant, et p. ſalute fratrum ſororum, conſanguineorum, familiarium, et omnium amicorum noſtrorum et p. ſate domui et canonicis dedimus, et conceſſimus, et p' ſenti charta noſtra confirmavimus totum tenementum in eadem villa cum 'pertinentiis quod de Galfrido filio Galfridi emeramus, &c.

The witneſſes were John, biſhop of Norwich, Ralph de Glanvile, lord chief-juſtice of England, Walter Fitz-Robert, Geffrey Fitz-Peter, Richard de Derham, parſon of the church, Nicholas de Derham, and Elias de Derham, brethren.

Walter Fitz-Robert, one of the witneſſes, was anceſtor of the lords Fitz-Walter, and had a grant of the lands forfeited by the lord Baynard. He married Maud, a daughter and co-heir of Sir Richard de Lucy, juſticiary of England, &c.——Geff. Fitz-Peter was afterwards earl of Eſſex, and Elias de Derham was afterwards one of the founder's executors, *Ao. 7°. Johs.*

The founder was a native of this town, ſon of Hervey Walter, brother of Theobald Walter, chief butler of Ireland, from whom the noble family of Butler, dukes of Ormond, are deſcended.

The firſt preferment in the church that I find him poſſeſſed of, was a fourth part or portion of the church of Felmingham [*a*] in Norfolk; after this he was dean of York, one of the barons of the exchequer, biſhop of Saliſbury, and arch-biſhop of Canterbury, legate to the pope, lord chancellor, and chief juſtice of England; no clergyman, before or after him, had ſo great a power and authority, and no man ever uſed it with greater prudence and moderation, being the prime miniſter of King Richard I. and King John.

In the 3d year of King John, he had a grant of the cuſtody of the caſtle and [*b*] foreſt of Windſor, dated May 4, *apud Aumorl. viz.* Albermarle in France; and, in the ſaid year, one to recover all his demeans that had been lately alienated—dated at Vernole.

King John, in his firſt year, granted to the abbot and convent a weekly mercate on Wedneſday, and an annual fair for four days, *viz.* on St. Matthew's, and the 3 following days, with toll, ſtallage, and all liberties belonging to a mercate and fair; dated at Weſtminſter, June 10.—Witneſſes, William, biſhop of London, Hubert, biſhop of Saliſbury (the founder) Geff. Fitz-Peter, earl of Eſſex, William Marſhal, earl of Pembroke, Hamel, earl Warren, &c.

In the aforeſaid year, King John, by his charter dated at Roan in France, [*c*] Sept. 7, at the requeſt of the founder, confirmed to this abby all their lands, rents, ſervices, and advouſons, which had been given by the founder of his own fee, and which he had of Geffrey Fitz-Geffrey in the town of Derham, and exempted them from the ſervices which Walter Fitz-Robert did to Hubert (their founder, which ſhows that Walter was a benefactor) and to Geffrey Fitz-Geffrey, and the ſervices which Hubert did to Walter Fitz-Robert.

And, as far as belonged to his regal power, appropriated to them the church of Kirby Malgedale, which Adam Fitz-Adam gave, the church of Katham, with the appertenances of the gift of Hugh de Diva.—One knight's fee in Walton of the gift of Margaret, daughter of Alexander le Moine, and of Roger Buch, about which there had been a ſuit in the king's court, and they, by conſent, gave up their right therein. The land at Iclington, which Hubert their founder, and Walter his brother gave, and which Hamo, ſon of Walter held, except 30*s.* rent *per ann.* belonging to the monks of Iclington.——Land and tenements of the gift of their founder in Oxford, held of the priory of St. Frideſwide, the rent of 40*s.* *per ann.* iſſuing out of a moiety of the fiſhery in Merſh-Fen, given them by Hamelen Plantagenet, earl Warren, and Iſabel his wiſe, which William Curteis uſed to pay

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[*a*] Regiſt. abbat. de Holm. fol. 42, et 96.

[*b*] N°. 6.—N°. 20.

[*c*] Dugd. Monaſt. Angl. Vol. II. p. 625.

them at 3 terms in the year. What they held in Smalbregg, of the gift of Henry de Pomerai, and Walter de Marmion, paying to the ſaid Walter 20*s. per ann.* —— Nine acres given by Simon Briton in the marſh, or ſea-ſhore at Wrangle in Lincolnſhire, to make ſalt-pits, with ground for a houſe, on the toft of William the prieſt, by Rythfleet bridge, with common of paſture for 36 cows or oxen.

Forty acres of land in Hillington in Norfolk, the gift of Roger de Pavilli out of his demean, with liberty of a fold, paying 2*s. per ann.* the rent of half a mark in Playford, with certain homages, given by Hervey [*d*] Fitz-Peter, a moiety of the mill at Acton, which Walter, ſon of Peter de Warham, and the rent of 15*s.* in the mill of Ringland, which Julian de Swathfield gave; the rent of half a mark out of the mill of Tichwell, which William Luvel de Ibery gave; half a mark's rent given by Peter Fitz-Walter out of his mill at Irſted, to buy wine for maſs in their church, &c. with ſoc, ſac, tholl, and many other royal privileges, all granted by the king, under the hand of Hubert, archbiſhop of Canterbury:——Witneſs, Geffrey, arch-biſhop of York.

Beſides the benefactions here confirmed, I find the following perſons to have been benefactors to this abby.

Thomas de Burgh gave a meſſuage, many lands, quit-rents, and a fiſhery at Upwell; and the abbot had a manor there——Alan, ſon of John de Tilney, lands in Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalen, and others of that name; lands at Lynn, Seche, Tilney, Sadlebow, &c. and they had a manor at Tilney.——Hubert Ruffin, and Robert his ſon, lands at Oxburgh, in the reign of Henry III. and a ſeveral marſh in Stoke-fen.——Barth. de Brancaſter, lands in Boughton, and at Barton Eaſtmore, where a manor belonged to them. ——Sir Oſb. de Stradeſet, lands at Stradeſet, with a fiſhery at Denver, Fordham, &c. in the river Ouſe, and was buried in the abby church; and Cecilia de Stradeſet, lands at Stradeſet, daughter of Richard de Stradeſet.——Adam, ſon of Alan de Wigenhale, and many of that name, gave lands in the towns of Wigenhale.——Peter, ſon of Robert de Watlington, and Alice his wife, daughter of Roger de Wigenhale, lands in Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalen.——Sir Frederick de Capravil, lands in Wigenhale; Robert de Capravil, and John his ſon, lands there, and in Iſlington.——Lætitia, daughter of Robert de Capravil, and wife of Richard de Stradeſet, lands in Werham. —William de Sculdham, lands in Clenchwarton, South Lyn, Walton, &c.—Cecilia, daughter of Roger de Bukton, widow of John de Shouldham, lands in Bukton, and half a fold-courſe there.—Will. de Meyſi of Werham, lands in the field of St. Winwaloy in Werham, with a rent from Will. de Brancaſter, and lands in Boughton; and Arnold de Meyſi, lands in Werham.—Ralph, ſon of Reginald de Barſale, lands at Riſton; and Roger de Barſale, a meſſuage and lands there.—Will. de Ginney, a fiſhery at Helgey; Thomas de Agenny, and Peter, ſon of Stonild, fiſheries there.—Steph. de Stoke, lands at Stoke, and a right in 2 fiſheries.——John de Badeſcroft a fiſhery in the river Ouſe—Peter de Narford, a fiſhery between Stoke and Witendun, and his right in the mill at Aketon.—Tho. de Buketon, and others of the ſaid name, lands in Boketon, Berton, &c.—Ralph and Robert de Langwade, lands at Langwade, and in Oxburgh; the abbot had a manor here and in Cley, with a cloſe, called Frith Croft in Shingham, leaſed in the 11th of Henry VIII. to Sir Henry Bedingſeld of Oxburgh, at 33*s.* 4*d. per ann.* all wards, reliefs, &c. excepted. ——Alexander de Mara gave lands at Skredinton in Lincolnſhire, in the reign of Henry III.——Hugh, abbot of Salley, granted to Roger abbot of Derham, &c. his right of common or paſture, in the foreſt of Gyſebourne in Yorkſhire, as by fine, *Ao.* 53, Henry III. for the ſuſtentation of his manor of Rahaved.—— The abbot had a lordſhip at Ilketeſhall in Suffolk, called Lions, and lands at Weybrede.—Jeffrey Platt gave 100 acres of marſh.—William Curteis of Well, in 1237, bequeaths his body to be buried here, and 15 ſticks of eels [*e*] yearly to the convent.

In the 3d of Edward I. the abbot claimed the lete here of his tenants, and the aſſiſe of bread and beer, a fair, toll, weif, &c. The amercements of his men, who were exempt from being impleaded in any court baron, or county court, but in the king's court alone, and a gallows.

[*d*] Playford in Suffolk.—Acton, now called Orton Dam, between Oxburgh and Stoke, where was a water-mill.—Ringland in Norfolk.—Titchwell in Norfolk.—Irſted in Suffolk.

[*e*] Great part of theſe benefactions are an extract from the *Leidger* of Weſt-Derham, taken by Robert Derham, and William Gybon, Eſq; and now in the poſſeſſion of Thomas Martin, Gent. of Palgrave in Suffolk.—A ſtick, or ſtica is ſaid to contain 25 eels.

Sir William Howard, the famous judge, anceſtor of the dukes of Norfolk, gave lands in Tirington and Tilney, *Anno* 29 of Edward I.

In the 19th of that king, the abbot had a lordſhip in Barton; in the 12th of Edward II. licence to purchaſe 38 acres of land, and 5 of meadow in Berton over the ditch, and one meſſuage, with 12 acres of land in Tilney, of Richard Rigges and R. Goldy; and in the 18th, it appears that the convent was obliged to pray for Adomare de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, as heir to the lord Monchenſy, who had been a principal benefactor. The convent had a manor or lands in Eaſt Walton, given by Amicia, wife of Alexander de Buterwythe, and one in Hillington.

In the 16th of Edward III. the abbot certified to the treaſurer and barons of the exchequer the value of their lands, &c. in Derham, Upwell, Riſton, Stradſete, Stoke, Wretton, Cley, Oxburgh, Caldecote, Sengham, Fincham, Buketon, Barton, Bicham, Werham, Iſlington, Thorp, Lenn St. Peter's, and North Lenn, Clenchwarton, Bexwell, Fordham, Watlington, Holcham, Ringland, Weſton, Thimblethorp, Carleton, Brocke Aſeby, Cleidon, North Tudenham, &c.

In the 33d, Henry de Weting, chaplain, and Stephen Talbot of Fincham; gave one meſſuage, 140 acres of land and paſture, with 3*s.* rent in Riſton, Weſt Derham, Denver, Downham, Eaſt Walton, &c. and in the 44th. a patent for lands in Cambridge; and in the 16th of Richard II. one for 26 acres of land in Holkam, and a ſeveral fiſhery in Merche; alſo for a moiety of the manor of Denver, in the 47th of Edward III.

Henry de Wells, dean of Chapel-field college in Norwich, arch-deacon of Lincoln, &c. was a great benefactor, and at his death, 1431, buried here.

Beſides the temporal poſſeſſions above-mentioned, the abbot and convent had an intereſt in the following churches.

Derham, St. Peter's, given, as it ſeems, by their founder, and appropriated to them, valued at 21 marks, and paid Peter-pence 11*d.*——Derham, St. Andrew's, given by Sir William de Timworth, *Ao.* 2°. Henry III. and appropriated. The jury, in 3d of Edward I. found it to be the gift of that knight; that he held it of R. Curpel, he of the lord Bardolf, who held it *in capite*, for this grant of Sir William, Ralph then abbot, and the convent covenant that he ſhould be partaker of all their prayers, &c.—valued at 21 marks, &c.—Kirkby Malondale, in Craven, Yorkſhire, given by Adam Fitz-Adam, and appropriated.——Wretton in Norfolk—One moiety granted by Peter de Narford, the other by Gilbert Buxi of Buckton, and Hugh Buxi, *Ao.* 16, Henry III. and appropriated.——Stradſet in Norfolk, the gift of Sir Oſbert de Stradeſet, *Ao.* 34, of Henry III. for the relief of the poor and needy who ſhall come to the abby gate; the rectory appropriated, and the abbot, &c. patrons of the vicarage.——Thorp St. Mary, *alias* Geyton Thorp in Norfolk, a moiety appropriated in the grant of Thomas de Haſtings.——Ringland St. Peter's, in Norfolk, given by Julian de Swathfield (and appropriated) *Ao.* 2°. of King John.——Holkham in Norfolk, conſiſting of two medieties, given by William, Lord Montchenſy, *Ao.* 2°. of King John, and appropriated by John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich. One of the medieties is ſaid to have been wreſted from them by a lay-hand, and the other was recovered and confirmed to them July 16, 1347; the biſhop of Norwich nominated to it, and the abbot, &c. preſented the vicar.—Holy Trinity church in Cambridge, of the gift of William de Gernemutha (Yarmouth) called vineter (a vintner there) appropriated, and patrons of the vicarage.—Katham—given by Hugh de Diva, *Quære*, if not in Yorkſhire?——St. John Baptiſt's chapel, in Barton Eaſtmore, Norfolk, given by Barth. de Brancaſtre, to find two canons of this abby to officiate therein: ſee in Eaſtmore.—Oxburgh in Norfolk; the patronage of this church was granted by - - - - de Gournay, and Hugh de Holand, in the reign of King Edward III. and that king, *Ao.* 50, granted licence to appropriate it, but it had no effect.——King Edward III. in his 10th year, granted licence to the lady Elizabeth de Burgo, to give, &c. to the abbot and convent 7 meſſuages, 112 acres of land, &c. to find a chaplain in the chapel of St. Winwaloe at Werham: ſee there.——Grimſton in Norfolk.——King Edward III. in his 48th year, gave leave to Simon, rector of Caſtre, and Nicholas de Maſſingham, to appropriate this church, which they had of John de Weſenham, and of John, ſon of Benedict de Breccles, and that a vicarage ſhould be ſettled, to be preſented by the convent, and to which they preſented in 1399. After this, the earl of Arundel, who was lord of the fee, recovered it, being granted without his conſent.

The ſpiritualities of this abby, with the priory of Wynwaloy, were valued in 1428 at 81 *l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*—The temporalities at 138 *l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* *q.*—at the diſſolution. Dugdale ſays, it was in the whole valued at 228 *l.* 0. 0. ¾.—Speed, at 252 *l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* ½.

ABBOTS.

Auguſtin was the firſt abbot.—Ralph occurs in the reign of Richard I. in the 2d and 12th of Henry III. of this Ralph I have ſeen the following deed.

Omnib; &c. Radulfus Dei gratia abbas de Derham, et ejuſdem loci conventus ſalutem in Dno. noveritis, &c. Nos conceſſiſſe, &c. Adæ filio Galfridi de Hagebeche et heredib; &c. quator viginti acras terre que jacent in Uttwel inter terram prioris de Lewes, &c. reddendo inde nobis annuatim in p'petuum duodecem denarios de cenſu, &c. Et ut hec noſtra donatio, &c. eam ſigilli noſtra appoſitione roboravimus.—Hiis teſtib; Rado. de Walpol clerico, &c. The ſeal to it is oblong, *(Plate I. Fig. 3.)* a dexter hand holding a croſier erect, alluding likely to their founder the archbiſhop, and the legend——*Sigillum abbatis et conventus de Derham.*

Remigius was abbot in the 15th of Henry III. as by a fine then levied.——Angerius, in the 16th of Henry III. as by a fine.——Roger, in the 52d of Henry III.——Dionyſe Walter, in the 14th of Edward I. as by a fine; and, in the 25th of that king, was an executor to William, Lord Montchenſy.——Simon, in the year 1304, as by the regiſter of Caſtleacre.—Walter de Donton [f] elected abbot, had licence given him to receive his benediction from the biſhop of Ely, on March 1, 1305.——Paul de Tilney was admitted abbot December 21, 1313, and made to the biſhop of Norwich profeſſion of obedience, which was intheſe words:

Ego frater Paulus, &c. electus Abbas, &c. ſubjectionem, reverentiam et obedientiam a ſanctis patrib; conſtitutam ſecundùm regulam, &c. Tibi, Domine, Pater Epiſcope, tuiſq; ſucceſſorib; canonice ſubſtituendis, et ſancte ſedi Norwic. ſalvo ordine noſtro perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto.

John de Rocham, *vel* Rowham, a canon of Weſt Derham, elected, admitted by the biſhop of Norwich, May 21, 1325, preſented by the abbot of Welbeck in Nottinghamſhire.——Nicholas occurs abbot in 1339.——William de Holt, admitted abbot by the biſhop, April 6, 1368, preſented by the abbot of Welbeck.——Conſtantine occurs abbot in the 16th of Richard II.——John Flete occurs abbot in the 1ſt and 7th of Henry IV. he paid 6*d.* relief for lands held of the manor of Werham-Hall [g], at a court here, on Saturday before the feaſt of St. Margaret, *Ao.* 4, Henry IV. due on the death of Conſtantine, late abbot. One John occurs abbot, *Ao.* 21, Richard II. probably the ſame John, as appears by a deed of his, about lands in Well.——John, conſecrated abbot October 5, 1412, in the biſhop's chapel at Thorp by Norwich.—Robert occurs abbot in 1428.—John Sareſſon, *alias* Wygenhale, occurs abbot in 1429; he was rector of Oxburgh, Yaxham, Maſſingham *Magna*, &c. dean of Chapel-field houſe, chancellor to the biſhop, &c.——John Lynn, abbot in 1459, and 1473.——William Makeſley occurs in 1482.——John Martin, in 1488, and 1504.——John Wiſbeach, in 1506.——William Norwich, admitted abbot by the biſhop of Norwich, Nov. 30, 1511.——Roger Forman, *alias* Formey, elected about 1522, in the 14th of Henry VIII. the bayliff of the biſhop of Ely had orders to diſtrain on the new abbot of Weſt-Derham, holding a fiſhery at March, in the iſle of Ely by knight's ſervice of that biſhop, 5*l.* being then due, and 2*s.* for relief. At the diſſolution, he ſurrendered the abby, obtained a penſion from the crown of 66 *l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in 1544 was inſtituted rector of Boughton, and died 1548.

At the diſſolution, ſeveral of [h] the canons of this houſe were found guilty of incontinency in a moſt ſhameful manner.

— *Robertus Walſand cum fe'ia. conjugata*
— *Thomas Munday cum fe'ia. ſoluta*
— *Ric'dus Norwolde diverſis, tam conjugatis quam ſolutis,*
  et fatetur ſodom.
— *Johan. Jackſon, fatetur voluntar. pollut.*
— *Ric'dus Watlington, fatetur volunt. pollut.*

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[f] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.
[g] Rot. Maner. de Werham.
[h] Compendium Compert. MSS. penes Pet. le Neve Norroy.

— *Thomas Dighton,*
— *Pet. Tilney,* } *fatentur voluntar. pollut.*
— *Rog. Gargrave,*
— *Tho. Downeham,*

Ric'dus Norwalde, alias Marke, dicit in vim juramenti, et conſcientiæ quod ſi omnes tamen ingenuè faterentur ſua commiſſa Dnō. Regi ut deberent, reperiret ne unum quidem ex monachis, vel preſbyteris, qui aut utatur femineo congreſſu, aut maſculo concubitu, aut pollution. voluntar. vel aliis id genus nephandis abuſibus quare optaret—ex animo ut liceret eis omnibus quotquot velint uti remedio conjugii, et ſperat Regiam Majeſtatem in hoc divinibus miſſa' eſſe in terris.—Sic dicit etiam Ric'dus Watlington.

— *Præterea D. Tilney et Roger. Gargrave, qui gerebant curam animarum ruri, interrogati de uſu nimis ſodomit. dicunt quod illud crimen regnat ut plurimum in preſbyteris tam ſecularibus quam regularibus et juvenibus qui nondum ſunt coujugati, et illi etiam optarent remedium conjugii talibus concedi.*

In 1553 [*i*], here remained in charge theſe following annuities or penſions to religious perſons of this houſe.

Thomas Hawe, 2 *l. per ann.*—James Hawe, 1 *l.* 10*s. per ann.*

John Jackſon, 5*l. per ann.* This man was married and divorced from his wife in the reign of Queen Mary; he then lived at Werham, and probably ſerved the cure there.

This abby being of the premonſtratenſian order, it may not be improper to give here the genealogy of it, which was always religiouſly kept, and obſerved in all religious houſes.

Premonſtratum begat Liſkes.—Liſkes, a Norman premonſtratenſian abby begat Newhus.—Neuhous in Lincolnſhire, the firſt premonſtratenſian abby in England, begat Welbeck.—Welbeck in Nottinghamſhire, the 3d premonſtratenſian abby in England, begat Weſt-Derham.——Weſt-Derham in Norfolk, the 12th premonſtratenſian abby in England.

In 1465, the 5th of Edward IV. the ſtate of this abby is thus repreſented in a MSS. [*k*] regiſter of the premonſtratenſian order.

1. *Archiepiſcopus Cantuar. eſt Fundator.*
2. *Abbas de Welbeck eſt Pater Abbas.*
3. *Quinq; habet eccleſias curati; quidam canonici perpetui, quidam ſeculares, quidam revocabiles.*
4. *Fundatum erat in honore B. Marie Virginis ad feſtum aſſumptionis, Anno Dom.* M.C.LXXXVIII.

Hubert Walter the founder, being afterwards archbiſhop of Canterbury, all his ſucceſſors in the ſee of Canterbury from him had the title, and in times of neceſſity were applied to as founders, or patrons.

The abbot of Welbeck was father abbot, becauſe Derham had its firſt canons from Welbeck; and for this reaſon, when the abbot of Derham died, the canons always ſent his ſeal to that father abbot; and, at the ſame time, prayed him to fix a day when he would be at Derham to ſee them make a fair election of a new abbot, and himſelf inſtall him; and it appears that the abbot of Welbeck preſented the new abbot to the biſhop of Norwich for admiſſion, &c.

In 1506, Thomas Wilkinſon, abbot of Welbeck, and commiſſary-general to the abbot of Premonſtratum, went his progreſs to viſit all the abbies of this order. He arrived here 20th of October at ſupper-time; on the 21ſt he viſited this houſe; on the 22d he made an end, and lay that night at Ely, at the charge of the abbot of Derham.

PERSONS here buried.

Sir Oſbert de Stradeſet, Knt.——Roger de Hengham, rector of Buckton, *alias* Boughton.——Henry Wells, [*l*] arch-deacon of Lincoln, and dean of St. Mary's college in the fields at Norwich, buried here in 1431.—Ellene Gawſell, [*m*] Gent.

[*i*] Certific. de penſion. &c. MSS. in Regiſt. Norwich. p. 27.

[*k*] MSS. penes Reverend. Virum Magiſtrat. Peck, Rect. de Godby. in Comit. Leiceſt.

[*l*] Willis's Hiſt. of Abbies, vol. 2 p. 50.

[*m*] Reg. Rix, p. 43. in Regiſt. Norwic.——Reg. Cage, p. --.

of Watlington, by will dated on the feaſt of St. Clement, 1504, deſires to be buried in the monaſtery of our lady at Weſt-Derham, and gives to John Martin, abbot, an image of the ſalutation with a † vernakill.——Thomas Gawſell of Walyngton, Eſq; her huſband, wills in 1500, to be buried in the chapel of St. John in Derham abbey.——Richard de Franſham, Eſq; wills in 1378 his body to be buried here, proved 8 May, the ſaid year, dated at Langford, Norfolk; John de Methwold his nephew, and executor.—*Reg. Heyton.*

DOWNHAM.

IN ancient accounts it occurs by the name of Downham Market, and Downham-Hithe: Spilman ſays the market here was of ſuch antiquity, that he finds it confirmed by Edward the Confeſſor. The town is ſeated on a hill to the eaſt of the river Ouſe, over which and the fens, it has an extenſive view and proſpect, and takes its name from its ſcite, a Ham or dwelling on a Dun, Down, or Hill. The principal manor was given by King Edgar, with the hundred of Clackloſe, to Ramſey-Abby.

ABBOT *of* RAMSEY's MANOR.

THE principal manor here was in the abbot, of which an account may be ſeen at large in Wimbotſhan, it extending itſelf into this town, and he had the ſame privileges here, as in that village. It appears that king John [*a*] granted or confirmed a fair here to the abbot, in his 6th year, and the privilege of a gallows here, or hanging malefactors was allowed him in the time of Henry III. On the diſſolution of this abbey it was granted by King Henry VIII. to Robert Miller, *&c.* as is mentioned in Wimbotſham, and ſo paſſed thro' ſeveral hands to the Hares, Sir George Hare, Bt. being the late lord.

INGALDESTHORP MANOR.

AT the ſurvey William earl Warren had here 30 acres held by 9 freemen, [*b*] and half a carucate of land, valued at 12*s.* 4*d.* St. Bennet, that is the abby of Ramſey, had the ſoc and protection, but the earl laid claim to it by an exchange. This appears to be held under the earls Warren, by the Ingaldeſthorps, of whom ſee in Wimbotſham, and paſſed to the Hares, as is there ſhewn.

BARDOLPH MANOR.

HERMERUS DE FERRER, [*c*] ſeized on 13 ſocmen (as appears from the *Book of Domeſday,*) who held 40 acres and a carucate, valued at 10*s.* his predeceſſor had only the protection of them. This deſcended to the lords Bardolph, and was held by Blake, and Prat, as I take it, and came to the Hares, as obſerved in Wimbotſham, but anciently went with the manor which the lords Bardolph had in Wimbotſham.

Rainold,]*d*] ſon of Ivo, had at the ſurvey the land late of 3 freemen who held 20 acres and an half, valued at x*d.* and were under protection only; alſo of one freeman with 7 acres, whoſe protection lately was in the predeceſſor of William

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† A vernakill was a handkerchief or napkin, whereon was the form or impreſs of our Saviour's face, called alſo Veronica, from the handkerchief of our Saviour, whereon the likeneſs of his face was formed in a miraculous manner, when he was led to the croſs and crucified: the original is ſaid to be preſerved in St. Peter's church at Rome, and adored by the papiſts.

[*a*] Cart. 6 Joh. n. 96.——P'lita Coron. Aº. 34 Hen. III. r. 28.

[*b*] Terr. W. de Warrenna.—In Dunham, xxx. ac. qd. ten. ix. lib. hoes. ſemp. dim. car. 7. val. xii. ſol. 7. iiii*d.* de his ix. ho' ib; ht. Sts. Bends. comd. 7. ſoc. et W. de Warrecl. p. eſcangio.

[*c*] Invas. Herm. de Ferr. In Duneham, xiii. lib. xl. acr. ſep. i. car. val. x. ſol. in his non hab. antec. niſi comd.

[*d*] Iva. Rain fil. Ivon.—In Duneham, iii. lib. hoes. de xx. acr. 7. dim. comd. tant. val x*d.* In ead. i. lib. ho. de xvii. acr. comd. antec. W. de Warr. mº. ten. val. xii*d.*

de Warſen, valued at 12*d.*—This deſcended to the earls of Clere, and in the time of Henry III. Edward I. *&c.* was held of that honour by the family of the Narfords by the 23d. part of a fee. This tenure went along with another ſmall one held of the aforeſaid honour in Bexwell.

Roger Bigot [*e*] had at the ſurvey a freeman's land, who held 12 acres valued at 16*d.*—Alſo St. Audrey (that is the church of Ely) had 2 villains here, who held 12 acres and one acre of meadow, valued a xii*d.* All Dunham is ſaid then to be 3furlongs long, and 2 broad. Bigot's part ſeems to have come ſoon after into the hands of the lords Bardolph, or to be held by them of the heirs of Bigot, and that which belonged to the church of Ely was granted by king Henry VIII. 10 Sept. in his 33d. year, to the dean and chapter of Ely.

It is an agreeable town, well paved, has a good market on Saturday, ſupplyed with fiſh and fowl from the neighbouring fens, and a bridge over the Ouſe leading to Well, Wiſbeach, *&c* Near to this bridge, on the town ſide, is a market kept for butter every Monday, where in the height of the ſummer and ſpring about 3000 firkins are ſaid to be bought up by ſeveral factors, and ſent hence by water to Cambridge, and thence to London by land carriage, and called there Cambridge butter. This bridge antiently belonged to the lords Bardolph; and I find that on the 1ſt of July in the 32d. of king Henry VI. [*f*]John Trentale in the name and licenſe of John, Lord Viſcount Beaumont, (a deſcendant of the lords Bardolph) leaſed to Peter Baker, Thomas Spenſer, Robert Lyſter, and John Chaunter of Downham, the bridge here, at the rent of 13*s.* and 4*d.* *per ann.* they being obliged to keep it in repair at their own charge, and to take the accuſtomed tolls; but it was provided and excepted, that all the tenants, farmers, reſidents, *&c.* of the ſaid lord, belonging to his manor of Stow, ſhould be free from the ſaid toll.

The lete was in Sir Thomas Hare, Bt. fee 2*s.* 8*d.* who has lately obtained a charter for 2 fairs in the year, one on May 8, the other on November 2.

Doctor Badgcroft, maſter of Cajus college, Cambridge, left by will 100*l.* to this town, to cloathe the poor, for fuel, *&c.* with which land is purchaſed, now rented at 8*l.* *per ann.*

The church is dedicated to St. Edmund, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, built of carr or ragg ſtone, and covered with lead; at the weſt end, ſtands a low four ſquare tower of the ſame materials, embattled, and with buttreſſes, quoins, *&c.* of free ſtone, wherein are 5 bells; on this is erected a ſmall ſpire of wood, covered with lead. The vault of the nave is ſupported by pillars forming 10 arches, 5 on each ſide, of a different workmanſhip, and turn; the roof is of oak, and at the weſt end is a neat gallery fineered,*&c.* and on the old octangular font, a ſhield on each angle, *viz.* 2 arrows in ſaltire, with a crown over them, to ſet forth the ſhield of St. Edmund--3 eſcollops, St. James's—a croſs, St. George,— 2 ſwords in ſaltire, St. Paul,—a ſaltire, St. Andrew,-—two keys in ſaltire, St. Peter—a croſs with 2 ſpears in ſaltire, with a crown of thorns on the head of the croſs, our Saviour's ſhield; the other is obſcure. In this nave hangs on a piece of iron work a glaſs or cryſtal branch with 8 ſockets, the nave is in length about 62 feet, and breadth with the 2 iſles about 45.—The chancel is camerated, and covered with reed, in length about 34 feet, and in breadth about 16; the communion table is railed in, and is ornamented with the 10 commandments, and the pictures of Moſes and Aaron.—Againſt the north wall is a ſtone thus inſcribed;—*RADULPHUS HARE, Baron. hujus tecti materiam ex pio erga Deum, nec minus benevolo erga rectorem, affectu liberè ſuppeditavit An°. Dom.* 1702. South of the chancel and adjoyning is a little chapel, about 18 feet long and 13 broad, covered with lead; on the pavement lyes a graveſtone with a braſs plate; what remains is this, ;;;;;; *Johis. Rouſe,* ;;;;;;;; *p' pit. Deus.*

In the church was antiently the arms of Ramſey abbey,—or, on a bend azure, 3 rams heads eraſed argent, and thoſe of lord Bardolph.

[*e*] Terr. Rogeri Bitgoti. In Dunham, i. lib. ho xii. ac. et val. xvi*d.*—Terr. Sce. Adeld. In Dunham, ii. vill. xii. acr. 7.ii. ac. pti. val. xii*d.* tot Dunham habet iii quar. in long 7. ii. in lat.

[*f*] Evident. Thomas Hare, Baron.

On an altar tomb in the church-yard.

H. S. E.

Maria Uxor Gul. Adkin,
Cujus ſuperſtes Virtus Cineri,
Mariti floret lugentis memoria,
Fatoq; non divulſus amor.
Hic nempe conditur
Exemplar Conjugii optimum,
Matrona (ſi quæ alia)
Cujus cordi Pietas et Fides
Linguæ Vultuiq inſedit benignitas,
Quæ etiam in longis ſiniſtræ Valetudinis,
Doloribus manſit compoſita.
Cujus patientiam, Moreſq; placidos,
Non ipſa Pthiſis potuit deterere
Ubi tuus, O Sepulchrum, aculeus!
In ſalo Marmor hoc ponentis Animo,
Tam grave plorantis damnum Conjugis,
Qui non ita de Luctu ſuo,
Ut Victrix de Morte Fœmina.
Triumphavit.

Obt. pr. Id. Oct.

Anno { *Salut.* 1717,
Ætat. 33.

On another altar tomb there.

Lector ſub hoc marmore
THOMAS CRICK.
(Hujus villæ nuper Generoſus)
In certam renaſcendi ſpem,
Spei incertæ anchoram demiſit,
Optimam mercat. mercaturam,

Obt. 6°. Id. Martii.
Æræ autem Xtianæ.
Anno Milleſ°. 6 Ranteſ°.

Victuroſq; Dii celant, ut vivere durent,
Fœlix eſſe mori.
Juxta, verſus dextram jacet
Hen. Saffery, Gen. variolar. morbo abreptus,
Heu! miſeri fruſtra morbos vitamus acerbos,
Mortis enim, mors eſt, quotidiana, timor,
Gratia, nec vultus prodeſt, ſociiq; lepores,
Nedum maturi pectora firma viri.
Nempe Henrice alitèr te tardior urna maneret,
Dixerat et nondum mœſtâ camæna vale

Obiit. 7m°. Idus Januarii.

Anno { *Salutis* 1721,
Ætatis 45.

At the eaſt end of the church-yard is a monument covered with a long ridged ſtone, on the ſouth ſide thus inſcribed,

Lucretia, } *Filia Thomæ Peirſon, de Wiſbeach, defuncti,* { *Gen.*
Uxor Robti. Southous ſenis de hâc villa.

Unico filio ſup'ſtite: *Martino,*
3bs. filiab; defunctis, *Gratia,* } *Southous.*
Mariana,
Maria.

Obiit. 21, Julii, A°. 1663°.
A°. ſuæ Ætat. ---7-.

Let every wife,
Remember her life.
And her waies to imitate,
So ſhall ye be ſure,
Good names to p' cure,
And wickedneſs learn for to hate.

On the North Side.

Hicq; ſepulta jacet, caro defleta marito,
Notis, vicinis, pauperibuſq; ſuis.
Nec fuit hiſce ſuis olim Lucretia Romæ,
Aut Collatin: charior illa ſuo.

On the Weſt End, *or* Head.

Iidemq; { *Robs.* *et* *Lucretia.* } *Southous,* 24 *ans.*

Inſimul { *amanter* *et* *feliciter* } *vixer.*

In omnibus diebus uſurpationis iſtius Impbi. Oliv. Cromwell, p' ditoris, p' ditor.

On another altar tomb—*Will. Parlett Armig. inter uxores et partus, ſub ſpe reſurrectionis, hic jchet ſepultus.*

BURIED HERE.

Sir Nich. Holmes Aug. 3. 1558, a chantrey prieſt.—John Badgcroft, Gent. March 9, 1580.—Margt. Badycroft, Gent. 15—Bridget, wife of Chriſtopher Badgcroft, Gent. 1ſt. Sept. 1588.—Chriſtopher Badgcroft, Gent. 29th. June, 1622.

RECTORS.

William ---- about 1202.—1304. Matthew de Tillebrok, preſented by the abbot and convent of Ramſey.—1311. Henry de Deneford, by ditto.—1312. Roger de Naſſyngton, by ditto.—1316. Richard de Wereſley, by ditto.— ----. Edward Laſcy.—1357. Jeffry Liſſe, by ditto, on an exchange for Sutton vicarage,

in the iſle of Ely.——1368. William Brown, by ditto, on an exchange with Liſſe for Melbourn, in Cambridgeſhire.——1404. Thomas Ledlady, by ditto.——1412. Robert Flode, by ditto, on an exchange with Ledlady for Lynn All Saints. —— ----. John Broun.——1412. Robert Truſſbut, on Broun's reſignation, by ditto.——1420. Richard Hereford, by ditto.——1425. Henry Martyn, by ditto, on an exchange for Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen.——1432. Godfrey Martyn, *L. L. B.* on Henry Martin's reſignation, by ditto.——1436. Thomas Champneys, by ditto.——1438. John Batcomb, † on Champeney's death, by ditto. ——1449. Thomas Geyſt.—— ----. Richard Howard.——1449. Richard Vigerous on Howard's death, by ditto.——Thomas Goryng, a benedictin monk, or frier, was preſented by the abbot *&c.* about 1455, as appears from Ramſey abbey regiſter.—— ----. Thomas Honyter.——1508. James Jackſon on Honyter's death, by ditto.——1514. Eliſeus Jackſon.——1517. John Emottes, on Jackſon's death, by ditto.——1521. John Rogers, on Emottes, reſignation, by ditto.——1521. John Horewode, on Rogers's death, by ditto.——1540 Hugh Hall, on Horwode's death, by Thomas Gawſell, on a grant from the abbot of Ramſey. ——1541. Baldwin Derham, on the death of the laſt rector, by the king.——1554. Thomas Fretwell, (Dereham being depoſed by queen Mary) preſented by Robert Miller, Gent. to whom King Henry VIII. granted the patronage in his 36 year, pat. 19.——1558. Hugh Tayler, on Fretwell's reſignation, by Robert Miller, Gent. dyed in the ſame year.——1558 John Stokes, [*g*] *L L. B.* buried October 15, 1587.——1587 John Butler, *A. B.* by Francis Gawdy, ſerjeant at law. Robert Miller, conveyed the patronage to John Walpole, and William Walpole in the 16th of Elizabeth, conveyed it to Gawdy. Butler was buried 18th of February 1640. In 1603, here were 200 communicants, as appears in his anſwer to the king.——1640. John Gilbert, *A. M.* by John Duſgate, of Cockley Cley, Gent——1656. William Thetford ,by Sir Ralph Hare, Bt.—1688. John Butler, *A. M.* by Sir Thomas Hare, Bt. dyed February 2, 1732, rector of Weſt Winch. ——1733. Richard Eaton, *A. B.* by Sir Thomas Hare, Bt.

It appears from Norwich *Domeſday Book*, that in the reign of Edward I. the abbey of Ramſey had the patronage, the rector held 30 acres of land, with an houſe, valued at 11 marks, peter pence, 16*d.* A penſion was paid by the rector of 4*s. per ann.* to the ſacriſt of that abbey, now a fee farm rent paid lately to Mr. Pile.

The rectory is valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged of tenths and firſt-fruits.

In 1428, the temporalities of Carhow nunnery here, were valued at 4*s.* 5*d. per ann.*

The temporalities of Ramſey abbey at 3*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* ¼. *per ann.* with the fiſhery and their ſpiritualties at 4*s.* 5*d.* with the priory or cell of Modeney.

Weſt Derham abbey had poſſeſſions here granted to Ed. Spanye and John Baſpoole, 1ſt. of July in the 7th. of Edward VI.

In this church was the iſle of our lady, and the altar of our lady — St. Edmund's gylde, and St. James's, and St. John Baptiſt's.

On the other ſide of the bridge of Downham, near to the foot of the ſaid bridge, ſtood an old hermitage, or cell; this was probably founded by a lord Bardolph, the preſentation thereto being in that family, as appears from the rolls of the honour of Wirmegay, the ſeat of their barony. In the reign of King John, there was an agreement made between the cuſtos of this hermitage and William, then rector of Downham, in the preſence of Robert de Redings, then abbot of Ramſey, the patronage of the church of Downham being in that abbey, *&c.*

Hæc eſt conventio facta inter fratrem Ailettum qui tenet heremitorium de Downham et Will. Perſon. eccleſie de Downham quod ipſe Ailetus pro omnib; decimis et obventib; ejuſdem loci annuatim reddet eccles. de Downham xii *denar. ad paſcha, in feſto*

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† This John Batcomb was one of the clerks of the king's chapel, and the abbot and convent of Ramſey paid him 100*s. per ann.* at the king's requeſt: on this preſentation that penſion ceaſed. *Regiſt. abb. Rams.*

[*g*] Preſbyter conjugatus, doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, nullum aliud—Parkeri Certificator.

autem Sci. Andr. capellans. de Downh. miſſam celebravit in capellâ Heremitor. in Downh. et medietas oblation. cedet perſonæ eccleſ. de Downham, et alia medietas fratris ejuſd. loci. Nullus autem confrater perpetuus præter illos tres qui modo ibi ſunt, viz. Sigherus, Stammerus et Turſtanus, nec aliquis capellan. perpetuus vel annualis recipietur, niſi p. eccleſ. Rameſ. cum aſſenſu perſonæ eccleſ. de Downh. Qui capellanus fidelitatem præſtabit qd. in nullo diminuet jus paroch. eccleſ. de Downh. confratres qui ibi fuerint ſpiritualia percipient ab eccleſ. Rameſ. ad quam ſi pervenire non poterint, eadem recipiant ab eccleſ. de Downh. et non ab aliâ. Seculares autem viri, ſi qui ibi fuerint pertinebunt ad eccleſ. de Downh. tanquam parochiam, ſi vero abbas illuc ubiquem de monachis ſuis mittere voluerit, quamdiu placuerit, ibi remanebit. Iſta conventio facta eſt apud Ramſey in præſentia Dni. Rob. abbatis, et ejus authentico ſigillo roborat. Utriumq; fide præſtitâ hiis teſtib. Willo. priore, &c. ſans date.

FINCHAM.

THIS town, at the grand ſurvey, was in the tenure of ſeveral great Norman lords; the earl Warren had 2 carucates of land, of which a freeman belonging to the ſoc of Ramſey abby [*a*] was deprived, and Hugh held it under that earl; alſo the lands of 24 freemen, with 6 borderers, 4 ſervi, 10 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and half a carucate of the tenants, valued at 60*s.*—The ſaid [*b*] earl had here the tenures of 8 freemen, who were expelled, with 11 borderers, 5 ſervi, being 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, 16 acres of meadow; and when he took poſſeſſion of it, there were 200 ſheep, &c. 6 cows, &c. 4 runci, valued at 60*s.* at the ſurvey, before at 40*s.*—William held this of the earl.

William Brant held of the earl in the ſaid town 2 carucates of land, of which a [*c*] free woman was deprived, with 2 freemen, 4 borderers, 4 ſervi, 16 acres of meadow, 12 carucates in demean, &c. valued at 30*s.* with 12 acres, valued at 12*d.* This whole manor of Fincham was one leuca long, half a leuca broad, whoever was lord, and when the hundred and half paid 20*s.* gelt, it paid 16*d.* gelt.

The town ſeems to take its name, as ſeated by low meadows, &c. thus Finchley in Middleſex—Finchingfield in Eſſex, &c.

TALBOT's-HALL.

THIS was a very conſiderable manor, and took its name from the family of Talbot, who were ſoon after the conqueſt enfeoft of the ſame by the earl Warren, to this lordſhip and family, the patronage of the church of St. Michael in this town belonged. William Talbot gave it to the priory of Caſtleacre, founded by the earl Warren, and was confirmed by John, biſhop of Norwich, who ordained that the monks ſhould receive a mark of ſilver yearly. This John was John of Oxford, biſhop in the reign of Henry II. The deed [*d*] of William Talbot is *ſans* date; he gives therein the advouſon, and all things thereto belonging, which he or his heirs had therein, or could give:—Witneſſes, John, biſhop of Norwich, * Thomas, arch-deacon, John, arch-deacon, Maſter Peter de Tilneia, Maſter Gervaſe, ſon of Nicholas——Jeffrey Talbot, by his deed *ſans* date, gave to the ſaid priory a croft, called Bekelofveſcroft, and 7 acres of land:—Witneſſes, Richard Curpeil, Hugh de Suldham, Sampſon his nephew, John de Swaffham, William de Geldeford: he alſo gave the homage of William Swein, with all his cattle,

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[*a*] Terr. W. de Warrenna.—In Phincam ten. lib. ho. ad ſocha. abbs. de Rameſeia, ii. car. tre. t. r. e. m°. ten. Hugo, tc. xxiiii. lib. hoes. 7. modo. 7. vi. bord. 7. iiii. ſerv. 7. x. acr. p'ti. ſemp. ii. car. in dnio. tc. dim. car. hom. m°. i. ſemp. val. LX. ſol.

[*b*] In ead. vill. ſemp. viii. lib. hoes. q. ten. W. 7. xi. bor. 7. v. ſerv. ſemp. ii. car. in dominio, 7. dim. car. hom. xvi. acr. p'ti. quando recep. cc. oves. &c. 7. m°. c. ſemp. vi. an. xxiiii. por. 7. iiii. runc. tc. val. XL. ſol. 7. m°. LX.

[*c*] In ead. villa ten. Will. Brant, ii. car. tre. quas tenuit i. libera femina t. r. e. ſemp. ii. lib. hoes. 7. iiii. bor. 7 iiii. ſerv. 7. xvi. acr. p'ti. ſemp. ii. car. in dnio. 7. ii. oves. 7. iii. porc. 7. val. xxx. ſol.

In ead. villa xii. acr. 7. val. xii*d.* Totum hoc manerium Phincham hab. i. leuga in longo, 7. dim. in lato. qu. hund. 7. dim. redd. xx. ſol. de gelto, 7. hæc villa xvi *d.*

[*d*] Regiſt. Caſtleacre.

* Thomas was arch-deacon of Norfolk in the time of John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich.

&c.—Witneſſes, Roger and Richard Curpeil, William de Littlewell, William de Suldham, &c. and in the reign of Henry III. when an aid was granted to that king, Sir Sampſon Talebot, and Adam Talebot held 2 knights ſees here of the earl Warren; the ſaid Sampſon confirmed the grant of the advouſon aforeſaid, and alſo gave to the monks of Caſtleacre a toft called Skevening, and 4 acres of land: —Witneſſes, William †, prior of Rudham, Hugh de Suldham, William his brother, John de Fincham, &c.—In the 35th of Henry III. [e] a fine was levied between Hugh, ſon of Adam Talbot, querent, and Sampſon Talebot, tenant, of one carucate of land and an half here, in Weſt-Derham, &c. releaſed to Sampſon; after this, the ſaid king granted to Robert le Bigod the lands of John Talbot in this town, who took part with the rebellious barons.

In the 14th of Edward I. John de Pagrave, chaplain, ſettled lands as a truſtee on Adam Talbot, and Petronella his wife [*f*]. This Adam had a manor and free tenants, a meſſuage, 2 carucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, a windmill, free bull and boar, 16 cuſtomary tenants who held 50 acres in villanage, and 7 cottages, held of William de Wauncy, and he of the earl Warren.—In the 9th of Edward II. Peter Talbot, and Cecilia his wife held the ſame; in the 20th of Edward III. John Talbot was lord; and in the 35th of that king, on the 18th of June, the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, [*g*] let to farm (as patrons of St. Michael's church) to Thomas Buxkyn, rector of the ſaid church, with the conſent of Thomas, biſhop of Norwich, two parts of the demeans, formerly of Nigell, and William de Spineville, Sampſon Talebot, Richard de Mayners, Richard de la Coumbe, and of John de Littlewelle in Fincham, containing in all 860 acres of land, at the rent of 7 marks *per ann.*

Thomas Talbot, ſon and heir of Thomas, was lord in the 17th of Henry VI. and ſealed with 6 dexter hands couped at the wriſt, which was the ſhield of Wauncy who bore them, argent, in a field, gules; and Thomas Talbot, Gent. died ſeiſed of it, March 18, 1477, leaving Chriſtopher his ſon and heir, John his ſon, [*h*] and Florence his daughter; and appoints Catherine his wife executor, and John Fincham, Eſq; ſuperviſor.

In the 36th of Henry VIII. John Spring, Eſq; conveyed it to Edmund Lumnour, and Roſe his wife; and in the 7th of [*i*] Edward VI. Lumner conveyed it to Thomas Drury; but moſt of the demeans were ſeparated from it before this; and ſoon after it came to the Finchams; and William Fincham conveyed it, 12th of Elizabeth, to Charles Cornwallis, Eſq; who married his ſiſter; Cornwallis, on Nov. 1, in the 28th of that queen, to Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; &c. On Aug. 30, in the 32d of the ſaid queen, it came to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; (afterwards a judge) and by the marriage of his grand-daughter to the earl of Warwick: and on May 20, and in the 18th of James I. was conveyed by him, Sir Thomas Cheek, and the lady Eſſex his wife, to Sir Ralph Hare of Stow Bardolf, in whoſe family it continues; Sir George Hare, Bt. being late lord.

LITTLE-WELL HALL.

WILLIAM DE LITTLEWELL was lord before the reign of Henry III. Sampſon de Littlewell, in the ſaid reign, held one meſſuage, 60 acres of land, 2 of meadow, with free tenants and villains, free bull and boar of the earl Warren, [*k*] by the moiety of a fee.——In the 17th of Edward II. John de Littlewell of Fincham conveyed it to Hugh de Holewoton, *alias* Helgeton, and Maud his wife, and Simon their ſon; and Maud, widow of the ſaid Hugh, gave it to Agnes her daughter by deed, ſealed with barry of 8. Gregory Attelathe held it in the 14th of Richard II. and after that Thomas Thoreſby; but, in the 9th of Henry IV. William Thuxton and Margaret his wife conveyed it, by fine, to the lady Alianore Inglethorpe, relict of Sir William, who, in the ſaid year, gave it to John Allen of Fincham. After this, Nicholas Geyton was lord, who by his will dated Nov. 10, 1476,

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† Rudham, alias Cokeſford, in Norfolk.

[*e*] Fin. Lig. 6. N. 2.——Ragman's bagg. in cur. S'ccarii.

[*f*] Evid. Tho. Hare, Baron.

[*g*] Reg. Caſtleacre, fol. 139.

[*h*] Reg. Gelour, part 2. fol. 169.

[*i*] Term. Trin. N. 207.

[*k*] See *f* before.

gave it to Thomas his ſon; and was buried in the midſt of St. Martin's church here; but in 1489, this manor, with 2 fold-courſes, free bull and boar, &c. with a right of fiſhery, and pools in Littleport, Southrey, Hilgey, Fordham and Well, paſſed from the Geytons into the family of Fincham. In the 32d of Henry VIII. John Fincham died lord of it; and in the 12th of Elizabeth, William Fincham conveyed it to John Heigham, from whom it came to Thomas Gawſell, Jaſper Blake, &c. who in the 32d of that queen, ſold it to Edmund Guybon and John Mundeford, Gents. then to Judge Gawdy, &c. and in the 17th of King James, Sir Thomas Cheek, &c. conveyed it to William Rolph, and ſo came to Sir Ralph Hare, in whoſe family it continues, being united with their other manors here.

COMB's MANOR.

IN the beginning of the reign of Henry III. Richard de la Comb was lord; and Edmund de la Comb, ſon of Richard, in the 16th of Edward I. whoſe daughter and heir Joan, relict of Simon de Harptegne, poſſeſſed it in the 3d of Edward III. as appears by her deed and ſeal, with a head (probably that of St. John Baptiſt) in a charger and a bird in chief. She had 2 ſons, Simon and Edmund; Simon aſſumed the name of Comb, and was lord in the 21ſt of the ſaid king, as appears by his deed ſealed with 4 eſcutcheons, 2 in feſs, each charged with 2 men's heads couped, and reſpectant; one in chief, with a lion rampant, and one in baſe, with a lion couchant. Edmund aforeſaid held of the earl Warren one meſſuage, 20 acres of land, one of meadow, ſeveral free tenants, and had 3 villains, who held 18 acres. In the 6th of Henry IV. the heir of Thomas Combe of Fincham, held the ſame of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and was then (being under age) in the king's ward. In the 16th of Henry VI. John Stourton, and others were pardoned for purchaſing without licenſe of the dean of Wells this manor; but in the 27th of that king, John Bexwell was lord; and Thomas Bexwell, in the 4th of Edward IV. In the 4th of Henry VII. Richard Bexwell kept his firſt court as lord; and on March 28, in the 20th of Elizabeth, Francis Bexwell, Eſq; ſold it to Charles Cornwallis, Eſq; then it came to Thomas Gawſell, &c. as above, and to Sir Ralph Hare, &c. and ſo it was united to the other lordſhips.

BENEFELD's MANOR.

JOHN DE BENEFELD was lord in the reign of Henry III. William de Benefeld his ſon (as I take it) married Agnes, daughter of Richard de Mayners; which Richard had alſo a lordſhip here, and gave the tithe of his demeans to the priory of Caſtleacre. This Agnes being a widow, and Iſabel her ſiſter and coheir, wife of Philip Newland, came to a diviſion of their inheritance about the end of the aforeſaid reign, whereby Iſabel was to have lands in Marham, and her heirs; and Agnes, and her heirs, lands in Halſeton and Orlarſwyk in Suſſex; and both agree, that the land in Fincham, held in dower by Lætitia, their brother Ralph's widow, ſhould be equally divided after her deceaſe; but the capital meſſuage there ſhould be Iſabell's. In the time of Edward I. Richard de Benefeld held it of the earl Warren, by the 4th part of a fee; he had 60 acres of land, with a meſſuage, 6 of meadow, ſeveral free tenants and villains, free bull and boar. In the reign of Edward II. John de Benefeld was lord; the manor was then valued at *9l. 2s. 4d. ob. per ann.* rent of aſſiſe of the free tenants, and the capons at *25s.* and *4d.* of the villains *7s. 8d.* hens *8s. 2d.* and the cuſtomary works at *13s. 4d. per ann.* About the 6th of Henry IV. it was in the hands of Joan, widow of John de Benefeld. Afterwards it came to the Finchams, Gawdy, and ſo to the Hares, and is united as above.

NEWLAND's MANOR.

IN the reign of Henry III. Ralph Newland was lord; the ſaid Ralph held of the earl Warren a meſſuage, 6 acres of land, one villain, who held 6 acres of land, free tenants, and one cotager by the 4th part of a fee. Barthol. Newbant was lord of it in the 20th of Edward III. but about the 6th of Henry IV. John de Fincham was poſſeſſed of it; from which family it came, in the reign of Elizabeth, to Gawdy, &c. and ſo to the Hares, and is united to the other lordſhips.

NEW-HALL, *and* NELESHALL MANORS.

JOHN, ſon of John, of Newhall, was lord in the 7th of Edward II. and John of Newhall, and Catherine his wife, in the 3d of Edward III. In the 17th of Henry VI. John, ſon of John de Benefeld, and Richard Say, conveyed the manor of Neleſhall to William Iſle, &c. but in the 33d of Henry VIII. John Fincham died poſſeſſed of them; and in the 12th of Elizabeth, William Fincham ſold it to John Heigham; from him it came, in the 32d of that reign, to Gawſell, ſo to Gawdy, &c. and the Hares, and is united to the other lordſhips with that of New-Hall alſo.

FINCHAM-HALL,

WAS a conſiderable lordſhip, held by a family that gave name to it under the earl Warren. Nigellus de Fincham was lord in the reign of William II. and gave the tithe of his demean to Caſtleacre priory.——Oſbert de Fincham lived [*l*] in the time of Henry II. Reiner, eldeſt ſon of Oſbert died *s. p.* Robert his brother had a ſon John, and Richard was ſon and heir of John, as appears by a pleading in the 43d of Henry III.

William de Fincham, and Julian his wife, occur in the 52d of Henry III. Adam was his ſon and heir, who married Annabel, daughter of David Denys——Adam was attorney-general to King Edward II. *Ao.* 18.——Thomas de Fincham was ſon of Adam, as by a fine, *Ao.* 22, Edward III. and ſealed with a lion rampant, and a bend, ermine: John, and Chriſtian his wife, called alſo ſon of Adam, were living in the 45th of that king; and in the 48th, † ſhe was the wife of Simon de la Hay. The firſt wife of this John ſeems to have been Alice, daughter and heir of Robert de Cauſton.

John Fincham, ſon of John, aliened lands in the 16th of Richard II. to the prior of Ely.——Simon Fincham, ſon of John, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Tendring, Eſq; of Brockdiſh in Norfolk. His laſt will is dated Nov. [*m*] 25, 1458; was buried in the church of St. Martin's of Fincham, and appoints John his ſon, and Elizabeth his wife executors; he had a daughter Alice married to John Batchcroft, Eſq;

John Fincham, Eſq; ſon of Simon, was ſteward of the manors of the abbot of Ramſey, and took to wife Beatrix, daughter of Thomas Thoreſby of Lynn; and dying Sept. 6, 1496, was buried in St. Martin's church.

John Fincham, ſon and heir of John, died ſoon after his father, on April 30, 1499. He ſeems to have married 2 wives: in the church of St. Martin's, on his grave-ſtone were to be ſeen the arms of Fincham impaling—argent, a feſs between 3 martlets in chief, and a chevron in baſe, azure,—Tey of Eſſex; Jane, daughter and heir of Sir John Tey, was one of his wives; alſo Fincham impaling—lozengy ...... on a chief, an eagle diſplayed ....

John Fincham, his ſon and heir, married to his firſt wife Alice, daughter of Thomas Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, and to his 2d wife Ela, daughter of Gregory Edgar; he died Oct. 8, in the 32d of Henry VIII. Ela, his widow's will, is dated Jan. 24, in the 32 of Henry VIII. mention [*n*] is made therein of her ſon Thomas Fincham, and her daughter Ela, her father Gregory Edgar, her ſiſter, Calibutt, her couſins Oſbert Mundeford, and Richard Batchecroft: Ela her daughter died a maid, Feb. 28, after her mother. In her will, dated Feb. 9, ſhe deſires to be buried in St. Martin's church; appoints her brother Thomas executor; Sir John Spilman, ſuperviſor, mentions therein her aunts Newton, Skipwith, and Calibut by the father's ſide; her couſins Mary and Catharine Calibut, her couſins John Shouldham, Sim. Fyncham.

[*l*] P'lita de jur. et aſſiſ. 43 Hen. III. Rot. 46.

† In the 40th of Edward III. William de Fincham, Robert de Thorp, John Mowbray, and William de Wychingham were the king's judges.

[*m*] Reg. Broſyard, Nor. fol. 142.

[*n*] Regiſt. Myngay, p. 241. She died the 23d of Jan. Reg. Haydon, p. 43.

Thomas Fincham, ſon of John and Ela, married Martha, daughter of William Yelverton, Eſq; of Rougham in Norfolk, afterwards married to John Heigham, Eſq; His will is dated March 1, 1550, and proved [o] 21 Dec. 1551; mention is made therein of his ſon William, and daughter Ann, his brother Henry Yelverton, his uncle Calibutt, his cozins Fincham of Well, and Fincham of Weſtwynche; appoints his wife executrix, and her father Yelverton, ſuperviſor. He died poſſeſſed of ſeveral manors here; manors, lands, and tenements in Burnham Depedale, B. Norton, B. Weſtgate, B. Sutton, B. Ulpe, Brancaſter, Hunworth, Holt and Edgfield, in Barton Bendiſh, Stoke-Ferry, Wretton, Werham, Buckton, Shouldham, Roxham, and Seche, in Norfolk.——Of manors, lands, and tenements in Brantham, Catywade, Eaſt Bergholt, Capell, and Sutton in Suffolk.

William Fincham, his ſon and heir, ſucceeded, and married -----, daughter of ------ Lovell; and dying without iſſue in the 14th of Elizabeth, having conveyed this lordſhip, as is before obſerved, to Charles Cornwallis, Eſq; who married his ſiſter Ann, and conveyed it to Thomas Gawſell, whence it came to Gawdy, &c. ſo to the Hare family; and Sir George Hare, Bt. was the late lord.

BURNHAM, *or* BRONHAM-HALL.

PHILIP DE BURNHAM held alſo a lordſhip here, under the earl Warren [p] as I take it. He and Emma his wife, and William his ſon and heir, gave to the monks of Caſtleacre his mill in this town with the ſcite thereof, *viz.* five perches of land which he exchanged with William, ſon of Oſbert of the ſaid town; witneſſes, Frederick de Hakeford, Roger Spriggens, Rein. de Dunton, John de Watlingeton, *&c.* and Emma in her widowhood, confirmed the ſame grant; witneſſes, Frederick, *&c.* *ſans date:* afterwards it came to the Grandcourts.

Roger Grancourt and Joan his wife, grant in the 18th of Edward II. to Ralph de Keteleſton, [q] burgeſs of Lynn, &c. two parts of this manor in Fincham and Stradſet; alſo the 3d part which William de Atehaw and Agnes his wife held in dower; and in the 12th of the ſaid king, Ralph de Keteleſton held a court as lord; but in the 25th of Edward III. John de Fincham was lord, and kept his court, (Keteleſton's right being conveyed to him) and in the 29th of the ſaid king, William de Barſale, Robert Eyle, and John Emmeſſon held a court in right of ſome part of the ſame; but ſoon after the whole was in the Fincham family, and came with their other lordſhips to the Hares.

The next capital and conſiderable lord at the ſurvey was Hermerus de Ferrariis, who had 3 carucates of demean land, 3 villains, 15 borderers, [r] 7 ſervi, 13 acres of meadow, &c. and a right in the 4th part of a church, and 260 ſheep; to this belonged a wood half a leuca long, and the manor was a quarter of a leuca broad, and a quarter long, valued at 8*l.* *per ann.* He had alſo ſeized on 20 freemen, who held in the Confeſſor's time 2 carucates of land, 2 carucates and 10 acres of meadow, valued then at 60*s.* after at 58*s.* and 4*d.*—Alſo 16 acres, valued at 10*d.* *per ann.* Eight of theſe free men were under protection, belonging to the lord's fold, in king Edward's time; the reſt of theſe freemen held their land under protection only.

This afterwards deſcended (as may be ſeen in Wirmegay) to the lords Bardolfs, and conſtituted alſo ſeveral lordſhips, as follows.

FARESWELL MANOR,

WAS part of the barony of Wirmegay, and ſeems to be held of it in the 20th of Henry III. by Waleran de Teyes. In the beginning of the reign of Edward I. Roger de Predetyn, ſon of Peter, and Aſcelina his wife held it under the

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[o] Regiſt. Corant.

[p[Reg. Caſtleacre, fol. 79.

[q] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrariis.–In Phincham iii. vill. xv. bord. 7. vii. ſerv. 7. iii. car. in dominio, 7. xiii. acr. p'ti. tc. iiii. runc. m°. i. tc. xii. an. m°. ix. tc. xxx. porc. m°. xxvi. tc. CCLX. oves, m°. CLXXV. quarta pars eccleſ. ſemp. val. viii *l.* huic maner. adjac. dim. l'g. ſilve, et i. qr. in longo, 7. i. qr. in lato.—Invaſ. Herm. &c. xx. lib. hoes. tenentes t. r. e. ii. car. tre. ſed tamen viii. de illis erant conſuetudinarii ad faldam anteceſſor. ſui, alii erant lib. p't com'datione. in terr. eor. ſemp. ii. car. x. ac. p'ti. tc. val. LX. ſol. m°. LVIII. 7. iiii *d.*—In ead. vill. xvi. acr. tre. val. x *d.*

[r] Evid. Tho. Hare, Bt.

lord Bardolf by the ſervice of half a fee: it conſiſted of free tenants, 21 villains, who held 60 acres, and cottagers; 2 meſſuages, 2 carucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, free bull and boar. It came afterwards into the family of Truſsbut; and Laur. Truſsbutt, Eſq; was lord in the reign of Richard II.—On the death of Will. Lord Viſcount Beaumont, who died without iſſue in 1507, the barony of Wirmegay eſchaeting to the crown, King Henry VIII. on the 23d of May, in his 6th year, let to farm this manor, with the perquiſites of court to Sir John Tilney, Kt. and John Fincham, Eſq; for 21 years, paying 8 *l. per ann.* and in the 5th of Edward VI. it was granted to Thomas Horſman, who in the ſaid year had licenſe to alienate it to John Ayſborough, to be held of the crown, *in capite*, by knight's ſervice.

In the 4th of Elizabeth, Sir Richard Sackville had licenſe to alienate it to Thomas and William Guybon of Lynn; † William Guybon was lord in 1570: he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Drury, Eſq; of Fincham; and ------ Guybon, Eſq; of Thursford in Norfolk ſold it about 1720 to Richard Warner, Eſq; of Elmham in Norfolk, who ſoon after conveyed it to Dr, Rudd, rector of North Rungton; and, by the marriage of his daughter, came to Dr. Deck, M. D.

CURPLE MANOR,

WAS held by Jeffrey Curple, and Roger Curple, in the reign of Henry III. when an aid was granted to that king, on the marriage of his ſiſter to the emperor, (by the ſervice of half a fee) of the lord Bardolf. This Roger appears to have had 4 daughters, Alice, Iſabel, Catharine and Agnes; and Catharine their mother, widow of Roger, granted lands in Sudbury, in Suffolk, &c. to Roger of the exchequer, in the 42d of Henry III.——John Curple, in the 16th of Edward I. held it, conſiſting of a meſſuage, one carucate of land, 4 acres of meadow, a windmill, free bull and boar, with free tenants, villains and cottagers. In the 12th of Edward II. Roger Curple conveyed to Maud, widow of John de Cauſton, meſſuages, lands, and a mill. This Roger died lord in the 3d of Edward III. his ſiſter and heir married John Talbot, and their daughter and heir Alice married Robert de Cauſton: the ſaid Robert and Alice, in the 16th of that king, ſettled lands on John de Fincham, and Alice his wife in this town, probably daughter of Robert, on her marriage; but in the 41ſt of the ſaid reign, Nicholas Faſtolf, and Joan his wife, held the 3d part of this manor; and in the 15th of Richard II. John de Weſenham conveyed a 3d part, with the appertenances in Buckton and Roxham, with the fiſhery of Redebeche, which he had of Hugh his father, to John de Fincham; and in the following year, Bartholomew Elys of Yarmouth, and Margaret his wife, conveyed their 3d part to the aforeſaid John, ſo that the whole centered in him; and William Fincham (as is above obſerved) conveyed it to his brother Cornwallis, and ſo came to Gawſell, Richard Cheek, &c. to the Hares, in which family it continued, and is united to the other manors.

GRANDCOURT MANOR.

ROGER GRANCURT was poſſeſſed of it about the beginning of King Henry III's reign, and William de Grancurt in the 45th of that king, who held it of William de Calthorp, and Cecil his wife, whoſe inheritance it is ſaid to be, and ſhe of the honour of Wirmegay; the ſaid William had alſo then a grant of the reverſion of the land which William de Wigenhale, and Iſabel his wife held in dower of Cecil's inheritance here. Walter de Grancourt held it in the 14th of Edward I. by the 3d part of a fee of the lord Bardolf; it conſiſted then of a meſſuage, 80 acres of land, 2 of meadow, of free tenants, and 6 villains, who held 24 acres of land; but in the 20th of Edward III. Thomas de Keteleſton was lord; and in the 3d of Henry IV. John de Fincham, in which family it continued 'till William Fincham, Eſq; conveyed it to Thomas Heigham, in the 12th of Elizabeth;

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† Sir Thomas Guybon was ſon of this William, from whom deſcend the Guybons of Thursford.

beth; and in the 22d of that queen it came to Gawſell, who conveyed it to Guybon and Mundeford; ſo to Gawdy, Rich, Sir Thomas Cheek, and the Hares.

BROTHERS-HALL.

SIMON DE BROTHERS-HALL was lord, whoſe daughter Gunelda conveyed it by fine, with lands in this town, to John Talebot, in the 24th of Henry III. John de Cauſton held it in the reign of Edward II. and in the 19th of Edward III. gave to John de Brympton a portion of it. On the 1ſt of May, in the 12th of Elizabeth, John Carſey of Reveſby in Lincolnſhire ſold it to Hugh Hare, Eſq; in which family it remained, Sir George Hare, Bart. being late lord. I take this to have been held of the honour of Wirmegay, though the tenure does not appear from any evidences.

BAINARD-HALL.

A Third great lord of this town was Ralph, Lord Bainard, who at the ſurvey was poſſeſſed of the manor that Alid, a free woman held in the reign of the Confeſſor, and was deprived of, conſiſting of one carucate of land, 4 borderers, 3 ſervi, a carucate, and 12 acres of meadow; and when [s] Ralph entered on it, there were 2 runci, &c. 40 ſheep, &c. valued at 50*s.* but at the ſurvey at 40*s.*—St. Audrey, that is the church of Ely, laid claim to it, as the hundred witneſſed.—And in the ſaid town there were 6 freemen who had a carucate of land, with 2 borderers, and a carucate, and 9 acres of meadow, which Ralph had a grant of on their expulſion. He had alſo invaded the lands of 6 freemen, with 2 borderers, a carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.* but at the ſurvey at 40*s.* his tenants claimed it, by an exchange, but had not livery of it.

This Ralph, Lord Bainard, had from the Conqueror, for his ſervices, a grant of many lordſhips in Eſſex, Suffolk, &c. and in Norfolk of theſe following—Kerdeſton and Reſham in Einsford hundred—Skeyton in South Erpingham hundred—Croſtwick and Berton in Tunſted hundred—Riſton in Happing hundred—Hemenhale, Boyland, Hateſtun, Fritton and Hardwick in Depewade hundred—Raveningham, Southwood, Kirkeby, Norton, Jerpeſtuna, Hales, Whetacre, Hadeſco and Thurton in Claveling hundred—Fincham, Barton, Shouldham, Garboiſthorp, Tottenhale, Wiggenham, Boughton, Stoke, Fordham, Derham and Bekeſwell, in Clackloſe hundred—Sturſton in Grimſhoe hundred—Bradenham in South Grenhoe hundred—Merton in Wayland hundred—Wilby in Shropham hundred—Titleſhale, Wellingham and Scarning in Launditch hundred—Wicklewood and Dikethorp in Fourhow hundred—Chatgrave and Carlton in Lothing hundred.

This lord by Juga his wife had Geffrey his ſon and heir, who lived in 1106: unto him ſucceeded William Bainard, who taking part with Elias, Earl of Mayne in France, againſt Henry I. loſt his barony of Bainard's caſtle in London, which was given by that king to Robert, a younger ſon of Richard Fitz-Gilbert (progenitor of the earls of Clare:) from this Robert the noble family of the lords Fitz-Walters deſcend, who held this lordſhip *in capite*.

In the 44th of Henry III. [t] William de Ireland conveyed to Robert de Cantilupe, and Ivetta his wife, a meſſuage, with a carucate of land, and 4*s.* *per ann.* with the land which Alice, wife of John de Riſley, held in dower. After this, John de Cantilupe his ſon held it of the lord Fitzwalter, by the ſervice of half a fee; it conſiſted of a meſſuage, a carucate and an half of land, 2 acres of meadow, free tenants, and 9 villains held 40 acres of land, and a free bull and boar.

In the 16th of Edward I. there was a ſuit commenced between Robert, Lord Fitzwalter, Richard, biſhop of London, and William de Boyton, about the right of the wardſhip [u] of Iſabella, daughter and heir of the aforeſaid John, and Matilda his wife, who being then the widow of John, had the care of her daughter conſigned to her 'till it was determined; but in the 33d of that king, it was ſettled by Robert, Lord Fitz-Walter, on Adam de Waldingfeld for life. In the 2d of Edward III. it was found to be worth 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in the 27th of the ſaid king, John, Lord Fitz-Walter, claimed a right of felons goods here.

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[s] Terr Radulfi Bainardi.—In Phincham ten. Ailed lib. fœm. i car tre. t. r. e. ſemp. iiii. bor. tc. iii. ſ. ſemp. i. car. xii. acr. p'ti. quando recepit ii. r. m°. i. tc. viii. por. tc. XL. ov. m°. xviii. tc. val L. ſol. p'. LX. m°. XL. hanc tra. calumpniat. Sca. Adeldre. 7. hundr. teſtat.—In ead. villâ vi. lib. hoes. t. r. e. m°. vii. qi. ten. i. car. tre. ſemp. ii. bor. 7. i. car. ix. ac. p'ti.—Invaſion. Rad. Baignardi—In Phincham invaſit i. car. tre. q. tenuer. vi. lib. hoes. t. r. e. m°. vii. 7. viii. acr. p'ti. tc. val. val. xx. ſol. m°. XL. ſol. hanc tra. reclam. ſui hoes. p. eſcang. ſed non hab. liberat.

[t] Fin, 44. Hen. III. L. 8, N. 10.

In the reign of Henry VI. it came into the Ratcliffe family, by the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Walter, Lord Fitz-Walter, to John Ratcliffe, Eſq; and in the 21ſt of Henry VII. was ſettled by Margaret, widow of John, Lord Fitz-Walter, and Robert her ſon, on truſtees. After this, it came to the Finchams; and John Fincham, Eſq; died ſeiſed of it, in the 32d of Henry VIII. In this family it continued, 'till William Fincham conveyed, in the 12th of Elizabeth, to his brother Cornwallis, and ſo came to Gawſell, Gawdy, Rich, Cheek, and Hare; Sir George Hare being the late lord.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, held alſo a manor here at the ſurvey; 16 acres of land, [x] and one of meadow, held by a free man in King Edward's reign, valued at 2*s.* *per ann.* Wihenoc ſeized on this, and held it under Ivo; and Herluin, a dependant of Ivo, ſeized on 15 acres, which a free man held, valued at 16*d.* and Mainard ſeized on one acre and an half, valued at 9*d.*

This came afterwards to the earls of Clare, and was given partly to Shouldham abby by Jeff. Fitz-Piers the founder. In the 20th of Edward I. the prior of that houſe held it; and Gilbert de Clare, earl of Clare, gave 10*s.* *per ann.* rent here to the convent of Stoke, by Clare, in Suffolk.—The prior of Shouldham paid 20*d.* for his temporalities in 1426.

The church of Ely had at the ſurvey 16 acres of land, held by 3 borderers, [y] and a caruecate and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.*—In the reign of King Edward I. John Talebot was found to hold one meſſuage, 20 acres of land, a windmill, free bull and boar, of Simon de Lylde, and Sim. of the biſhop of Ely, by the ſervice of 10*s.* *per ann.* he alſo held a meſſuage of the prior of Caſtleacre, and the prior of the earl Warren, paying 2*s.* *per ann.* In the 16th of Richard II. John Fincham, and others gave lands here, and in Werham, &c. to the prior of Ely.

The abbot of Bury [z[held 16 acres of land, and 4 of meadow, valued at 2*s.* 3*d.* This was held by one ſockman afterwards, as appears from the regiſter Pinchbeck of that abby, p. 180.

The tenths were 14*l.*—Deducted 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The lete of this town was in the abbot of Ramſey; and on the diſſolution of that houſe, was given to the Hares.—Lete-fee, 3*s.*

The temporalities of Derham abby, with the priory of Winwaloy here, were valued at 15*s.* in 1428;—the temporalities of the prior of Wirmegay, 11*d.*—the temporalities of the ſacriſt of Bury at 8*s.*—of the prior of Caſtleacre at 12*s.* and 1*d.*—the abbot of Ramſey for the lete, &c. 20*s.*—the prioreſs of Carhow, 5*s.* and the temporalities of Shouldham at 20*d.*

FINCHAM St. MARTIN's CHURCH.

THIS is a large, regular, well-built church of flint, boulder, &c. conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, and a chancel at the eaſt end of the nave, all covered with lead: at the weſt end of the nave is a very lofty, four-ſquare tower of the ſame materials, with quoins and embattlements of free-ſtone, neatly worked: on the buttreſſes, and alſo on the battlements, may be ſeen the arms of Fincham, the founders or benefactors of this pile. In this tower hang 4 bells; on the leaſt is this inſcription; *Sancta Maria Ora pro Nobis*; and on the tenor, *Viventis Miſere Pater Omnipotens Miſerere.* This bell was uſed on the death of any perſon, and was called the *Soul Peal*, or *Paſſing Bell.* The nave of this church, from the weſt door to the ſcreen, is about 83 feet in length, and the breadth, including the north and ſouth iſles, is about 43 feet; the roof is of good oak, ſupported by principals, on the heads whereof are angels, and monks in their cowls and habits, but with heads like dæmons and furies. The vault of this nave is ſupported by 10 arches, 5 on each ſide, with a like number of windows over them. At the weſt end of the nave ſtands a large ſtone font, with a four-ſquare baſon about a yard ſquare. On the ſouth ſide, or ſquare are the figures of 3 men, under 3 arches of ſtone, in a very rude and antique dreſs. (*Plate I. Fig.* 4.) On the weſt ſide, ſomething reſembling a crib or manger, and a child therein; over that two heads (like oxen) but broke; alſo above them ſomething like a ſtar, to ſet forth the birth of our ſaviour, and the wiſe men with their offerings. (*Plate I. Fig.* 5) On this ſquare are alſo two figures, one much broken, the other like an antient Druid, probably to repreſent John the baptiſt.——On the north ſide is the figure of a biſhop in his robes, and with a mitre, and croſier ſtaff, and is likely to repreſent St. Auguſtine the apoſtle of the Engliſh: the 2d figure is like that of a prieſt in a pulpit or deſk, and the 3d figure is obſcure.—On the eaſt ſide is Adam and Eve, and another figure not to be ſeen, the font here joining to a pillar. This Gothick font, with its rude arches, figures, &c. in baſſo relievo, is undoubtedly a piece of great antiquity. That the antients uſed thus to adorn their fonts, may be ſeen from that curious one erected by Conſtantine [a] the emperor.—On the pavement, at the eaſt end of the nave, lie ſeveral old marble grave-ſtones, now deprived of their braſs ornaments and inſcriptions—On one is the pourtraiture of a woman in her ſhroud, with her hands acroſs; but the legend is reaved.—On another is the effigies of a woman in her ſhroud remaining: by the inciſion of the ſtone, it appears that here was alſo the pourtraiture of a man in his ſhroud between his two wives; part of the other woman is preſerved in the cheſt. Here were alſo ſeveral ſhields, and a plate of braſs, but they are all reaved. This, probably, was in memory of John Fincham, who died in the 23d of Henry VIII. and of his two wives. A modern author [b] aſſerts, that in the pariſh church here, were divers monuments for ſeveral of the family of Fincham, but all antient, *viz.* the 14th century. Whereas what I have already obſerved is all the monumental remains of this family now in the church, and the braſſes have been reaved time immemorial. Weaver, who took things upon truſt, or elſe was negligent in his own ſurvey, accounts only for three inſcriptions on the many grave-ſtones of this church.——[c] *Orate pro anima Joh. filii. et hæredis Johs. Fincham, filii Symonis Fincham, qui obiit ultimo die April.* M.CCCC.LXXXXIX.——*Orate pro anima Elizabethæ quondam uxoris Symonis Fincham, armigeri, et unius filiarum et hæredum Johs. Tendring de* [d] *Brockedyn, in comitatu Suffolc. armig. quæ quidem Elizabetha, obt.* - - - - - M.CCCC.LXIIII.——*Orat. pro anima Johs. Fincham, filii et hæredis Symonis Fincham de Fincham, armig. qui obt.* vi *die Septemb. Anno Dni.* M.CCCC.LXXXXVI.——On the pulpit:—*Gregory Watſon, ſervant to the right worſhipful Sir Francis Gawdye, Kt. made this at his own charge, Anno Dom.* 1604.——At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle is an aſcent as to an altar, and in the eaſt window is the effigies of ſome abbeſs or ſaint, probably St. Audrey, with her croſier ſtaff, and crowned. The eaſt end of the north iſle has a like aſcent, where there has been alſo an altar; and in the eaſt window is the effigies of Mary, ſirnamed Salome, the wife of Zebadee, with her two little children by her ſide, St. John and St. James; John in a blue gown, bearing in his hand a cup, with a dragon iſſuing out of it; and James in a green gown, and an eſcollop ſhell in his hand. In the window are theſe arms (*Plate I. Fig.* 6, 7.)—Azure, an eagle diſplayed, or, beaked and membered, gules—Shouldham.——Barry of ſix, argent and ſable, a bend over all, ermin.—Fincham,—Azure, a feſs between 2 chevrons, argent,—Tendring.—Gyrony of 8, azure and ermin,—Truſſbutt; and in the ſame window the arms of St. George;—argent, a croſs gules.—The chancel is divided from the nave by a ſcreen (over which the commandments and the king's arms are handſomely painted) and is in length about 31 feet, and in breadth about 19. On the pavement near the loweſt ſouth window, lies a grave-ſtone, to

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[u] P'lita. Term. Paſch. 16 Edw. I.—Fin. 33. Ed. I. L. 7. N. 30.

[x] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—In Phincham ten. lib. ho. t. r. e. xvi. acr. tre. 7. i. acr. p'ti ſemp. ii. vill. 7. val. ii *s.* hanc tra. invaſit Wihenoc.—Invaſ. Herluinus ho. Ivonis invaſit in Phincha. i. lib. hom. de xv. ac 7. val. xvi *d.* 7. i. acr. 7. dim. Mainard. invaſit 7. val. ix *d.*

[y] Terr. Sce. Adeldred, in Phincham ten. S. A. t. r. e. xvi. acr. tre. ſemp. iii. bor. 7. i. car. x. acr. p'ti. val. x *s.*

[z] Terr. abb. de S'co. Edm°. In Phincham xvi acr. tre. 7. iiii. acr. p'ti. 7 val. ii. ſol. 7. viii *d.*

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[a] Durantus de ritibus eccleſ. P. 126.

[b] Magna Britan &c. Norf. p. 348.

[c] Weaver's funeral mon. in Norfolk.

[d] Brockdiſh in Norfolk.

which was fixed a braſs plate, which is now preſerved in the church cheſt, but is much broken.

EPITAPHIUM GENEROSISSIMI HEROIS

† *THOMÆ TOWNSENDI.*

Elizabetha ſuo tumulum chariſſima conjux
Townſendo, inſigni condit amore, viro.
Hunc terra indignum patriæ cœleſtis ad oras
Flor... juventutis mors properata, tulit.
Si tu bis denos annos adjunxeris octo,
Townſendi ætatis tempora certa ſcies.
Hic jacet ..... et triſti claudat mors ſæva ſepulchro
Membra, ſedes ſuperas mens tamen alta petit.
Ærumnas æquâ virtutis lance libravit,
Si quid pecca ..... ultio virtus erat.
Injurias omnes abſorbuit atq; retudit,
Duro ſerenus tempore vultus erat.
Heu fata dura nimis quæ te fecere ſepultum
Pulvere, quem domini gloria celſa beat.
Conjuge, prole, domo, felix, et funere felix,
Multum flenda bonis, ſtirps generoſa, vale.
Obiit xii *Januar. Anno Dom.* 1570.

The ſouth ſide of the chancel is embattled and coped with free-ſtone, as is the wall of the ſouth iſle of the church, and adorned with pinnacles; and on the north ſide of the chancel is a veſtry covered with lead, on the wall a nitch for a ſtatue; and here ſeems to have been a place for an anchoret.

Here were antiently in this church, beſides the arms above-obſerved, theſe following [*e*];—argent, a chevron gules, between 3 ſqirrels, ſejant, gules,—Lovell;—or, a chief indented ſable,—Harſick;—quarterly, ſable and argent, over all, a bend, gules,—Birſton;—quarterly, ſable and argent,—Lord Hoo;——argent, a lion rampant, gules, a baſton in bend, ſable,—Braunch;—the arms of the lord Bardolph;—Fincham impaling quarterly, a feſs gules, between 3 eaglets diſplayed ſable,—Elmham;—barry wavy of 6, argent and azure.

In the ſouth iſle, Fincham impaling, azure on 5 fuſils in feſs, or, as many eſcallops, gules,—Edgar.

Thomas de Grancourt grants by deed, *ſans* date, to Roger de Grancourt his brother, the advouſon of this church; and Roger, ſon of William de Grauntcourt, remitted and quit-claimed to his lord, Hugh Bardolph, all his right in the ſaid advouſon, on the 11th of May, in the 32d of Edward I.

RECTORS.

Edmund Bardolf occurs rector in the 22d of Edward I. *Pryn's hiſt. of King John.*——1304. John de Warton, ſubdeacon, preſented by Sir Hugh Bardolf, lord Bardolf.——1310. William de Rotyngdene, by the lady Iſabella Bardolf.——1314. Simon de Ayſcheles, by the lady Iſabella, &c.——1331. Thomas de Pulteneye, by the lady Agnes, relict of Sir Thomas Bardolf.——1333. Richard le Dyer of Kiderminſter (on the reſignation of Pulteney) by the lady Agnes, &c. He was prebendary of Tixhill, in the church of Litchfield, and exchanged with Pulteneye.——1345. Richard le Dyer of Kiderminſter, preſented by the prior and convent of Shuldham in Norfolk. About this time, John, Lord Bardolf, granted to the prior of Shouldham the advouſon of this church; and in the ſaid year there was a patent from the king to appropriate this church.——1350. John de Boys, preſented by the prior, &c. On the 10th of October, this year, this church was appropriated by William Bateman, biſhop of Norwich, to the monaſtery of Shouldham, and a vicarage was ſettled; the vicar was to have a convenient dwelling, 10 *l.*

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† Here was a family of this name in the 13th of Edward II. when Richard Atte-Tunneſhende of Fincham conveyed lands, &c. with the homages and ſervices of divers men, to Adam de Fincham.—Fin. 13th Edw. II. L. 5. N. 25.

[*e*] MSS. Anſtis, E. 26. P. 24.

per ann. the biſhop of Norwich to nominate, and to have a penſion of 24*s. per ann.* and the prior was to preſent the vicar: the vicar was taxed at 7 marks and an half *per ann*, and the prior and convent for their tenths 29*s.* and 4*d. per ann.* The ſpiritualities of the ſaid houſe for this church being taxed at 22 marks.——In 1354, Oct. 10, William, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated the altarage, the tithes of hay, wool, milk, flax and hemp, chickens, colts, lambs, pigs, eggs, pigeons, geeſe, ducks, honey, wax, apples, pears, plants, fruit, wood, mills, turf, mortuaries, and all the glebe belonging to the church, and 100*s. per ann.* to the vicar.—1351. Rob. Coſtard, preſented by the prior and convent of Shouldham: 'tis highly probable that the houſe of Shouldham, after this appropriation, prevailed, by ſome means or other, with the laſt rector to reſign, a practice then very common.—1361. Tho. de Stedmere, preſented by the prior, &c.—1400. Nich. Eſſex, preſented by the prior, &c. rector afterwards of Stockton in Norfolk: and in Dec. 1402, chantrey-prieſt in St. Radegund's chapel in St. Paul's, London.—1402. Matt. Aylmer, (on the reſignation of Eſſex): he was rector of Stockton, and exchanged with Eſſex; preſented by the prior, &c.—1402. Richard Perſon, preſented by the prior, &c.—1404. Robert Folſham, on the reſignation of Perſon; he was rector of a mediety of the church of Brome in Norwich dioceſe, and exchanged with Perſon; preſented by the prior, &c.——1409. John Clerk, preſented by the prior, &c. on the reſignation of Folſham: he held the church of Woodnorton All Saints in Norfolk, and exchanged with Folſham.—1424. Nich. Thurſton de Fyncham, preſented by the prior, &c. and nominated by the biſhop of Norwich.———1455. Tho. Palmer, preſented by the prior, &c. he occurs vicar in 1479.———1493. Henry Kyrkeby, preſented by Tho. prior, &c. —— ----. Laurence Cootes.———1504. John Wenham, on the reſignation of Cootes, preſented by the prior, &c.———1506. Robert Davy, on the reſignation of Wenham, preſented by the prior, &c.———1534. Richard Sparhawke, on the death of Davy, preſented by the prior, &c.——Thomas Freke occurs in 1545, and in or about 1562, [f] *Preſbyter non conjugatus, ſatis doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo,*——and rector of St. Michael's, Fincham. ——1586. Anth. Fletcher, preſented by the queen; on the diſſolution of the houſe of Shouldham, the patronage came to the crown.——1587. Roger Gunſon, preſented by the queen ——— ----. Roger Gunſon. In his anſwer to King James's queries in 1633, he ſays there were 176 communicants here; rector alſo of Denver. 1615. William Parker, A. M. by the king.

----. Francis Power.——1661. Daniel Gardiner, A. M. on the death of Power, by the king; in the conſignation book, 1664, [g] it appears he was admitted to this church on the 4th of Auguſt, 1653, at Whitehall, by the commiſſioners, Power being then dead, or ejected.———1682. Daniel Baker, A. M. on the death of Gardiner, by the king.——1723. Joſeph Forby, L. L. B. on the death of Baker. ——1745. William Harvey, A. M. on the death of Forby. This vicarage is taxed in the king's books at 10*l.* and is diſcharged of tenths and firſt-fruits, being in real value 33*l. per ann.*

This rectory of St. Martin's was valued, with the portion of Carhow, at 22 marks:—Peter-pence 16*d.* and had a manſe, with 30 acres of land, and a fold of 200 ſheep, in Edward I's reign.

On the diſſolution of the monaſtery of Shouldham, this church came to the crown, and Queen Elizabeth, by her letters patents, dated the 17th of Feb. in the 16th of her reign, demiſed to Thomas Drury this rectory, with the appertenances, and all the houſes, &c. except the advouſon of the vicarage (which remains in the crown) for 21 years, paying 8 *l. per ann.* which letters patents being ſurrendered and cancelled, the queen, for 16*l.* fine, demiſeth to William Gybon, Gent. and Ann and Frances his daughters, the ſaid rectory for their lives ſucceſſively, paying 8*l. per ann.* and the beſt beaſt for an heriot: dated 22d June, 27th of Elizabeth, P. 17.

Simon Fincham, by his will, dated 23 Nov. 1458, deſires to be buried in this church, and bequeaths to the bell tower fabrick 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* by which it appears the tower was built at that time.

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[f] Parkeri Certificat.

[g] Lib. conſignat. Norwic. 1664.

John Geyton, clerk of Fincham St. Martin's, by his will [h] dated 12th Jan. 1476, deſires to be buried in the chancel before the image of St. Martin; and leaves money to Nich. Fyncham to ſing for his ſoul one whole year.

Ela Fyncham, daughter of John Fyncham, by her will, [i] dated 9th Feb. and proved 8th March, 1540, deſires to be buried in this church.

John Bexwell of Fincham, Gent. by his will [k] dated 22d May, 1546, and proved 5th Aug. following, deſires to be buried in this church.

FINCHAM St. MICHAEL.

THIS church is built of flint and boulder, and conſiſts only of a nave, or body, with a chancel covered with lead. At the weſt end of the nave ſtands a large ſquare tower, embattled with quoins and copings of free-ſtone, and a pinnacle at each corner; and herein hang three bells. The length of the nave, from the weſt door to the chancel, is about 60 feet, and in breadth about 27. The roof is ſupported by oaken principals; on the head of which have been the effigies of religious perſons in their habits; but their heads are broken off. In the upper window of this nave, on the ſouth ſide, were theſe arms; *(Plate I. Fig. 8, 9,)*——argent, a lion rampant, gules,—Bokenham of Norfolk;——quarterly, azure, 3 cinqfoils, or, in the 1ſt and 4th,—Bardolph; and barry of 6, or and vert, a bend over all, gules,—Poinings.—The chancel is in length about 33 feet, and in breadth about 18; the upper part of the wall on the north ſide is of brick embattled, and coped with free-ſtone; alſo a little free-ſtone porch or paſſage into the chancel; in the centre of the arch there ſeem to be cinqfoils cut, the arms of the lords Bardolfs. ——On the pavement here is a grave-ſtone thus inſcribed:——*Here lieth the bodies of Robert and Sarah (aged the one 8, and the other 7 years) the ſon and daughter of Arthur King, of Tilney, Gent. and Sarah his wife, who were buried, Robert on the 2d, and Sarah on the 15th of Oct.* 1683.

Hail happy ſouls, who like their angels were
Young, active, chaſte, and free from vice,
And now are called by God's indulgent care,
To dwell with them in paradiſe.
God grant we by repentance may obtain,
What you by innocence did earlier gain.

On the communion table:——*William Hubbard died* 1623, *and gave this table.* —In the eaſt window are the arms of Derham abby.—Againſt the north wall is a little decent copartment of ſtone, and in the centre, on a black marble,—*Sub felicis reſurrectionis ſpe Chriſti præſtolans epiphaniam, hic juxta ſitus eſt Reverendus Vir Daniel Baker, A. M. hujus eccleſiæ per* XL *annos, rector orthodoxæ Chriſti eccleſiæ, dictis, ſcriptis, precibus exemplar et incomparabile propugnaculum; Divini Jobæ patientiæ quam poeſi depinxit, verus vitâ imitator. Idem ex indefeſſa operâ in ſtudiis, aſſiduâ pietate in Deum, rara amænitate in ſuos, ſpectata probitate in omnes, æternum admirandus. Annorum ſatur ad cœlos migravit, Feb.* 19°. *An. ſalut.* M.DCCXXII. *Ætat.* 69.—*Maria uxor mæſtiſſima hoc in perpetuum conjugatis amoris memoriam erexit.*——Againſt the ſaid wall, eaſt from this, is an enarched monument of ſtone: in this arch is a raiſed tomb about 2 feet from the ground; on each ſide of this arch, on the ſummit, is a nitch carved for ſome ſtatue; there is no inſcription or arms about it, and probably it was the *Sepulchrum Domini*, or the ſepulchre of our Lord.——Oppoſite to this, on the ſouth ſide of the chancel, are three ſtone ſeats or ſtalls, raiſed within the wall, having 3 arches, one over each ſeat; which ſeats are about 2 feet in depth, and above 3 in height; on the ſummit of each arch riſes a pyramid of ſtone, carved, and pointing to the corniſh, which jutts out from the wall about 3 inches. Such ſeats and ſtalls are ſtill to be ſeen in many old churches, and were for the biſhop, prieſt, and deacon, or the rector, curate, or chantrey prieſts. The ſtalls here differ from other in this; that of the biſhop or rector is about two inches higher than that of the prieſt; and the ſtall of the prieſt is the ſame, in reſpect of the deacon. Over the ſtall of the biſhop are theſe two ſhields;—quarterly,

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[h] Reg. Gelour.

[i] Reg. Godſalve, P. 43.

[k] Reg. Hill, p. 48.

terly, France and England; (*Plate I. Fig.* 10.) and quarterly, (*Plate I. Fig.* 11.) argent in the 1ſt and 4th; in the 2d and 3d, gules, a frett, or; over all a bend, ſable; in a bordure of the laſt, 8 mitres of the 2d.—Spencer's arms, biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of Edward III. and Richard II. when I conceive this church was built. Over the arch of the 2d ſtall, (*Plate I. Fig.* 12.)— quarterly, checq; or and azure, in the 1ſt and 4th quarter,—Earl Warren and Surrey:—in the 2d and 3d, gules, a lion rampant, or, Fitz-Alan, earl of Arundel.—Azure, (*Plate I. Fig.* 13.) 3 cinqfoils, or, Lord Bardolf.—Over the arch of the loweſt ſeat, (*Plate I. Fig.* 14.) —or, a feſs between 2 cheveronels, gules, Lord Fitz-Walter.—Gules, 3, 2, and 1 eſcallops, argent, Lord Scales.——Theſe arms were all waſhed over with whiting, but no doubt were formerly painted in their proper colours. The lords above-mentioned held lands *in capite* in this town, as has been ſhewn, except the lord Scales, and he had a lordſhip in the adjoining town of Barton, which extended here.

Beſides the arms above obſerved, here were antiently in the windows, [*l*] —— the arms of Birſton, as in St. Martin's, Fincham.——Azure, a bend, argent.—— Truſsbut, as in St. Martin's, Fincham, and Bardolf.——Tendring and Braunch, as in St. Martin's church.—Argent, 6 dexter hands, 3, 2, and 1.—Wauncy, and Talbot.—Sable (rather azure) a croſs, company, argent and gules, borne by Cockfield. And Felbrigg.

Simon, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the prior of Caſtleacre 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of Nigell, and William de Spinevill, Sampſon Talbot, Richard de Meyners, Richard de Calcomb, and John de Littlewell, in 1261; theſe demeans contained 860 acres of land, and more: two parts of theſe tithes the prior let to Thomas Buxkyn, rector, and his ſucceſſor, for 7 marks *per ann.* in the year 1361.

In the 33d of Henry III. [*m*] a fine was levied between John, prior of Caſtleacre, Peter, and Adam Talbot, tenent of the advouſon of this church, granted to the prior. By this, it ſeems that the advouſon of this church belonged to the earl Warren's fee, and was held by the Talbots; but before this, it appears from the regiſter of Caſtleacre, that John, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to that priory this church, of the gift of William Talbot, patron; and that the monks ſhould receive a mark of ſilver *per ann.* of the parſon of the ſaid church; and Sampſon Talbot confirmed the donation of his uncle William.—It was valued at 16 marks:—Peter-pence, 14*d*.

RECTORS.

John de Pagrave occurs rector, and reſigned to Derham, who was inſtituted in the 9th year of biſhop Walter Suffield.—† Jeffrey de Derham, rector: in the 37th of Henry III. a fine was levied [*n*] between him and Roger Talebot of half an acre of land here, granted to Roger, who thereupon gave to the ſaid Jeffrey a meſſuage, garden, and curtilage, to be held by him, and his ſucceſſors, late Hugh's, father of Roger, at the yearly rent of 5*d*. he occurs alſo in the 43d of the ſaid king.— Reginald de Creſſenhale was rector of Fincham in 1293: [*n*] he was dean of South Malling in Kent, and rector of Upmonyngham in the ſaid county, and died in the aforeſaid year. In the 3d of Edward I. the jury for the hundred find, that the prior of Shouldham held 9 acres here, of the gift of Philip Newland, and Richard de Ennebys, in the reign of King Henry III. and the abbot of Derham 12 acres, of the gift of Sampſon de Littlewell, held of the earl Warren,———1311. Adam de Saxham, preſented by Walter the prior, and the convent of Caſtleacre.——1313. Jeffrey Brian, preſented by the prior, &c.———1317. Mr. Steven de Kettleburgh, by the prior, &c.———1320. Edmund Gulafre; he was provoſt of the church of Caſtle-Culby, in the dioceſe of Bangor, and exchanged with Kettleburgh; preſented by the prior. &c.——1330. William de Monte Acuto, (Mountague) by the prior, &c.——1335. John de Faloniis, on the reſignation of Montague, by the prior, &c.——— ----. Richard Markaunt.———1349. William Roche, by the prior, &c.——— ----. William de Happeton.———1352. Thomas

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[*l*] MSS. penes J. Anſtis, Garter, E. 26. fol. 146.

[*m*] Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 110.

† Jeff. de Derham, inſtituted by Walter Suffield, biſhop, about 1254.

[*n*] Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 112.—Willis hiſt. abb. V. 2. P. 238.

Atte-Lathe, on the reſignation of Happeton, by the prior, &c. rector alſo of Rungton Holm.——1356. Thomas Buxkin, on the reſignation of Atte-Lathe, by the prior, &c. He was rector of Stokeſby in Norfolk, and exchanged with Atte-Lathe, preſented by the prior, &c.——1393. John Sekirſteyn, by the prior, &c.——1409. Edmund Pevys of Wygenhale, by the prior, &c.——1409. Jeffrey Schavere of Thuxton; he was vicar of Wygenhall St. Mary, and exchanged with Pevys, by the prior, &c.——1412. John Wyrmegeye of Newton; he was rector of Ickworth, and exchanged with Schavere, by the prior, &c. On the 18th of October, 1413, † after a long trial, he was obliged to pay 4 marks *per ann.* to the prior of Shouldham.——1420. William Attemylle, *vel* Attewood; he was rector of Mundford, and exchanged with Wyrmegey, by the prior, &c.——1431. Thomas Marchal (on the reſignation of Attemille;) he was rector of Sothrey in Norfolk, and exchanged with Attemille, by the prior, &c. rector alſo of Bexwell.——1434. Richard Domyſday, by the prior, &c. rector alſo of Caldecote in Norfolk.——1436. John Walpole, by the prior, &c.—— ----. Robert Lety.——1454. William Wright, on the death of Lety, by the prior, &c. 1460. William Ray, on the reſignation of Wright, by the prior, &c.——1477. John Shawe, on the death of Ray, by the prior, &c.——1485. Nicholas Barker *in Decretis Baccalaur.* on the reſignation of Shawe, by the prior, &c.——William Langland, on the death of Barker, by the prior, &c.——1493. Henry Sharpe, on the death of Langland, by the prior, &c.——1502. John Edmond, on the reſignation of Sharpe, and paying to him a penſion of 4*l. per ann.* This church was at this time valued at 16 marks; preſented by the prior, &c.—Edmond was prior of Shouldham.——1504. Chriſtopher Wynde, on the death of Edmonds, by the prior. By his will dated 21 April, and proved 28 July, 1525, he deſires to be buried in the chancel of his church, and bequeaths money to the making the ruffe of the ſaid chancel.——1525. James Coole, on the death of Wynde, by the prior, &c.——1530. Thomas Colman, on the reſignation of Coole, by the prior, &c. ——1539. John Alowe, preſented by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk. The advouſon of this church coming to the crown, on the diſſolution of Shouldham abby, was given by King Henry VIII. to that duke, on the 22d of December, in the 29th year of his reign, a fine of the advouſon of the ſaid church being levied between the ſaid king, and Thomas, prior of St. Mary's, Caſtleacre, in the 29th of that king's reign.——1545. Thomas Freke, on the reſignation of Alowe, by the duke of Norfolk: ſee in St. Martin's, Fincham.——1587. Robert Gunſon, preſented by the queen.——1587. Roger Gunſon, by Robert Gunſon, and John Edgeley, patrons, *hâc vice*; and in 1588, Oct. 15, he was reinſtituted on the preſentation of Fran. Gawdy, Eſq; In 1603, he certified the king that there were 77 communicants in this pariſh.——1617. John Collin, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, preſented by the lord Rich.—— ----. Francis Power.——1661. Daniel Gardiner, on the death of Power: ſee in St. Martin's, Fincham.——1682, Daniel Baker, A. M. on the death of Gardiner, by Sir Thomas Hare, Bt.—— 1723. Joſeph Forby, on the death of Baker, by Thomas Forby, Gent.——1745. William Harvey, on the death of Forby, by Martha Forby, widow.

This rectory is valued in the king's books at 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* but being in clear value 45*l. per ann,* is diſcharged of tents and firſt-fruits.

The portion of the prior, &c. of Caſtleacre, out of this church, was 5 marks *per ann.*

John Talebot, ſenior, of Fincham, by deed, [*o*] acknowledged to have had of Adam, prior of Caſtleacre, &c, a windmill here, to be held at 4*d. per ann.*—— Witneſſes, Mr. John de Pagrave, Reg. de Geyton, William de Aula, &c. alſo a meſſuage here, called Skevingeſtoft, and 4 acres of land, of the fee of Sir Samp. Talebot, part lying between the land of Roger Curpel, and Ralph de Meyners, &c. alſo an acre of land of the fee of Philip de Burnham, at the rent of 2*s. per ann.*——This church was, a few years paſt, pulled down, and the two pariſhes conſolidated.

This town gives name to a deanery, called from it the Deanery of Fincham, which includes the whole hundred and half of Clackloſe.

DEANS

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† For certain tithes due to the church of St. Martin, belonging to the priory.

[*o*] Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 79.

DEANS *of* FINCHAM.

Galfridus, dean of Fincham, [p] witneſs to a deed *ſans* date.——Hugh, dean about the reign of King John, as appears by a deed *ſans* date.——Hugh de Swaffham; and he occurs (as I take it) rector of Barton St. Mary in 1308.——1326. Edmund de Welle, on the reſignation of Hugh de Swaffham, collated by the biſhop of Norwich.——1347. Richard de Norwich, collated, &c.——1349. Matt. de Aſheton, collated, &c. —— 1349. Roger de Stalham, collated by ditto.——1350. Gilbert de Aſheton, collated, &c.——1377. William de Oxburgh, collated, &c.——1383. Robert Takel, collated by ditto. He was canon of the free chapel of St. Mary's in Stafford, and prebendary of the prebend of Whitegrene, in the ſaid chapel, in the dioceſe of Litchfield and Coventry, and exchanged with Oxburgh.——1389. John de Mundeford, collated, &c.——1393. † Hugh Bridham, collated, &c.——1429. Thomas Aſplyon, on the death of Bridham, collated, &c.——1497. William Porteland, A. M. collated, &c.—— 1501. John Aberfield, collated, &c. He was rector of Great Creſſingham.——1518. Thomas Bilney, on the death of Aberfield, collated, &c.

FOSTON.

THERE are now only 2 or 3 cottages, or houſes, ſtanding of this village, on the London road to Lynn, called [a] Foſton-Gap: in *Domeſday-book*, 'tis wrote Fodeſton and Fodeſthorp.—The chief lordſhip was in the church of Ely.

At the ſurvey, there belonged to it a carucate of land, and 3 villains, with 2 borderers, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongſt the tenants, with 2 acres of meadow; 80 ſheep, &c. valued at 20*s*. It was 4 furlongs long, 3 broad, and paid 4*d*. gelt. Ulchetel, the man (or vaſſal) of Hermerus de Ferrariis lord of Wirmegay, a town adjoining, claimed it, as free to be ſeized on, not being church lands, and was ready to prove it by battle, ordeal, or any other legal manner; and there was another ready to prove, in the ſame manner, that it belonged to the church on the day that King Edward died; the whole hundred alſo witneſſed, that it belonged to the church of Ely in King Edward's time.

From this outragious claim, we may perceive with what violence and oppreſſion the Conqueror and his adherents behaved on the conqueſt, being not contented with the lands of the laity, that they ſeized on, but made ſuch notorious falſe claims on the lands of the religious, ſo that they were by no means ſecure in their poſſeſſions.

However, the church maintained her right. In the 9th of Edward II. the prior of Ely was lord, and ſo continued 'till the diſſolution, and was granted afterwards to the dean and chapter of Ely, where it continues, and was held of them by the late Sir George Hare, Bt.

Rainold, ſon of Ivo, [b] had half a carucate of land, and a borderer, with half a carucate, valued at 10*s*. and Ralph held it of him, and Wihenoc had invaded it.—This came afterwards to the earls of Clare; Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, held it of them; and, on his founding the priory of Shouldham, gave it to that houſe, in the reign of King John; and the prior had a charter for free warren here, in the 33d of Henry III. At the diſſolution it came to the crown, and King Edw. VI. gave it with lands in Totenhill, &c. on May 6, *Ao*. 7°. to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; and Sir Thomas Mildmay, in the 25th of Elizabeth, ſold it to Francis Gawdy, ſerjeant at law, and ſo came to the earl of Warwick, who conveyed it to William Butts, Eſq; in the 19th of James I. and Leonard Butts ſold it to Sir John Hare, Kt. of Stow-Bardolf, in which family it remains.

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[p] Dudg. Mon. Ang. V. III. P. 637.

† This dean ſealed with a bird or finch, on a tree or bough, in alluſion likely to his name and deanry, and on the ſummit of the ſhield a mullet;—the legend, *Sigillum Decanatus de Fyncham*, as appears from the probate of the will of Tho. Weſthow of Boketon, 16th of December, 1413.

[a] Tre. S'ce. Adeldrede.—In Fodeſton i. car. tre. 7. iii. vill. 7. ii. bor. ſemp. i. car. in dnio. 7. dim. car. hom. 7. ii. ac. p'ti. 7. LXXX. ov. viii. por. val. xx. ſol. ht. iiii. qr. in longo 7. iii. in lat. 7. iiii *d*. de g. hanc tra. calu'pniatr. eſſe liberam Ulchetel ho. Hermeri qo. cq; m°. ſudicetr. 7. bello, 7. judicio, et ali. e. p'ſto. p'lare. eo m°. qd. jacuit ad eccleſ. die q. Rex E. obiit totus hundred. teſtatr. eam fuiſſe t. r. e. ad S'ca. Adeldr.

[b] Terr. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—In Forteſthorp dim. car. tre. ten. Ran. ſemp. dim. car. 7. i, bor. 7. val. x. ſol. hoc invaſit Wihenoc.

Hermerus de Ferrariis [c], lord of Wirmegay, had ſeized on 40 acres, a carucate, and 3 acres of meadow, which 6 freemen held under protection only of his predeceſſor; and becauſe they were in want of paſture, they paid rent to him for it; it was valued at 5*s.*

In the reign of Henry III. Alexander le Moyne, or Monk, and his parceners, were found to hold the 4th part of a fee of the lord Bardolf, as of the honor of Wirmegay; he was ſon of Sir Peter le Moyne, and gave rents to the ſiſters of St. Mary Magdalen in Norwich.

In the 3d of Edw. III. Benedict Ruſſell, &c. held lands, and in the 20th, John Ruſſel had the 4th part of a fee here, and in Thorp, called Ruſſelle Moyns: afterwards, the Beaumonts being capital lords, and forfeited to the crown, King Henry VIII. on September 10, *Ao.* 33, granted it to the dean and chapter of Ely, and is now veſted in them, and held lately by Sir George Hare, Bt.

The tenths were 1*l.* 10*s*,—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*—In the 16th of Richard II. John Fincham, &c. aliened to Ely priory a meſſuage, 27 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 6 of paſture, with liberty of a fold here and in Garboyſthorp. The temporalities of that priory were valued, in 1428, at 33*s.* and 4*d.*—The temporalities of Shouldham priory at 50*s.* and ½.—Of Wirmegey, at 5*s.* 10*d.*

Here was formerly a church, but now no remains of it; it was a rectory, dedicated to St. Peter, valued at 8 marks; and paid Peter-pence 10*d.* and in the patronage of Ely priory.

RECTORS.

In 1312, John Aleyn inſtituted; preſented by the prior, &c. of Ely.——1319. John Bottiller, ditto.——1335. Reginald de Ely, ditto.——1347. John de Lek occurs rector.——1348. R. de Barington, ditto.——1353. William de Hancford, ditto.——William Portman reſigned 1355——1355. Robert Man, ditto.——1361. Thomas Atte-Dele de Fodeſton, ditto.——1409. Thomas Geyſt, ditto.——1439. Thomas Greneley, ditto.

In 1449, the church was appropriated to Ely priory by W. Hart, biſhop of Norwich, on account of the poverty of its revenue, and the prior was to find a curate, and to pay the biſhop a penſion of 3*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* the dean and chapter have the impropriation, and is leaſed to the Hares.

FORDHAM.

THIS village lies eaſt of the great Ouſe, and north of the river Wiſſey; and here is a cauſeway over a fenny ground to Helgay, often over-flowed but fordable; from whence, 'tis probable, it takes its name.

Several lords at the ſurvey were concerned in this town: Hermerus de Ferrariis ſeized † on 3 free men, who held 24 acres in the Confeſſor's time, valued at 2*s.* of theſe only the protection was in his predeceſſor. This, with other lands belonging to Riſton, Beckſwell, Dereham, &c. which Hermerus held, (and after him the lords Bardolfs) made up the manors of Riſton, and of Helgton, or Hembleton-Hall, in this town. In the reign of Henry III. the family of Stradeſet was found to hold a lordſhip of the lord Bardolf, and of the honor of Wirmegey; and in the time of Edward III. Nicholas de Stradſete held here, in Stradſete, Barſale, &c. a knight's fee of the ſaid honor. In the 9th of Edward III. Gilbert de Hethill, parſon of the church of Toftenhall in Norfolk, gave to the prior of the Holy Croſs of Wormegey a meſſuage, 40 acres of land, 5 of paſture and 5*s.* rent, in Fordham-Hithe: and Riſton, held of the aforeſaid Nicholas, paying 5*s.* *per ann.* and in the 16th of Richard II. John Davy, and others, aliened lands and tenements here, &c. to the ſaid priory.

[c] Invaſ. Hermeri de Ferrar.—In Foteſtorp vi. lib. hoes xL. ac. i. car. iii. ac. p'ti. val. v. ſol. 7. in his niſi com'd. 7. quia non poſſ. carere paſtura ſuâ redd. ei conſuetudine.

† Invaſ. Hermeri de Ferrariis.—In Fordham iii. lib. hoes. xxiiii. acr. comend'. tant. val. ii. ſol. de his non hab. anteceſſ. præt. comend'.—Rot. honor. de Wringey pen. camerar. S'ccarii.

John Cavendiſh, and George Neffield, as heirs to the Stradſets, held the ſame in the reign of Henry VI. of the lord Bardolf. The part thus given to the prior of Wirmegay was called Hembleton-Hall, *alias* Uphall.

The priory of Wirmegay being diſſolved, and annexed with all its appertenances to that of Pentney, came, on the general diſſolution, to the crown; and Queen Elizabeth granted the manor here, with the advowſon of a moiety of the church to William Barber, and John Jenkins, on the 3d of Auguſt, in her 7th year; afterwards it came to the Skipwiths, who poſſeſſed it in the 40th of the ſaid queen.

Jeffrey Curpell held alſo, in the reign of Henry III. a manor here, in Roxham, Weſt-Derham, &c. of the lord Bardolf, which Roger Curpell gave in the reign of Edward III. to the priory of Wirmegay: this alſo was granted, together with the above-mentioned, at the ſaid time, to Barber and Jenkins, and ſo came to the Skipwiths.

St. Etheldreda (the church of Ely) had, in King Edward's reign, 3 borderers, who held at [a] the ſurvey 12 acres, valued at 2*s.* and the abbot of Ely had ſeized on 30 acres, which a freeman held, 3 borderers, and half a carucate, valued at 4*s.* of this his predeceſſor had the protection only.

This went along with the abbots manor of Bexwell, and held in the reign of Edward I. by Stephen Bexwell. In the 14th of the ſaid king, John, ſon of Henry de Deen, held lands of the biſhop of Ely, as did Stephen de Dunneby; and John de Deen and Maud his wife, in the ſaid year, conveyed a moiety of the church of Fordham, belonging to him, to Robert de Benhale, and Robert to Hervey de Stanton, and ſo came to John de L'Iſle; afterwards it was in the Skipwiths.

William, Earl Warren, [b] had 111 acres, which 2 free men were deprived of. This belonged to his manor of Denver that extended here.

Rainold, ſon of Ivo, [c] had ſeized on 3 freemen, with 25 acres, and were under protection; the abbot of Ramſey had the ſoc; alſo on one freeman, with 5 acres, of whom the abbot of Bury had the commendation, or protection, in King Edward's time, valued at 5*s.*—This came after to the earls of Clare and Glouceſter, and was held by Jeff. Fitz-Piers, earl of Eſſex, in the time of King John, who gave it to his priory of Shouldham. On its diſſolution, it came to the Skipwiths; and the priory's temporalities here, in 1428, were valued at 10*s.*

The abbot of Ramſey had, [d] in the time of the Confeſſor, and at the ſurvey, 24 acres, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* alſo the lands of a freeman, containing 24 acres, valued at 3*s.*—This, with the manor of Snore, (as will appear) was held of the abby. Ralph, Lord Bainard, [e] had 30 acres, which 3 freemen, and a borderer held: this was afterwards held of the lords Fitz-Walter, and was part of the manor of Fincham, &c. and valued there.

Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, by his will dated Sept. 14, 1500, [f] gives to his younger ſon Richard a manor here; and Ellen Gawſell, Gent. of Watlington, by her will, dated on St. Clement's day, 1504, gives to John her ſon the manor of Woodleves in Fordham, which came alſo to the Skipwiths.

SNORE-HALL.

SNORE was a village in the Confeſſor's time; nothing of it remains, but part of an old hall, [g] now a farm-houſe, lying eaſt of Fordham. The abbot of Ramſey had in the Confeſſor's time, and at the ſurvey, half a carucate of land, valued at 10*s.*—Ralph, ſon of Ralph de Snora, was lord in the reign of Henry III. William de Snora, ſon of Ralph, paid homage for lands to the abbot of Ramſey, in his chamber at Hilgey manor, on Sunday after the feaſt of St. Paul, *Ao.* 21,

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[a] Terra Sce. Adeldrede.—In Forham iii. bor. xii. ac. val. ii. ſol. invaſ.—In Fordham tenet abbas de Eli de Sc'a. A. xxx. ac. quas tenuit lib. ho ſep. iii. bor. 7. dim. car. val. iiii. ſol. de hoc non habuit ni. com'datione.

[b] Ter. Willi. de Warenna.—In Forham ii. libi. hoes. 111. ac. terre.

[c] Invaſion. Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—In Fordeham iii. libi. hoes. com'dat. 7. Sc's. Ben. ſocam de xxv. ac. 7. l. lib. ho. de v. ac. de iſto hab. Sc's. Edm. com'd. tantu. t. r. e. hoc ten. Rainald'. val. v. ſol.

[d] Terra Sc'i. Benedicti de Rameſio,—In Phorham xxiiii. ac. 7. val. ii. ſol. viii *d.*—In ead. lib. ho. xxiiii. ac. val. iii. ſol.

[e] Terr. Rad. Bainardi.—In Phordham xxx. ac. tre. ten. iii. lib. i. bord. lib. hoes. appret. ſunt ſuperius.

[f] Reg. Cage Norw. & Reg. Ryx.

[g] Terr. Sc'i. Ben. de Rameſ.—In Snora dim. car. ter. val. x ſol.

Edward I.—John de Snore lived in the reign of Edward III. and Robert de Snore in 1388. After this it was held by William Adamſon, Thomas Brown, and Robert Atmore, by William Cobb, Nicholas Spalding, and Thomas Belyetter, and then came to the Skipwiths, who built a good hall, part of it ſtill ſtanding. In the 8th of Edward IV. John Billingburgh, treaſurer of the abbot, received of William Skipwith, Gent. on Feb. 23, 26*s.* 8*d.* an annual rent out of this manor, and lands at Snore in Fordham, late Thomas Billyetter's, and Margaret his wife's. William Skipwith was lord in 1504, ſon, as I take it, of William aforeſaid, and Margaret his wife, ſhe dying in 1486. William Skipwith was lord in the 25th of Henry VIII. and by Margaret his wife left Edmund their ſon and heir, who died lord of Fordham and Snore-Hall in 1558. By his will, dated Nov. 12, 1557, he appoints William his ſon, and Catherine his wife executors; calls John Stornley, Gent. his brother. William occurs lord in 1588, and married Ellen, daughter of ------ Batchcroft of Bexwell: by his will, dated in 1588, he calls Thomas Batchcroft his brother-in-law. In the 17th of James I. Edmund Skipwith poſſeſſed it, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Guybon, Eſq; by his firſt wife, daughter of ------ Catelyne; and in 1651, Sir Ralph Skipwith, lord of Snore, and of Fordham. In 1616, Edmund Skipwith, Gent. paid an annual rent out of this manor to the lord of Swaffham manor in Norfolk. After this, Sir Thomas Viner, lord mayor of London held it; from whom it came to the Smalls of Glouceſterſhire; and Viner Small, Eſq; is lord, and of Fordham.

The tenths were of Fordham and Snore 8*l.*—Deducted 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—Lete fee 16*d.*—Temporalities of Bromhill priory 5*s.*—Caſtleacre 9*s.*—Wirmegay 5*s.*—Coxford priory 10*s.*—Shouldham 10*s.*—Weſt-Derham 5*s.*—Weſtacre 2*s.* 9*d.*—Norwich priory 12*s.*

The old church was a ſmall pile, and falling down in 1730, is rebuilt. There were 2 medieties antiently belonging to it; one was appropriated to Wirmegey priory, the other to that of Norwich, and the church was dedicated to St. Mary. —Wirmegey mediety was called the portion of John, who was rector in 1278. In 1306, Laurence de Maſſingham *Magna*, rector, preſented by the prior of Wirmegey. It was appropriated in Febr. 1346, by biſhop Bateman, paying 20*s.* *per ann.* to the ſee of Norwich; this priory being annexed to that of Pentney, at the diſſolution, was granted Aug. 3, *Ao.* 7 Elizabeth, to William Barber and John Jenkins, and came after to the Skipwiths, &c. and to Viner Small, Eſq; the preſent impropriator.——Norwich mediety was called the portion of Goſcelin, valued at 4 marks. John de Denver was rector in Edward I's time.——1304, Matthew, ſon of John de Stanton, rector, preſented by Alexander de Walſoken, and Thomas de Briton.——1308. John de Ely, by Sir Hervey de Stanton.—On April 3, *Ao.* 10. Edward III. licence was granted to John de Liſle to give it, (which he purchaſed of Sir Hervey) with a meſſuage, 6*s.* rent, &c. to Norwich priory, to find a chaplain to pray for the ſoul of the ſaid John and Mary his wife, Robert de Ufford, Thomas Roſceline, &c. and it was appropriated June 6, 1351; and is now held of the dean and chapter of Norwich.

In 1603, it was certified that there were 41 communicants.

HILGEY,

IS a village on a hill, (ſurrounded with water and fens,) on the ſouth ſide of the river Wiſſy, near its fall into the river Ouſe: at the ſurvey it was a lordſhip of the abby of Ramſey, by the gift of King Edgar, and contained 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, and 11 borderers, [a] 5 ſervi, and 8 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 bovates amongſt the tenants, or men, &c. valued at 80*s.* in King Edward's time, but after at 70*s.*—William, Earl Warren, had deprived the abbot of 8 men of this manor, with their cuſtomary dues, and 43 acres of land, as the hundred certified. The manor was 5 furlongs long, and 4 and an half broad, and paid 8*d*. of a 20*s*. gelt.

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[a] Terr. Sc'i. Benedicti de Rameſio.—Hidlingeiam ten. S'cus Bened. ii. car. tre. ſemp. viii. vill. 7. xi. bor. v. ſerv. viii. ac. p'ti. ii. car. in dominio 7. ii. bov. hom. iii. runc. v. anim. x. por. LXX. ov. tc. val. LXXX. ſol. m°. LXX. de hoc man°. tulit Will. de Warrenna viii. hoes. conſuetudinarios ad hoc man. de XLIII. acr. tre. ut hund. teſtat. hoc man. ht. v. quar. in longo, 7. 4. quar. 7. dim. in lat. 7. redd. viii*d.* de gelto de xx. ſol.

The abbot of Ramſey had alſo in this hundred of Clackloſe, lordſhips in Wimbotſham, Snore, Derham, Fordham, and Outwell;—in the hundred of Freebridge, Walſoken manor;—in Docking hundred, Brancaſter manor;—in Smithden hundred, Ringſted; and in Brodecroſs hundred, Burnham manor.

WOOD-HALL MANOR.

THE abbot of Ramſey had a charter for free warren here, in the 35th of Hen. III. and in the 16th of Henry VI. the iſſues and profits of this manor amounted to 124*l*. 16*s*. as ſtated by John Bexwell, Eſq; ſteward to the manor.

On the diſſolution, this lordſhip, with the advouſon of the rectory, was granted, Nov. 27, in the 38th of Henry VIII. to James Hawe, Eſq; to be held of the king by knight's ſervice. Henry Hawe, his ſon, built here a large manor-houſe of brick; and dying in 1592, left by Urſula his wife, daughter of Robert Holditch, Eſq; of Diddington, a daughter and heir, Frances, who brought it by marriage to Sir John Willoughby, Knt. of Riſle in Derbyſhire, ſon of George Willoughby, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Richard Neale of Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalen.

Sir John left, by the ſaid Frances, Sir Henry Willoughby, created Bt. in 1611. His daughter Elizabeth married Sir John Wray, Bt. whoſe daughter and heir Elizabeth, married the honourable Nicholas Saunderſon, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir George Saunderſon, Bt. Lord Viſcount Caſtleton of Ireland, and had Wray Saunderſon, who dying *s. p.* at York, April 7, 1714, gave this lordſhip to Sir Cecil Wray, Bt. 2d ſon of Sir Drury Wray, Bt. and Anne his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Caſey of Rathcannon, in the county of Limerick in Ireland, Eſq; who ſucceeded his brother Sir Chriſtopher in 1710. Sir Cecil was bred to arms, was a captain in general Farrington's regiment, and ſerved in Flanders, Spain and Portugal, and married Mary, daughter of Edward Harriſon of Morely, in the county of Antrim in Ireland, Eſq; by Johanna his wife, daughter of the Right Reverend Dr. Jer. Tayler, biſhop of Dorwn and Connor; and was ſucceeded in honour, and this lordſhip, &c. in May 1736, by his couſin Sir John Wray, Bt. eldeſt ſon of William, only ſon of Cecil, 4th ſon of Sir Chriſtopher Wray, whoſe ſon by Frances, daughter of Nicholas Norcliffe of Langton, in the Eaſt Riding of Yorkſhire, Eſq; Sir Cecil Wray, was late lord, whoſe arms are,—azure on a chief, or, 3 martlets, gules; creſt an oſtrich, or; motto,—*Et juſte et vray.*—A fee-farm rent of 1*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*. *per ann.* paid for it, and captain Manby of Denver, is the preſent lord.

MASSINGHAM, *or* CURTEY's MANOR.

IN the 22d year of Henry VI. William Maſſingham, Eſq; of this town, was lord of this manor, with its lands, tenements, rents, ſervices, meadows, paſtures, moors, marſhes, a free-fold, &c. held of the abbot of Ramſey; all which formerly belonged to Thomas Lovell, Eſq; and after that to Nicholas Maſſingham, Eſq; and in the 3d year of Edward IV. Thomas Maſſingham, Eſq; ſon of William, held the ſame, and ſealed with a croſs, ingrailed; creſt, a griffin's head; on the right ſide of the helmet a lion rampant; on the left, a man, as ſupporting it. On December 16, 1468, John Aſtley, Eſq; of Melton Conſtable in Norfolk, had a grant from the abbot of Ramſey of the cuſtody and marriage of Thomas Maſſingham, ſon and heir of Thomas Maſſingham, Eſq; This Thomas died poſſeſſed of it in 1492, his will being dated Auguſt 20.

Stigand, arch-biſhop of Canterbury, alſo held in his own right, as a lay fee, 30 acres, and one carucate, which a free man under his protection enjoyed in King Edward's reign. At the Conqueſt, the Conqueror ſeized on it, and was held for him by William de Noyers [*b*], and after granted to William, Earl Warren, who had 22 acres alſo, which belonged to 8 freemen in King Edward's time, valued at 7*s.* 6*d.* and belonged to the monaſtery of Ramſey, as the hundred witneſſes.

[*b*] Tre. Stigandi Ep'i. quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu Regis.—In Halingheia, i. lib. ho. xxx. ac. i. car.—Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.—In Hidlingheia xxii. ac. qd. ten. t. r. e. viii. hoes. et val. vii. ſol. 7. viii *d*. s. 7. hund. teſtatur. qd. fuit ad victu. monachor. de S'co. Benedicto.

This belonged to the great lordſhip of Methwold, and extended here, and was poſſeſſed under the earls Warren and Surry, by the families of Cailli and Clifton. Roger de Cailli gave to the priory of Caſtleacre [*c*] all his rents of eels here; *viz.* 1000 and an half *per ann.* for the ſoul of Simon his father, Alice his mother, Joan and Beatrix his wives; and Alice, by her deed *ſans* date, gave a fiſhery called Poltſere, to find the houſe 1000 eels *per ann.* Ralph de Baliol, by his deed *ſans* date, gave alſo for the ſoul of his lord, the earl Warren, a rent of 2000 eels, with Godrick de Wodebrict, his wife and children:—Witneſſes, Reginald de Warren, &c.

The temporalities of Caſtleacre were, in 1428, valued at 20*s.*

Theſe tenures made part of the dutchy of Lancaſter in this town.

The abbot of St. Edmund's Bury had 58 acres of land held by 3 villains, with one carucate and 4 acres of meadow, which were valued with his [*d*] manor of Suthrey, which extended here, and the temporalities of the cellarer of that abby, in this town, were valued, in 1428, at 40*s. per ann.*

Here were alſo at that time ſeveral other ſmall tenures. Hermerus [*e*] de Ferrariis, lord of Wirmegey, had ſeized on 6 acres of land: of this the abbot of Bury had only the protection valued at 8*d.* alſo on 2 acres held by 2 freemen, &c.—Roger Bigot had one acre and an half held by a freeman before the [*f*] Conqueſt, valued at 3*d.* and the church of Ely [*g*] had 4 borderers, who held 2 acres, valued at 6*d.*

The temporalities of the priory of Wymondham were valued at 40*s. per ann.* The prior, by deed *ſans* date, demiſed to Leoline Rok all his fiſhery in the parts of Helgey.

The abbot of Weſt-Derham had a cottage, and part of a fiſhery granted by William de Githnei, in fee-farm for a mark of ſilver; and he confirmed the gift of Jeff. Fitz-Jeffrey of the other part, in the reign of King Henry III. This was given at the diſſolution, Sept. 13, in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, to Thomas Guybon, and William Mynn.

In the 12th of Henry III. Steph. de Tyeford, and Maud his wife, gave lands here to Margaret the prioreſs, and convent of Blackburgh.

The tenths of the town were 8*l.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The lete was in the abbot of Ramſey, and was in Sir George Hare, Bart. fee 2*s.*

MODENEY PRIORY.

In this pariſh, about a mile from the church ſouth-weſt, near the river Ouſe, was the priory of Modeny, called now Modeney-Hall, and was a cell to Ramſey abby. On the diſſolution, it was granted, with its appertenances, April 18, in the 35th of Henry VIII. to Robert Hogan, Eſq; on his paying 39*s. per ann.* to the crown; ſoon after, in the ſaid year, Feb. 4, he had licenſe to alienate it to James Hawe, Eſq; from the Hawes, it came to the Willoughbys; and by Catherine, a daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, to the Purefoys, and to the Greys, and the Aſtons, as in Southrey, and is now in Sir Robert Burdet, Bt.

The church of Hilgey is dedicated to All Saints, conſiſting of 2 iſles, covered with lead, and a tower at the weſt end, built of rag-ſtone &c. in which are 5 bells: the preſent valor is 10*l.* and pays firſt-fruits, &c.

Againſt the wall of the ſouth iſle, near the eaſt end, is a mural monument, with the ſmall effigies of a man, his wife, and a child, all on their knees, with a deſk before them, thus inſcribed:——*Hic jacet Henricus Hawe Armiger, et Urſula uxor ejus, una filiarum Roberti Holditche Arm. quorum gratuitas in amicos, Elymoſyna in pauperes, charitas in omnes, ſatis liquet. Vixere hii duo fideli conjuncti matrimonio annos* 44, *unicam tantum habentes filiam Franciſcam nuptam Johi. Wilughby, Armig. qui in eorum memoriam hæc fieri fecit, dictus Henricus, obiit* 31 *Septembr.* 1592, *et ipſa Urſula* 8 *Decemb.* 1594.—*Johs. Wilughby, ſemper idem.*—On the pavement adjoining, lies a marble grave-ſtone, with a plate of braſs, and thereon,——

[*c*] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 86.

[*d*] In Hidlingeia LVIII. ac. terre, iii. vill. i. car. iiii. ac. p'ti. app'tiat. e. in Sutreia.

[*e*] In Hidlingeia vi. ac. tre. qd. ten S'cus. Eadmund. com'd. tant. 7. val. viii *d.* in ead. vill. ii. lib. de ii. ac. val. viii *d.* &c.

[*f*] In Hilingheia i. ac. 7. dim. ten. lib. ho. t. r. e. 7 val. iii *d.*

[*g*] In Hidlingeia iiii. bor. ii. ac. 7. val. ii *d.*

Subjacet Henricus cognomento Haweus, omni
Virtute inſignis, vir pius, artis amans.
Delicias vitæ ſprevit matura ſenectus,
Quas ſequitur fletus, mors, labor atq; dolor.
Vitam aliam ſperat, laniat quam nulla ſenectus,
Mors, labor, aut fletus, gaudia ſola refert.
Terra, breve hoſpitium, corpus ſit vile cadaver,
Cum truces parcæ triſtia fila ſecant.
Flet, gemuit, queritur, pauper, peregrinus, egenus,
Patrono ut præſtent funera juſta ſuo.
Henrici fatum defleмus triſte, camænâ,
Dum veniam precibus dederis alme Jeſu.
Obiit 31 *Sept*, 1592.

On the aforeſaid monument are the arms of Hawe;—ſable, a feſs humet, ermin, between 3 griffins heads eraſed, argent; and of Holditch, ... on a chevron, ... 3 magpies proper.

On the pavement of the north iſle lies a grave-ſtone,——*In memory of Nicholas Spencer, S. T. B. Fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge, and rector of this pariſh, who died June* 15, 1705, *Ætat. ſuæ* 63.——Near to this another,—*In memory of Margaret, wife of John Muſſon, rector, who died March* 29, 1710, *Ætat. ſuæ* 30.—— At the eaſt end of this iſle is the communion table.

The roof of the ſouth iſle has been curiouſly painted, and thereon, &c. have been many arms of benefactors, owners of land here, &c, *viz.* of Spencer, biſhop of Norwich,—Thomas of Brotherton, earl of Norfolk;—or, on a bend, azure, 3 rams heads caboſed, argent, armed or, Ramſey abby;—Norwich priory;——Earl Warren;—Lords Mowbray,—Howard,—Bardolf,—Scales;—or, on a chief, gules, 3 plates, Camois;—Ingaldeſthorp,—argent on a bend, ſable, 3 lys of the firſt,—Thorp,—Tilney,—Lord Bouchier,—Tatſall,—Cliſton,—Ufford, and—Beke quarterly,—Clifford,—Stafford,—Ferrers,—Dagworth,—Erpingham,—argent on chevron, ſable, 3 lys of the the firſt,—Bardwell,—Rainham,—Strange,—Roſs,—Narburgh,—Foliot, —Gonvill, Calthorp,—Lovell,—Wingfield,—Caſton,—Berney,—Wilton,— Rochford, — Argenton, — Inglos,—Bois,—Le Groſs,—Harſike,—and argent on a bend, gules, 3 lozenges, or,—— Elmham, &c.

In the north iſle, in a window, was the pourtraiture of a knight in armour, kneeling, on his ſurcoat, gules, a ſaltire ingrailed, argent,—Kerdeſton; and that of his lady, with an *orate* for them.——Sir Thomas Kerdeſton died ſeiſed, 29 Henry VI. of a meſſuage, and 14 acres of land here.

RECTORS.

1307. John de [b] Hengham, inſtituted rector; preſented by the abbot and convent of Ramſey.——1335. Simon de Glynton, by Simon Coſtyn, *hâc vice.*—— 1349. Andrew de Grundeſburgh, by the king.—Robert Wyſtowe, rector.—1397. Simon de Helgeye, by the abbot, &c.——1400. John Wells.——1402. Richard Merkwyke.——1403. Henry Drayton.——John Long, rector.——1412. Jeffrey Medwey.——1418. John Toly.——1425. Richard Alone: it appears that the ſacriſt of Ramſey had a penſion of 20*s. per ann.* out of this rectory.——† 1442. Thomas Maunchell.——1443. William Spencer.——1457. Roger Keys.—— 1477. John Raughton.———. Gilbert Robinſon.——1496. William Fitz-John, S. T. B.——1503. Edmund Jackſon, L. L. D.——1521. John Rayne, L. L. D. The church was valued at 12 marks: he was alſo rector of Barton St. Andrew, and prior of St. Neot's in Huntingdonſhire.——1533. William Holyer, A.M. by the aſſignees of the abbot, &c.——1554. Griff. Richard, *alias* Tregarn, L. L. D.——Simon Brande occurs rector, and died 1572. He was a married prieſt, and in Parker's certificate. [i]——1573. Thomas Smith, by Henry Hawe, Eſq;——1580. Thomas Pigott, by H. Hawe, Eſq;——1595. Thomas

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[b] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.
† Reg. abb. de Ramſey.
[i] Preſbiter conjugatus, doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, ibidem, prædicat, nullum aliud.——Parkeri archiep. certificator.

Barſham, by John Willoughby, Eſq; in 1603, he certified that there were 200 communicants here.—1610. James Williams, A. M. by Richard Williams, aſſignee of Henry Willoughby, Eſq; [k]———1621. Phineas Fletcher, A. M. by Henry Willoughby, Bt. He was brother to the biſhop of London.———1650. Arthur Tower, A. M. admitted by the committee for plundered miniſters——. 1675. Thomas Malyverer, A. M. by Nicholas Saunderſon, Eſq;——1679. Nicholas Spencer, A. M. by ditto.———1705. John Muſſon, by Walter and Robert Spencer.———1740. John Deering, by Sir John Wray, Bart. and prebend of Rippon.

Here was St. Mary's guild, and that of St. John Baptiſt.

MARHAM,

SO called, from a large marſh or moor lying near to it, which being often overflowed, appears as a meer. The principal manor of this village was in the church of Ely, by the grant of King Edgar; and in the time of Leoffin, the 5th abbot of that church, the produce of it was ſet apart as a farm, [a] and appointed for the entertainment of ſtrangers who came to the ſaid abby, and to bring in proviſions neceſſary for that purpoſe. The Norman lords made encroachments on it at the Conqueſt, as appears. At the grand ſurvey, it ſeems to have been the capital lordſhip of that church, in the hundred and half of Clackloſe, and had 10 letes therein; and St. Etheldreda, or St. Audrey, [b] the foundreſs of that church, is in the ſaid ſurvey, ſaid to have had 4 carucates in demean, in the reign of the Confeſſor, and then but 3; in the aforeſaid reign there were 6 carucates among the tenants, 19 villains, 13 borderers, and 7 ſervi, 26 acres of meadow, one mill, 10 beaſts (runci) for carriage, one cow, 131 ſheep, 24 ſwine; the land was one leuca long, and 100 perches, and half a leuca broad, and one quarter; but the meaſure in the marſh was not known; it was valued at 10*l. per ann.* To this lordſhip there belonged in King Edward's time 27 ſocmen, with all their cuſtomary dues; but after King William came, Hugh de Montfort had all of them, except one, whom William de Warren had, which ſocman held 6 acres of the church of Ely. This whole land paid 14*d.* gelt, when the hundred and half paid 20*s.* and it was the ſame at the ſurvey.

The ABBY MANOR.

THIS lordſhip was held by the earls Warren of the church of Ely. In the 1ſt year of King John, there was a ſuit between the biſhop of Ely, and Hamlen Plantaginet, Earl Warren, when they came to this agreement, that the earl acknowledged [c] it to belong to the ſee of Ely, and the biſhop granted the earl and his heirs to hold it of that ſee, by the ſervice of one knight's fee; and the earl 100*s.* rent *per ann.* in lands, in pure alms for ever to the church of Ely.

William, the 6th of that name, Earl Warren and Surry, on the marriage of his 2d daughter Iſabel, gave it with her in marriage to Hugh de Albini, Earl of Arundel and Suſſex, who dying *s. p.* in 1243, ſhe in 1249, on her founding a nunnery in this town, ſettled it on that houſe: about this time the rent of aſſiſe of the free tenants, [d] &c. is ſaid to have been 14*l.* 5*s.* 3*d. ob. per ann.*

By the inquiſitions taken in the 3d of Edward I. the abbeſs was found to have the lete, aſſiſe of bread and beer, all forfeitures, a gallows, and other royal pivileges, which ſhe claimed as liberties belonging to the ſee of Ely; and in the 20th of that king, ſhe held here one knight's fee in pure alms of the earl Warren, the earl of the biſhop of Ely, and the biſhop *in capite*; and it appears from a curious parchment roll, illuminated and made in this reign, that there were 2 carucates and an half of land, 8 acres of paſture in demean, a water-mill, free bull and boar, 26 villains, and many free tenants are mentioned, with the right of a gallows, tumbrel, &c.

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[k] See Ath. Ox. V. I.

[a] Dugd. Mon. Angl. V. III. P. 94.

[b] Terra Sce. Adeldrede hund. 7. dim. de Clakeſloſa de x leitis.—Mareham tenuit S'ca A. t. r. e. tc. iiii. car. in dnio. m°. iii. tc. vi. car. hom. m°. iii. ſep. xix. vill. 7. xiii. bor. tc. vii. ſer. m°. v. xxvi. ac. p'ti. 7. i. mol. tc. x. runc. modo iiii. tc. i. vac. m°. vi. tc. cxxxi. ov m°. ccc. tc. xxiiii. por. m°. xxiii. hec tra. t. u. leug. in long. 7. c. perc'. 7. dim. lei in lat. 7. i. qr. 7. in mareſc. neſcit m'ſura. ſep. val. x. lib. huic manerio adjacebant t. r. e. xxvii. ſoc. c. o'i. conſuetudine ſ; poſtq; Rex Will advenit habuit eos Hugo de Montfort p't. unu' p. W. de UUar. i. ſoc. de vi. ac. de ec'lia. hec tota tra. redd. xiiii. *d.* de. g. qu. hund, 7. d. reddebat geltu. de xx. ſol. m°. ſimil.

[c] P'lita Term. Paſch. R. V.

[a] Rental. abbat. de Marham, pene d'nu. Tho. Hare, Bt. p. 60.

In or about the 29th of Edward III. a rental ſpecifies, that the abbeſs had 500 acres, and 3 roods of arable land here in demean, and 48 acres and a half of paſture, or meadow here, and in Shouldham; ſeveral turbaries, a water-mill, a fulling-mill, and a right in the river from Holmes, in the moor of Narburgh, to the pool of the ſaid mill.

On the diſſolution of this convent, it came to the crown; and King Henry VIII. conveyed it on July 3, in his 38th year, with the ſite of the abby, to Sir Nicholas Hare, Knt. and John Hare, citizen and mercer of London, on the payment of a fee-farm rent of 3*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* *ob. per ann.* to the crown, which on July 9, in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, was alſo granted to the ſaid Sir Nicholas, together with lands and tenements in Wimondham, Beſthorp, Carlton, Kentford, Needham, Gaſely, Heringſwell, &c. in the tenure of Thomas Buckworth, belonging to the late nunnery of Marham, with the appropriated rectory of Didlington, the advouſon of Saxmundham church, meſſuages and lands in Brigham, Roudham, Wichingham *Magna*, Bodney, Thetford, Bedingham, Okeholt, &c. and in this family it remains, the honourable Sir George Hare, Bt. being the late lord.

OLD HALL.

THIS conſiſted of that part of the poſſeſſions of the ſee of Ely, which were alienated by Wilfrick, [e] the 6th abbot of Ely, to his brother, before *Domeſday Book* was made; and at the Conqueſt, Hugh de Montfort was lord of it by an exchange; 26 ſocmen held it of the church of Ely in the time of the Confeſſor, when there were alſo 8 borderers, 5 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, [f] valued at 80*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* This was meaſured, and accounted for in the lordſhip of St. Etheldreda; (ſee in the priory manor) and Walter held it under Hugh.

The ſocmen abovementioned were by their tenures, obliged to plow the lands of the abbot of Ely, to weed, bind, &c. their corn, and to bring proviſions (when required) there, &c. all which ſervices, &c. Hugh had, as their lord.---He was ſon of Thurſtand Baſtenbergh, a Norman, and was commonly called Hugh with a Beard (the Normans at that time being uſually ſhaved) and accompanying William duke of Normandy into England, aſſiſted him as a valiant and expert commander in the deciſive battle of Haſtings, afterwards was appointed to be an aſſiſtant in the adminiſtration of juſtice throughout the realm to William Fitz-Oſborn and Odo biſhop of Baieaux. For his great ſervices he obtained a grant of many lordſhips in Kent, Eſſex, Suffolk, &c. and of 19 in this county, viz. Marham in this hundred----Iſlington, Middleton, Beneleai, (or Bilney) and Geyton in Frebridge hundred.---Bodney and Langford in South Greenhou hundred.-----South Creke in Gallow hundred.-----Burnham, Rainham, and Helgeton in Brothercoſs hundred.---Ruguton and Beſton in North Erpingham hundred.---Stanford and Buckenham in Grimſhow hundred.---Wica in Gildecroſs hundred.---Gateley in Launditch hundred.---Bodham in Holt hundred.--- This lord was killed in a duel with Walkeline de Ferrers, and left Hugh his ſon and heir, who had 2 ſons, Robert and Hugh by his firſt wife, and by his 2d wife a daughter.---Robert was general of the army of King William II. in the 12th year of his reign, but favouring the title of Robert Curthoſe, the Conqueror's eldeſt ſon againſt King Henry I. retired with his brother Hugh to Jeruſalem, leaving his inheritance, &c. where they both died *S. P.* in their pilgrimage; ſo that their ſiſter inherited it, who married Gilbert de Gaunt, by whom ſhe had a ſon Hugh, who aſſumed, from his mother, the ſirname of Montfort.

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[e] Angl. Sacr. vol. 1. p. 608, &c.

[f] Ter, Hugonis de Monteforti.---In Marham xxvi. ſoc. q. ten Walter' S'ca Adeldreda ad ſocham. t. r. e. tc. viii. bor. mo. viiii. t'. v. car. mo. iiii. 7.vi. ac. p'ti. tc val. lxxx. ſol. p. l. lx. mo. x. hanc tra. recep. p. eſcangio, 7. eſt menſurata in brevi S'ce. Adeldret.

Walter who was enfeoffed of this lordſhip, and held it under Hugh at the ſurvey, ſeems to be the anceſtor of the family of De Marham, from whom deſcended Marcus de Marham, who married Ermelina, widow of Oſbert, mareſchall of Robert de Vere, ſenior, conſtable to King Henry II. which Robert was father of Ermelina by a daughter of Hugh de Montfort. Walter de Marham, ſon of Mark, gave to the monks of Horton in Kent, a marſh called Marcheſton, which had been given to his mother [g] Ermelina by Robert de Vere, and his wife in frank marriage, and Jeffrey, ſon of Walter, confirmed the ſame.

Sir Walter de Marham, ſon (as I take it) of Jeffrey, was lord in the reign of Henry III. and held it by one fee of the honour of Hagenet or Haughley in Suffolk; his daughter and heir Margaret brought it by marriage to Sir William Belet, alias Bygot; in the 34th of that king he poſſeſſed it, and in the 44th being the king's valet, had a grant of free warren, a [b] weekly mercate and a fair.

In the 3d of Edward I. William Belet claimed the lete of his tenants, aſſize of bread, &c. a gallows, &c. as privileges belonging to the ſee of Ely, had a meſſuage with 120 acres of land, 5 of paſture, 60*s.* rent of aſſize, and performed ſuit to the king's court at Haughley from month to month, paying 10*s. per ann.* to Dover caſtle. About this time, from a curious parchment roll, in the initial letter of which are the arms of Belet,——— argent, on a chief gules, 2 creſcents, or, ———William Belet was lord; he and Margaret his wife claimed the patronage of the two churches in this town, the great tithes of which were appropriated to Weſtacre abby, by the grant of Geffrey de Marham; and there belonged to this manor a carucate of land, and 10 acres of meadow in demean, 14 villains with their meſſuages and lands, and cottagers with 3 cottages, a windmill, free bull and boar. The freehold and copyhold tenants are mentioned with their ſervices. Of this Belet's anceſtors, ſee an account in Rudham and Coxford.

Margaret, widow of Sir William Belet, was in the firſt year of Edward II. found to die ſeiſed of it, valued at 7*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* and Sir Ralph Belet, alias Bygot, was her ſon and heir, aged 50, who gave 100 ſhillings relief for his lands here: he dyed in the 9th of that king, when a meſſuage, a pigeon houſe, 120 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 3 of paſture, and 60 ſhillings rent of aſſize belonged to it, and Walter was his ſon and heir, 23 years of age.

By an inquiſition taken in the 20th of Edward III. Sir Walter Bygot appears to be lord, and in the 4th of Richard II. Walter, ſon of Sir Walter; William Bygot, ſon of Walter, dying *ſans* iſſue in the 14th of Henry IV. it came to his 3 ſiſters and coheirs; Catherine married to Robert Hunt, Margaret to William Galyon, and Elizabeth to Richard Fox; but Iſabell their mother, who was married to John Dorward Eſq; held it for life. They had alſo their parts and ſhares in the manor of Toft's in Norfolk, Bacon's and Alfreſton Hall in Dunmow *magna*, and the advouſon of the chapel or prebend in the church of Danſey in Eſſex; but all came after to Hunt, whoſe daughter and heir Iſabel, married to Thomas Dayrell or Darrel, who died lord of the manor of Old-hall, in the 5th of Henry VII. as did Thomas his ſon in the 21ſt of the ſaid king, leaving two ſiſters and coheirs, Beatrix and Anaſtatia; this laſt brought it by marriage to Thomas Jermin Eſq; who was lord in 1517, and conveyed it in that year with his wife Anaſtatia, by fine, to John Spelman Eſq; with about 300 acres of land, paſture and moor, 40*s. per ann.* rent in Marham and Shouldham; and in this family it remains, John Spilman Eſq; of Narburgh, being the preſent lord.

BELET's and DENHAM's MANOR.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS held at the ſurvey 20 acres of land, which was Turchetel's in King Edward's reign, and belonged to the ſoc or lordſhip [a] of St. Etheldreda aforementioned, and 2 villains who had then 3 bovates of land or oxgangs, and an acre of meadow, valued always at 3*s.* 4*d.* and this land was meaſured with the lordſhip of St. Etheldreda. William Earl Warren had alſo half a carucate of land, which St. Etheldreda [*b*] held in King Edward's time, 3 borderers belonged to it with a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, valued then at 20*s.* but after, and at the ſurvey, at 26*s.* and 8*d.* and Ralph held it under this earl.

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[g] Regiſt. de Horton penes Petr. Le Neve Armig. Norroy.

[b] Rot. Vaſcon. M. 9.

[a] Terre Hermeri——In Marſam. xx. ac. tenuit Turchetel ad ſocà ſcè Adeld. ſemp. ii. villi. qi. tc. habebant iii. bov. mo. ii. et. i. ac. p'ti. ſep. val. iii. ſol. iiii. d. h. trà m'ſurata. e' in. brevi. S. Adel

Of theſe fees I ſhall treat together.——The family of De Bekeſwell had an intereſt herein in the 35th of Henry III. when William de Bekeſwell ſettled lands by fine on John de Tudenham and Caſſandra his wife, who ſeem to have held both the fees abovementioned; and before this, in the 20th of the ſaid reign, Hermerus de Bekeſwell was petent in a fine, and Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp tenant of a carucate of land, which Thomas held in right of Sibila his late wife, widow of Peter de Bekeſwell, brother to Hermerus.

William de Bekeſwell, by his deed dated at Cambridge, in 1266, grants this lordſhip, which he held here of Sir Roger de Wimple, to Sir William Belet, to be held of him by the payment of a pair of white gloves on Eaſter day, or [*c*] a penny if aſked of him; to which deed Sir Walter ſon of Sir John de Wygenhale, Sir Nicholas de Stradeſete, Sir Adam de Cokesford, Sir Adam de Verley, Walter de Thorp, Hervey de Geyton, &c. were witneſſes; and in the year following Sir William Belet quitclaimed to William de Bekeſwell, all the land he held belonging to William, given him by the king, on the rebellion of the ſaid William, excepting the tenements and lands in Marham, Shouldham and Berton, which Sir William had purchaſed of Bekeſwell, and for this grant Bekeſwell was to pay to Belet 100 marks.

In the 3d of Edward I. William Belet, as lord, claimed to have the aſſize, &c. of his tenants, and to have built a caſtle to the king's prejudice, and that of his caſtle at Norwich; and that if war ſhould happen (which God forbid) the king's enemies might have reception, deſtroy the country and the neighbouring religious houſes. From the curious roll before-mentioned, it appears that William Belet was lord, held a carucate of land, and 8 acres of meadow; that there were 13 villains with 9 meſſuages, &c. and 5 cottagers with their cottages and lands, &c. of the heirs of William de Bekeſwell, by the ſervice of one pair of gloves; the names of the free and copyhold tenants with their ſervices are mentioned; the arms of Belet in the initial letter here are ſomewhat varied from the other arms, being——argent, on a chief gules, 2 cinqfoils, or. After this Sir Ingelram Belet was lord; he was knighted in the 34th of Edward I. at Weſtminſter with Edward the king's ſon, by bathing.

In the 6th of Edward II. Sir Ingelram ſeems to have died, and is ſaid to hold a caſtle here, † ditched in, in right of Lora his wife, formerly belonging to William de Bekeſwell, of the fee of the abbeſs of Marham, which William held 80 acres of land in demean of Roger de Wymple, and was afterwards purchaſed by Iſabel Counteſs of Arundel the foundreſs, and given to the abbey; out of [*d*] this Ingelram paid 22*s.* *per ann.* to that convent, and the ſaid convent paid for the ſame, 7*s.* *per ann.* to Coxford priory.

This Ingelram was probably a younger ſon of Sir William Belet; he married Avice, daugter and heir of Robert Bardolph, and Avice his wife, daughter of John, and ſiſter and heir of Anſelm de Lound, lord of Crimpleſham and Wyrham, by whom he had Robert his ſon and heir, who was found in the 8th of Edward II. to have held in this town, Beacham-Well, Wyrham, Crimpleſham, &c. one fee and an half of the honour of Clare; he probably died *s. p.* *anno.* 16 Edward II. being 18 years old at his father's death.

In the 19th of Edward II. Robert de Well was lord, and in the 39th of Edward III. John de Denham and Maud his wife, held it of the abby of Marham with the caſtle, late Sir Ingelram Belet's, paying 22*s.* *per ann.* the rent of aſſize of the free tenants, villains, &c. amounted to 12*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* *q*; *per ann.* and beſides the demean lands there were 372 acres and 3 roods held in villanage, 103 acres and 3

[*b*] Tre Willi. de Warrenna.——In Marham ten. Radulf. dim. car. tre. qua' tenuit Sc'a Adeld. t. r. e. ſep. iii. bord. et. i. car. et iiii. ac. p'ti tc. xx. ſol. et p. 7. modo xxvi. ſol. et viii. d

[*c*] Remenbr. de Chartres, &c. Abb. de Marham. P. 3. 4. penes D'num. Tho. Hare Bt.

† Sir Ingel. and Lora his wife mentioned in a fine anno. 5 of Edward II.

[*d*] Remenb. p. 60 59.

roods of aul'ond, 49 hens, 205 eggs paid yearly, and many reaping days of the tenants due in harveſt, &c.

In the 9th of Richard II. it was in the hands of the abbeſs and convent, being aliened thereto by Richard Holditch and John de Clenchwarton, and Richard Earl of Arundel wrote in the ſame year [*e*] to his ſteward John Gourney, to enquire what damage would accrue in his conſenting to it (as capital lord of the manor of Belets) and it was certified, it would be no damage, and yet the yearly value of it extended was 10 marks. Holditch and Clenchwarton were truſtees of John de Denham and Maud his wife, for this purpoſe; Richard de Holditch was appointed with others, a truſtee in the 42d of Edward III. as appears from a fine; it remained in the abby till its diſſolution, and then granted as aforeſaid to Sir Nicholas Hare, &c.

SHOULDHAM's MANOR.

OF this lordſhip, which lay partly in this town, and partly in Shouldham, I have ſpoken at large in the ſaid town, being held of the prior of Shouldham, by the family of Shouldham: I ſhall only obſerve that Walter, biſhop of Norwich, about 1250, granted licenſe to Simon de Shouldham, and his heirs for his own and his family's uſe, to found a free chantrey in his chapel, with the conſent of the priory of Weſtacre and the vicar of Marham.

WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

GEFFREY DE MARHAM gave to this convent lands, with the rectories of St. Andrew's church, and that of the Holy Trinity, about the reign of King John, which were appropriated to it, and had the patronage of the vicarages.

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 4*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* and their ſpiritualities at 16 marks here, *per ann.*

At the diſſolution of this priory, or ſoon after it came to the Spelmans, in 1607, Sir Clement Spelman was found to hold it *in capite* by the 40th part of a knight's fee, and John Spelman Eſq; of Narburgh, is the preſent lord.

In the 5th of Edward VI. a fen called Monks Fen, was granted to Thomas Darcy, on April 4, to be held in ſoccage, which probably belonged to the ſaid priory.

Many religious houſes had lands here———In 1428 the temporalities of Caſtleacre priory were taxed at 34*s.* 4*d.* and their ſpiritualities at 3 marks and an half.—Roger de Sculdham with the conſent of Emma his wife, confirmed to them [*f*] the rent of 7*s* *per ann.* (given them by his anceſtors) of Geffrey de Fonte, &c. and 4*s.* in Fincham of the ſons of Turlack.——Roger, ſon of Reiner de Schuldham, gave Ulfketel, ſon of Aeldric, *cum totâ ſequelâ.*——Geffrey ſon of Walter de Marham gave 40 perches of a turbary;—alſo a furlong of a turbary.

William, Earl Warren, gave to the canons of Walſingham 6 furlongs of his marſh, and Iſabell, Counteſs of Arundel, his daughter, an acre.———Sir Robert de Stradſet gave 2 furlongs, confirmed by his brother Nicholas, &c.———In the 38th of Henry VIII. October 21, Andrew Manſfield had a grant of the Canons marſh, &c. and in the ſaid year had licenſe to alien it to Elizabeth Spilman and her heirs.

The temporalities of Coxford priory were 4*d.*—Of Sporle in a turbary 2*s.*---of Wendling abby in a turbary, 2*s.* of Maſſingham in a turbary 4*d.* The 10ths of the town were 10*l.* 10*s.* deducted. 2*l.*

Here were formerly two churches in this town, one dedicated to St. Andrew, the other to the Holy Trinity; this laſt is ſtill ſtanding: they were rectories united and valued together at 16 marks, granted to the priory of Weſtacre, and appropriated thereto; out of theſe the priory of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithe valued at 3 marks and an half; it conſiſted of two parts of the tithes of the demean of Hermer de Bexwell, and a moiety of the tithe of the whole fee of Walter de Marham, which Simon biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to them in 1265; and the prior of Weſtacre had a manſe belonging to theſe rectories, &c. The patronage of the vicarages which were conſolidated, was in the priory of Weſtacre, and they were valued at 6 marks; the vicar had a manſe in King Edward's time. Richard de Walleys had a portion of tithe valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* and Peter-pence was 16*d.* The preſent valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

[*e*] Remenb. P. 60.

[*f*] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 79, &c.

The church now ſtanding, of the Holy Trinity, has a nave, with a ſouth iſle and a chancel built of rag-ſtone, clunch or chalk, and covered with lead; at the weſt end of the nave ſtands a lofty four-ſquare tower of flint ſtones, &c. with quoins, embattlements, &c. of freeſtone, with 4 bells; on the top of this tower is a wooden ſhaft or ſpire covered with lead; the length of the nave is about 63 feet, and with the ſouth iſle about 30 in breadth: at the eaſt-end of the nave lye ſeveral marble graveſtones for the Shouldhams, &c. their inſcriptions, ſhields of braſs, &c. all diſrobed.

In the loweſt window of the nave on the north ſide, are ſeveral arms;——quarterly on the firſt and 4th quarter,——argent a bear ſalient ſable, muſled, or, Bernard of Iſleham in Cambridgeſhire; and in the ſecond and third quarters, gules, three lucies, najant in pale, in a bordure ingrailed, argent, Lilling;—argent on a chief gules, two creſcents, or, Belet;—azure, a croſs or, Shelton;—*p.* pale, azure and gules, a croſs engrailed ermine, Berney;—argent three owls, ſable, beaked, &c. or, Brigge;— ſable, on a chevron between three trefoils, or, as many creſcents of the firſt, Holworthy;— lozengy, argent and gules, Todenham. In the next window as you aſcend, &c. ſable, a feſs nebulée between three wolves heads eraſed, or, Wolfreton;— or, three chevronels, gules, each charged with as many lys argent, Fitz-Ralph;— Fincham;— gules, three chevronels, argent, Bond of Eſſex;— azure, a bend argent, Swathing;— quarterly argent, and ſable, a bend over all gules, Burſton;— gyrony of eight, azure and ermine, Truſſebut;— argent on a bend, azure, a gobon, between two croſs croſlets, or, Beaupre;— or, a croſs between four ſquirrels ſejant, gules . . . argent, a lion rampant, gules, bruiſed with a bendlet, or, Branch.— In the ſouth iſle windows, gules, a feſs, between ſix croſs croſlets, or, Beauchamp, earl of Warwick;— gules, a chevron, or, between three leopards faces, argent, Carville;——azure, an eagle diſplayed, or, Shouldham;——azure on a feſs between two chevrones, argent, three creſcents, gules, Tendring;—— argent, a chevron, azure, between three ſquirrels, ſejant, gules, Lovell.

At the eaſt end of this ſouth iſle is a chapel, and therein a large altar monument or tomb, whereon lye the ſtatue of a man in complete armour, a lion couchant at his feet, and that of his wife, both of calk-ſtone, painted over, a canopy or cover above, and this inſcription——*Here lieth the body of John Steward, and Ann his wife, which Ann was daughter of Humphrey Shouldham Eſq; the ſaid Ann died the 28th day of January, Ao. Dni.* 1603, *and the aforeſaid John died February* 16. 1604; on the ſummit is the quartered ſhield of Steward, conſiſting of 23 coats of of arms:—— 1. or, a feſs checque, azure and argent, Steward; 2. the ſame with an eſcotcheon of pretence, argent, a lion rampant gules, bruiſed by a ſtaff ragulée in bend, or, Steward; 3. argent, the lion rampant, as before.— This family of the Stewards came into England, and ſettled there in the reign of King Henry IV. Sir John Steward who attended James, prince of Scotland, ſon of King Robert, (on the ſea coaſt of Norfolk, croſſing the ſeas for France†) was taken priſoner with that prince.—Sir Robert Steward of this family, is ſaid to have encountered a lion in France, and his ſword being broke in the engagement, ſeized on a ſtaff, and with that ſlew the ſavage beaſt, for which action the French king gave him the bearing of the lion and ragged ſtaff, as an augmentation of honour, as this diſtich teſtifies.

Francorum Carolus voluit ſic ſtemmata ferri,
Singula cum valeant, ſunt meliora ſimul.

The Honourable Sir Simeon Stuart, Bart. of Heartly Mauduit in Hampſhire, and of Weſt Derham abby in Norfolk, is the lineal deſcendant of the aforeſaid Sir John, and Sir Robert.—— But to proceed;—— in the 4th quarter, vert, 3

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† This Sir John, marrying Mary Talmack, one of the maid's of honour to Queen Joan, ſettled in England.

3 boars heads couped argent, Burley--in the fifth, argent a lion rampant, ſable, on his ſhoulder a mullet, or, Walkfar.——6, argent, a chevron gules, between three hurts, Baſkervile——7, gules, a feſs, ermine, in chief a label of 5 points, or, Wallis, or Wales.——8, gules, a feſs checque, argent and ſable, between 6 croſſes patée fitchée of the ſecond, Butler;—9, quarterly argent and azure, on a bend over all ſable, 3 martlets of the firſt, Le Groſs.——10, argent on a croſs ſable, a leopard's face, or, Bridges.—11, gules, a feſs, or, between three eſcallops, argent, Pitchard.——12, azure, a feſs between 3 cheſsrooks, or, Bodenham.——13, argent, a chevron between 3 martlets ſable, Wimondſell.——14, argent, a griffin, ſegreant ſable. . . . . . .——15, per pale, ſable and gules, a lion rampant, guardant, argent, crowned or, Beſtney.——16, or, a caſtle triple tower'd, ſable.——17, gules, an eagle with two heads diſplay'd, argent. : : . : . 18, argent, a croſs patonce between 4 Corniſh choughs, ſable, Spendelow.——19, argent, flory de lys, ſable, Meredith.——20, vert, 3 lions paſſant, in pale, or.——21, argent, a lion rampant guardant in a bordure ingrailed, ſable. . : : . . 22, azure, a chevron between 3 leopards faces, or, Froyk.——23, or, a griffin, ſegreant, ſable, Morgan; and this motto;——*Ferendo Sperando.*

On the body of the tomb is——azure, an eagle diſplayed, or, Shouldham; alſo Steward with his quarterings; and in the eaſt window, azure, 3 cinqfoils, or, Lord Bardolf,-- and Fitz Ralph.

The chancel is ſeparated from the nave by a wooden ſcreen, and is in length about 32 feet, and in breadth about 18: beſides the arms above mentioned, here were formerly in this church the following arms;——argent, a maunch, gules, Tony;——argent, 6 annulets, ſable, in a bordure ingrailed, gules, Bexwell;——azure, an eſcothon between an orle of martlets, argent, Walcot;——ermine on a chief, gules, 5 lozenges of the firſt, Charles;——ſable, 3 mallets, argent, Rainham;——quarterly, or and azure, on a bend, gules, 3 eſcallops, argent, Faſtolf;——argent, 3 eſcothons, ſable, Loudham;——argent, a croſs ingrailed, gules, Gournay;——ſable, a griffin, ſegreant, argent, Froximer;——argent, 2 bars and a canton, gules, Bois;——argent on 3 ogreſſes, as many croſs croſlets of the firſt, Heath;——ermine on a feſs, gules, 3 eſcallops, or, Sackford;——azure, 3 cinqfoils, argent, Fitton; Shouldham impaling, gules on a chevron, argent, 3 croſſes formy fitchée, of the firſt, Wilton; Shouldham and Wolfreton quarterly, and Shouldham and Rainham quarterly, &c.

VICARS.

Nicholas [g] occurs vicar of the churches of the Holy Trinity, and St. Andrew in Marham about 1250, and John in 1294.——In 1307, Rowland de Godewyk inſtituted, preſented to both churches by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.—1349, Roger Godwyn.——1352, Henry Albot.——William Wardebois, vicar.——1378, Andrew Reed.——1384, John Gibbs.——1385, John Fitz-Simon, by papal proviſion.——1395, Rath Atte Heythe——1398, John Alman.——1399, John Cave.——1400, John Ferthyng, buried in the church yard of Trinity church, and gives to the repair of both churches.——1431, Thomas Howde.——1433, Thomas Boterell.——John Bull, vicar.——1446, William Malton.——1450, Thomas Croxley.——1455, John Brydde.——Richard Marſh, vicar.——1501, John Freeman.——1506, William Slack.——1520, John Chyrnge.——1550, Richard Sharp, by the king.——1562, John Beckworth, by the queen.——1590, Ralph Dodge, A. M. by the queen: in 1603, he returned 26 communicants.——1610, Stanley Waller, by the king.——1610, Thomas Atkinſon, A. M. by Sir Robert Rich.——1615, Oliver Philips, A. M. by Sir Ralph Hare.——1652, Jonathan Loftus, A. M. admitted by the committee, afterwards ſequeſtered.——Thomas Scott, A. M. by St. John's college, Cambridge.——1669, Robert Becket; James Froſt, A. M.——1729, Edward Chappelow, A. M. by St. John's college.

The church of St. Andrew ſtood in the cloſe, near to the vicar's houſe, the ſite is ſtill to be ſeen, by the wall of flint in ſome places; Mr. Froſt, vicar, making a ditch here, found ſeveral human bones and a ſtone coffin. This church was ſtanding, as appears by a will, in 1428.

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[g] Remenb. Abbot. P. 1. 20, &c.---Inſtitut. Norw.

The appropriated rectories with 30 acres of glebe land, and the advowſon of the churches, &c. on the diſſolution, came to the crown, and ſo remained, as appears from the preſentations. Sir Thomas Mildmay farmed the rectories at 12*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and paid alſo 4*l.* *per ann.* to the heirs of the duke of Norfolk for that portion of tithe which the prior of Caſtleacre had in this church which had been granted to the duke. After this Sir Francis Gawdy, the judge, had a grant of it, and held it in 1603, from whom it came to Sir Robert Rich, (afterwards earl of Warwick) by the marriage of the judge's grand-daughter, who preſented in 1610; he ſold it to Sir Ralph Hare, who preſented in 1615. This honourable gentleman, being knight of the bath, gave to the maſter, fellows, and ſcholars of St. John's college in Cambridge, and their ſucceſſors, all the rectory, parſonage and church of Marham in Norfolk, with all its rights, &c. glebe lands, tithes of corn and hay, advowſon of the vicarage, the maſter and fellows to employ the profits for 3 years for the new erecting a ſpacious library in the ſaid college, and then to go towards the maintenance of 30 of the pooreſt and beſt diſpoſed ſcholars reſiding there; dated April 13, 1623.——The ſtile and ſpirit of religion and devotion, whereby as a chriſtian he offers up this gift, is ſo exemplary that the reader I'm perſuaded, will excuſe me, in here inſerting it.

"Sir Ralph Hare, in all humility doth humbly offer this his gift hereafter mentioned unto our Bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, God and man, and in him to his beloved diſciple, St. John, with all humility and penitency acknowledging and confeſſing himſelf a moſt unworthy being, a great and miſerable ſinner to offer this or whatſoever elſe, unto his divine majeſty, and withal acknowledging, confeſſing, and ſaying, with the holy prophet David——*Domine, tua eſt magnificentia et patientia et gloria, cuncta enim quæ in cælo ſunt, et in terrâ, tua ſunt, tuum, Domine, regnum, et Tu es ſuper omnes principes, tuæ divitiæ, et tua eſt gloria, tu dominaris omnium.----Quis ego niſi peccator turpis et miſerrimus, ut hoc tibi promittere poſſum; tua ſunt omnia et quæ de manu tua accepi. Do tibi cum omni humilitate in compunctione et contritione cordis mei. Oh ne me projicias a facie tuâ Domine, Deus Abraham, Iſaac et Iſrael, cuſtodi in æternum hanc voluntatem cordis mei, et ſemper in venerationem tui mens mea permaneat.*"

In the field of Marham, eaſt of the vicar's houſe, is a little hill called Chapel-hill, and a clay pit, part of the glebe; here a hermit had his ſtation. This chapel [b] was dedicated to St. Guthlake. In the 20th of Richard II. a patent was granted for a chantrey here, ſo that it is certain that chantries were allowed of in ſuch chapels.

STEWARD's PEDIGREE.

Nicholas Steward Eſq; of Upwell, Norfolk,	—	Cecilia, daughter and heireſs of Baſkervill.	
Simon Steward Eſq; of Lakenheath, Suffolk,	—	Joan, daughter and coheir of Edward Beſtney, of Soham in Cambridgeſhire, gent.	
John Steward Eſq; of Marham, 4th ſon,	—	Ann, daughter and heir of Humphrey Shouldham Eſq;	
1. John Steward Eſq;	—	Daughter of Lucas of Eſſex.	2. Humphrey 3. Francis.

The Abbey, or Nunnery of MARHAM.

THE nunnery of Marham was founded by [a] Iſabell, widow of Hugh de Albany, earl of Arundel, for ciſtertian or white nuns, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, St. Barbara, and St. Edmund the king and confeſſor, by Richard de la Wiche, biſhop of Chicheſter, on the 27th of January, in the year

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[b] P. 1. Anno, 20.

[a] Remembrer. de Chantres et de Monumens, de Abbeys de Marham, P. 1.

1249 for the health of the ſouls of William, late Earl Warren and Surry, her father, and Maud her mother, daughter of William Marſhal the elder, earl of Pembroke, Hugh, Earl of Arundel, her huſband, and all her anceſtors deceaſed, &c. and as the foundation deed is to be ſeen in *Dugdale's Monaſticon*, beginining thus—*Univerſis Sancte Matris Eccleſie filiis. &c.* I ſhall here omit it, and only obſerve that the witneſſes to it (tho' *ſans* date, according to that age) were Walter de Suthfield, biſhop of Norwich, R. de Wiche, biſhop of Chicheſter, Maſter Walter de London, arch-deacon of Norfolk, Roger Bigot, earl marſhal of England, and earl of Norfolk, Lord Hugh Bigot, and John de Warren, earl of Surry, her brother, Maſter William de Shirewode, Sir Ralph Hauvil, Sir Alexander Arſyk, Maſter John de Ingaldeſthorp, &c.——And on St Bartholomew's day in the year of our Lord 1252, this nunnery was incorporated into the abbey of Waverley in Surry, the principal, firſt, and mother houſe of this order in England, by the abbots of Waverley and Beaulieu in Hampſhire; this incorporation was, as I conceive, the reaſon that ſome authors [b] aſſert this houſe to have been founded in the year 1252, (——"*Iſabella Comitiſſa Arundel, morum quidem gravitate non mediocriter adornata circa ſalutem animæ ſuæ diligens et ſollicita, divinâ ut creditur inſpiratione prævenitæ, abbatiam monialium ordinis ciſtercens. Marham vocatam cum ſumma devotione hoc anno. viz. 1252, conſtruxit. Cujus rei cauſa abbatem noſtrum (ſc. de Waverley) duxit conſulendum, ac permiſſione Domini ipſius, domum noſtram intravit, ſocietatem ordinis in capitulo noſtro devotè petiit, et obtinuit, quatuoar marcas et unum dolium vini conventui ad pitancias donavit.*") And it appears from the remembrancer of the ſaid houſe of Marham, that Walter biſhop of Norwich granted licence for this incorporation, on the 6th of September, 1251.———"*Walterus, &c. . . . Univerſitati vre. innateſiomus qd. volum. et concedim. tam pro nobis q. p. ſucceſſor. n'ris. qd. demi. monial. de Marh'm. qu'cq; voluit Iſabella Com. Arund. vel ej. ſucceſſor. principali domui ord. Ciſterc. incorpor.* ———The foundreſs endowed this houſe with the manor and lands which her father had in this town, and which he gave her in frank marriage as by his deed appears [c]——"*Sciant p'ſentes et futur. qd. ego Willi'us Comes Warennie dedi et conceſſi et hâc p'ſenti cartâ meâ q. firmavi Hugon de Aubeney, comiti de Arundel in lib'o maritagio cu. Yſabella filiâ meâ quadraginta libratas tre. in villa de Marham in homagio et ſervitiis in p'tis in paſcuis in paſtur. in molendinis in meſſuagio de Marham integ. ita quod retinui mi. una' portionem t'barie ad caſtru' meu' de acra ſuſtine'd. et q'cquid rema'ſerit ultra extenſionem quadraginta librar. mi et heredib; meis remaneat habend. et tenend. de me, et heredib; meis, illi et heredib; ſuis de p'd'ca Yſabella exeuntib; lib'e quietè pacificè ſine aliq. axactione, et ut h. mea donatio et conc ſſiof' ma ſit et ſtabil. hoc ſc'ptu'. ſigilli mei appoſit. o'e roboravi hiis teſtib; Dno. Johe. Stutevill, Dno. Rado. de la Haye, Dno. Thom. filio Willi. Dno. Johe. f're ſuo, Dno. Rog. f're ſuo, Dno. Alexandro Harſyk, Dno. Rob. Crevequor, Dno. Hugon. de Playz, Dno. Rog. de Hales, Dno. Ada de Caly, Dno. Johe. Lenveyſe*, ſans date."——This gift of the foundreſs was confirmed by John Earl Warren her brother, as appears alſo by his deed, *ſans date.*——[d] "*Om'ib; Xti fidelib; p' ſens ſcp'tu' viſur. vel auditur. Johe de Warrenn. fil. Willi. qu'd. Com Warenn. ſalute' in Dno.—Nov'itis me inſpexiſſe carta' qua' Iſabella de Aubeny ſoror mea Comitiſſa de Arundel fecit abbiſſe et conventui b'e Marie de Marham in hec v'ba.——Univerſis ſc'e matris, &c.*

"*Ego aute' in plena etate exiſtens d'cam dona't om et conceſſione' p. me et heredib; meis rata' h'ns et g'tam. eam p'd'cis abbiſſe et covent. et s' ſucceſſ. in p'petuu' conceſſi et confirmavi, qu' tam ego q' hered. mei co't om'es homines warrantizabimb; in p'petuu' &c. Hjis teſtib; Dno. Rico. Com. Cornubie, Dno. Rog. Bigod, Com. Norff. et mareſcall. Angl. Dno. Rico. Com. Glouceſt. et Herteford, Dno. Willo. de Valenc. Dno. Warino de Mundchenſi, Dno Robo. de Tatteſhale, Dno. Rogo. de Monte Alto. Dno. Rogo. de Turkeby, Dno. Willo Bardolf, Dno. Johe. Talebot, Dno. Rado. de Seynplaunteys, Dno. Rado. de Hauvill, Dno. Willo. Ruſteyns, Dno. Alexo. Arſyk, Dno. Regino. de Dunham, Dno. Hub'to Hakum, Dno. Symon' de Suldham, Philippo Talcurteys, Rado Valenſ. Willo. Litchare, Johe. de Rudham,* &c."——The ſaid foundreſs alſo, afterwards, purchaſed of [e] Sir Roger de Wymples of Thuringthon, knight, for

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[b] Weaver's Fun. Monts. P. 8. 64.

[c] Remenbrer P. 18. & 63.

[d] Remenbrer &c. P. 18.

[e] Remenbrer. P. 22. & P. 20.

15 marks of ſilver, 22 ſhillings yearly rent, with the homages, reliefs, eſcheats, &c. from William de Bekeſwell, for lands and tenements which William held of him in Marham, paying to the ſaid Roger and his heirs one pair of gloves, of the price of one penny, on the nativity of our Lord, yearly, and to the prior of Cokesford for the time being, 7*s.* yearly; and gave it by deed to the ſaid houſe—— Witneſſes, Sir William Ruſteyng, Sir William Belet, Sir Ralph de Wyrham, Hugh de Suldham, Alan de Suldham, Roger de Toftes, Geffrey de Say, Ralph de Wells, &c. She alſo by deed gave them the meſſuage, land, and the whole tenement which Thomas de le Wro, chaplain, once held of her in Marham, with all the rents, ſervices, homages, &c. which Ryngolf, ſon of Walter and his heirs; alſo all the rents, ſervices, homages, &c. which William Bond of Narburgh, uſed to pay and perform to Walter de Wyndyſouere, wherewith the ſaid Walter had enfeoffed her. Alſo all that tenement in Marham, [*f*] and all the land, meadows, &c. in Suldham, which ſhe had of Ralph de Waleys.

King Henry III. confirms the foundation deed and grants of the foundreſs, on the 3d of September in the 36th year of his reign——Witneſſes, Walter, biſhop of Norwich, Geffrey de Lozingham our brother, Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, Hugh de Ver, earl of Oxon, Mr. William Kilkenny, arch-deacon of Coventry, Bertin de Crioll, Nicholas de Sco. Mauro, Eubel. de Montibus, William de Chaeny, Robert de Noreys.

Walter, biſhop of Norwich, [*g*] with the conſent of the prior and convent of Weſtacre, and Nicholas, vicar of the churches of the Holy Trinity, and St. Andrew in Marham, grants to this houſe free ſepulture, in their own church or chapel by their own prieſts, and a power to ſay maſs there, and perform divine ſervices, on condition that none of the pariſhioners of the ſaid churches, be admitted to any holy ſacrament, or there buried; and if any ſtranger ſhould deſire to be there buried, a ſalvo is made for the right of the ſaid churches, dated the 9th of September, 1251; this was again ratified in 1294 between the prior and convent of Weſtacre, and John, vicar of the ſaid churches, and the abbeſs and convent; and it appears that the prior and convent had (on this account) granted to them by the abbeſs and convent a portion of tithe here, viz. the tithe of 17 acres and 2 roods, belonging to the ſaid abbeſs, &c.——And the ſaid Walter, biſhop of Norwich, with the will and conſent of the foundreſs and patron, granted the ſaid houſe to their proper uſe, all the great and ſmall tithe belonging to her demean lands and lordſhip of Marham, which the ſecular clergy uſed to receive of the gift of the lords of the manor.

——" *Walter. D'i gra' Norwyc' ep's om'ib; Xti fidelib; p' ſentes li'tas viſur. v'l*
" *auditur. &c. Univerſitat. v're tenor. p' ſentiu' innoteſcat. qd. nos de voluntate con-*
" *ceſſim' et aſſig'm' dil'cis in Xto filiab; abb'e et monial' de Marham n're dyoc. in p'-*
" *p'os us' om'es decimas majores et minores de d'nico et de cur. man. de Marham p'*
" *venient. qs. cl'ici ſecular' ex do' ati'e dnor. man. de M. hac ten. p' cipe conſu'erunt vo-*
" *lentes et concedentes qd. p' dce monial' d'cas decimas p'. petuis p' t'pib; p' cipia't et in us' p'os*
" *ſublato cuj. lib' conditio'is obſtaculo s'n diminut'o'e converta't, &c. Dat.* 12 *Kal. Jul.*
" 1254. *&c. Teſt. Rob. de Inſula archidiac. Colecheſt. Willo. de Whitewell, capello.*
" *Willo. de Wichingham, Nich. de Surlingham, Hugh de Corbrig. Tho. de Walkote,*
" *Egid. de Whitewell, capello. Willo. de Bungeya cler.*"——And Roger the prior and the convent of Norwich, confirmed it 15 kal. of June, 1260.

OTHER BENEFACTORS.

Walter de Fonte [*h*] gave them a toft in Marham; witneſſes, Sir Symon de Suldham, Alan his brother, Geffrey de Mariſco, Geffrey Oky, John Toke, &c. and William de Bekeſwell confirmed it.

Jeffrey de Fonte gives them a meſſuage and lands, and a tenement with all his goods, moveable, and immoveable, which he had in the village of Marham.— Witneſſes, Sir Symon de Suldham, Sir William de Marham, capellan. confirmed by Symon de Suldham.

[*f*] Remenb. P. 21. P. 19.

[*g*] Remenb. P. 1, 20.

[*h*] P 17. 20. &c.

Thomas Burth, gives to Mary, abbeſs of Marham and the convent, one villain, (Thomas Ulketel) in Marham, with all his family, tenements and cattle, and all his rent, work, ſervices, &c. alſo 8*d.* yearly rent in the ſaid town.

Cecilia, formerly wife of Hubert Hakun of Schuldham, gives them 2 acres of land in Schuldham, paying to her and her heirs, 2*d. per ann.*——Witneſſes, John Truſſebut de Schuldham, Richard his ſon, Reiner de Schuldam, &c.

William, ſon of Alan Baſtard of Marham, gave them an acre in Marham, and 2*d. ob.* yearly rent, which uſed to be paid for the ſame.

William de Bekeſwell gave them his meſſuage in Marham.

Henry, ſon and heir of Edmund Ringof of Marham, gave them 15*d.* yearly rent, iſſuing out of 5 roods of lands in Marham, alſo 7*d. ob.* yearly rent in the ſaid town.

Robert, ſon of Peter, ſon of William de Marham, 3*d.* yearly rent, which Robert, ſon of John Clerk of Marham uſed to pay his father for 7 roods of land.

John, the prior, and the convent of Weſtacre, releaſed to them half a mark rent *per ann.* due from a watermill in Marham, given to the convent of Weſtacre by Iſabell the foundreſs, when the ſaid convent of Weſtacre, granted this houſe the privilege of having divine ſervice in their church, and a right of ſepulture, the ſaid foundreſs paying to John the prior, and convent of Weſtacre, 7 marks ſterling; dated 11 July, 1273.

The prior and convent of Weſtacre, rectors of the pariſh churches of Marham, and John, vicar, grants them a portion of great and ſmall thithe in the ſaid village.

Iſabell de Albany the foundreſs, gave them alſo lands in Kentford, Gayſle, Needham and Heringſwell in Suffolk.

Thomas de Chawmbre, John de Rothings, and Stephen, ſon of John de Reſſebrook, gave them lands in the ſaid towns, and many perſons are named.

In the 17th of Edward II. John de Ward held of Sarah, lady abbeſs of Marham, in Kentford, 20 acres of land and 5 of meadow; and in Needham 8 acres of land, and paid 2*s. per ann.* for the laſt, and 18*s.* and 4*d. per ann.* for that in Kentford.

In Heringſwell the abbeſs had a meſſuage and all the land which the foundreſs bought of Roger Ulketyl, of Attylburgh, with liberty of a foldage, common of paſture, homages, wards, reliefs, eſcheats, &c. alſo lands bought by the ſaid foundreſs in Kentford, Gayſle and Needham, of the ſaid Roger Ulketyl, all which was confirmed by deed of John, Earl Warren, in memory (as 'tis ſaid) of his moſt dear ſiſter Iſabell de Albany, dated in the 7th of Edward I.

Stephen, ſon of Wymer de Brandon, remits to the foundreſs 6*s.* yearly rent from 6 ſolidates of land bought by her of Roger Ulketyl, belonging to his fee in Heringſwell.

Herbert de Beſthorp gives to God and the church of St. Mary and St. Edmund of Marham, for his own ſoul and that of Lucy his wife, &c. all his land with the appertenances in Beſthorp, Norfolk, homages and ſervices of his tenants, paying to him and his heirs, 22*d. ob. per ann.* for all ſervices, &c. Witneſſes, Sir Baldwin de Melles, Sir Thomas de Bavent, Simon de Yxninge, William de Pleſſiz, &c.

Thomas de Dunham, gives to Mary, abbeſs, &c. of Marham, for their homage and ſervice, and an 100 marks paid him, two meſſuages, one acre of meadow, and 24 acres of arable land in Wymondham, Norfolk.——Witneſſes, Sir Robert de Morley, Sir Andrew de Hengham, Sir William de Brom, Sir John de Gurnay, Sir Hubert Hakon, Richard, his ſon, John de Gelham, Nicholas de Karlton.

Richard Blak of Carlton Forhowe, gives them one meſſuage, 5 acres and 3 roods of arable land there, and Roger, prior of Wymondham, confirmed the ſame, and Ralph Crowe gave land here to the foundreſs, which ſhe gave to this houſe.

Robert de la Vel gives them a meſſuage with the appertenances in Stow Bedon, Norfolk.——Witneſſes, Sir William Mortimer, Sir Gyd. Buttetourte, Sir Jeffrey Bindale, William Howard, &c.

William Tyngtor of Newbreg, in Norwich, and Muriel his wife, paid them a mark *per ann.* for lands and tenements held there by him, and given by the foundreſs.

In the 18th of Richard II. the convent had a patent for 50 acres of land in Waynflet.

CHURCHES appropriated to this HOUSE.

Carlton Forhowe [i] alias Carlton St. Peter's in Norfolk.—The advouſon of this church, and one acre of land, was given to them by the foundreſs, which ſhe purchaſed of Richard de Dunham.——Witneſſes, Sir William Agillon, Ralph de Furneaux, Hamelin de Warren, &c. and Roger de Skerning, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it, and ſettled a vicar, whom the biſhops of Norwich were to nominate and this convent preſent, dated at Teford the 4th of the nones of July, 1274.——Richard de Dunham had for this advouſon, and an acre of land (on the north ſide of the church-yard) 30 marks of the foundreſs, and ſhe and her heirs were alſo to pay a pair of white gloves of the price of one penny, or one penny *per ann.* for all ſervices.——Witneſſes, Sir William Ruſteyng, Sir William Malerb, Sir Henry Noble, Sir Peter de Bokenham, Sir Thomas de Gelham, Mr. William de Ruſſebroc, &c. This church was valued at 8 marks *per ann.*

Stowe Bedon [k] in Norfolk.—King Edward I. gave them for the health of his own ſoul, and that of his late conſort, Alianor, queen of England, half an acre in Wyveton, and the advouſon of this church——dated at Weſtminſter, February 6, in the 20th year of his reign; a fine for this half acre and advouſon, was levied between Alianor queen of England, querent, and Jeffrey de Suthorp, impedent, before Thomas de Weylaund, John de Lovetot, William de Brumton, Roger de Leyceſter, and Elias de Beckingham, the king's juſtices, in the 10th of Edward I. ——Ralph Walpole, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it, and ſettled a vicar, whom the abbeſs, &c. was to preſent——dated at Geywod, 14 of March, 1295. This church was valued at 16 marks *per ann.*

Didlington [l] in Norfolk——John Earl Warren, &c. for the benefit of his own ſoul, &c. gave them the advouſon of this church——Dated at Kenington, 11th of July, in the 30th of Edward I. Witneſſes, John, biſhop of Norwich, Henry de Percy, earl of Northumberland, Lord William Latimer, Lord Marmaduke Tweng, Sir Richard de Waunſingham, Sir John de Wantone, &c. and John Salmon, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated the ſame, on the reſignation of Oliver de Wiſſet, the laſt rector, when a vicar was ſettled, whom the biſhops of Norwich were to nominate, and the convent to preſent——dated at Terling, 20 December, 1302. This church was valued at 20 marks *per ann.*

Hackford in [m] Norfolk——Sir Andrew de Hengham gave them 3 acres of his demeſne lands in Hackford, with the advouſon of the church of Hackford, St. Mary.——Witneſſes, Sir Robert de Marle, Sir William de Brom, Alexander de Elingham, Ralph Malerbe, John de Rokeland, &c.——Mary, the abbeſs, and the convent, oblige themſelves to find a chaplain at their own coſt (from the time of its appropriation) to pray for the ſoul of the ſaid Andrew, &c. This church was appropriated to them in the year [n] 1329, by William Ayrmine, Biſhop of Norwich; and was valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Rockland [o] St. Peter's——Sir Robert de Benhale, Adam de Blofield, and Robert, vicar of Didlington, purchaſed of Sir John de Caſton the advouſon of this church, which was confirmed to them by Sir Conſtantine Mortymer, in the 20th of Edward III. and appropriated by William, Biſhop of Norwich, in 1349.

In the 12th [p] of Edward II. a fine was levied by John Earl Warren and Surry, by which he ſettled the advouſon or patronage of this houſe, (which came to his family on the death of the foundreſs, *ſans* iſſue) on Thomas, Earl of Lancaſter; and in 1347 the ſaid earl, John, died ſeiſed of the patronage, leaving Alice his ſiſter and heir, married to Edmund Fitz-Allen, earl of Arundel, but the patronage came to the houſe of Lancaſter, by the aforeſaid fine, and in the 34th of Edward III. it was ſettled by Henry, Duke of Lancaſter, on Maud his daughter, and coheir, married to William, Earl of Heinalt; and in the 40th of that king, his other daughter and coheir, Blanch, and her huſband, John, Duke of Lancaſter, were poſſeſſed of it.

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[i] Remenbrer P. 30, 35, 27.
[k] Remenb. P. 31.
[l] Remenb. P. 52.
[m] Remenb. P. 68.
[n] Lib. Inſtit. Norwic. fol. 86.
[o] Remenb. P. 11.
[p] Fin. Norff. 12. Ed. 2 L. 4. N. 90. Dugd. Baron. V. 1. P. 82.—fin. dio. Com. Ed. 3. L. 5. N. 75. L. 6. N. 40.

Many of the kings of England confirmed the grants and privileges of this houſe; as did King Richard II. in his 9th year; [q] and in the 20th of that king, they had a patent for founding a chantrey in the hermitage of St. Guthlac in Marham, and in the 18th year of the ſaid king, a patent for 50 acres of land at Waynſleet in Lincolnſhire.

The abbeſs had the privilege [r] of proving the wills of thoſe that died within the precinct or juriſdiction of this houſe, granted to this order by the popes. In 1401, a conteſt aroſe about this privilege, and it was allowed them by the biſhop of Norwich; Joan Narburgh, then lady abbeſs, and Margery Harſyke prioreſs; the abbeſs and convent received from the year 1401 to the year 1453, ſeveral mortuaries due from lay perſons, &c. who died in their convent, and were probably there buried.

For William Wulſtan's mortuary, a gown of a blood colour.—For Margaret his wife's mortuary, a gown, &c.——For Sir Ralph Herſent's, a gown of a violet colour.—For Iſſabella Coupere's, ... of cloth of gold.—For Walter Chapman's, his beſt gown.—For Alot's (his wife) an armiclauſa.—For John Dolman's, his beſt gown of ruſſet colour.—For Muriel, his wife's, her beſt tunick of ruſſet colour.–For Cecil Narburgh's, (who lived in the precincts of the abbey, and being there taken ill, died ſoon after at Narburgh) a gown of blood colour furr'd with menyver.—For Matild de Marham's, a mantle furr'd with white.—For the lady Alianore, late relict of Sir William Ingoldeſthorpe, a mantle furr'd with grey.—For Beatrix Ryſelegh's, a gown.—For Kath. Breckely's, a gown furr'd.—For Sir John Champeney, prieſt, who had a chamber in the precinct of the ſaid abbey, and died in the priory of Blackburgh, a book called Chochont, ſold for 8 marks to Thomas Schuldham, Eſq.—For Mr. Thomas Rynſtede's, a ſorrell horſe.—For Joan Pytty's, a gown.

About this time the temporalities of this houſe [ſ] in the arch-deaconries of Norwich and Norfolk, amounted to 27*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* *ob.* *q.* and the ſpiritualities are thus valued: Carlton Fourhow, 8 marks; Stow Bidon, 16 marks; Dodelyngton 20 marks; the portion of Ralph de Waleys in Marham, 8*d.*–Total, 57*l.* &c.

The abbeſs of Marham has the tithe of the domain belonging to her lordſhip of Marham, valued at 10 marks.—*Norwich Domeſday.*

ABBESSES.

Mary, occurs [t] about 1251, and in the 5th of Edward I. ſhe was probably the firſt abbeſs.—Sarah [t] occurs in the 17th of Edward II. and in 1316.—Agatha Howard [w] occurs in the 16th of Edward III. and in 39 of the ſaid king, ſhe is called late abbeſs.—Mary [x] de Ingham; ſhe was admitted and confirmed 7 July, 1363, and then received the biſhop's (of Norwich) benediction.—Egidia Howard [y] occurs in the 3d of Richard II.—Elianor Weyland [z] occurs in 1384, and kept her firſt court here in the 14th of Richard II. and occurs alſo in 6 of Henry V.—Margery [y] occurs abbeſs in 5 and 6 of Henry VI.–Joan Narburgh [z] occurs in 1453, and in 1467.–Joan Heigham [z] occurs in 1486, and in the 3d of Henry VII. and in July 1501, when ſhe preſented to Rockland. In the 8th year of King Henry VII. I find the following account of the profits and diſburſments of the abbey for one year paſt, under this abbeſs.

Received,

In average—13*s.* and 4*d.* Rent of aſſiſe for the abbey manor 12*l.* 16*s.* 8d. Aſſiſe for the manor of Denham's 1*l.* 3*s.* and from Beſthorp 3*s.* For the farm of the rectory of Dydlington, 53*s.* and 4*d.*—For that of Hackford, nothing, it being this year in the hands of the vicar by way of augmentation.—For that of Stow Bedon 53*s.* and 4*d.* and 13*s.* and 4*d.* penſion out of Rockland, and nothing from the rectory, it being in the hands of the vicar this year by way of augmentation.—For lands in Wymondham, Carlton-Fourhow, and Kimberley, 40*s.*—For lands in Kentford, Needham and Gaſely, 26*s* and 8*d.*—For lands in Heringswell, 16*s.*—For lands in Shouldham, 10*s.* and 2*d.*—For corn ſold this year, 11*l.* 9*s.* and 11*d.* wool ſold, 1*l.* 6*s.* and 8*d.*—For the hides and ſkins of cattle, 9*s.* out of which was 8*s.* for 12 ox hides.—Agiſtment of ſheep, 28*s.* and cows 22*d.*—Received of Thomas Sefoul for the board of his two daughters for one year, 40*s.* and of Leonard Cotton for his board, 26*s*—for the watermill, nothing.

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[q] 9. Rd. II. pt. 1. M. 20.—18. Rd. II. pt. 2. M. 4.—20. Rd. II. P. 1. M. 15.

[r] Remenb. P. 4. P. 8.

[ſ] Remenb. 45.

[t] Remenbrer, &c. P. 20, 68, & 96.

[w] Rentale Abb. de Marham Mſs. Membran. penes Dom. Tho. Hare Bt. P. 29.

[x] Lib. Inſtit. Norw. hoc anno.

[y] Ancient court-rolls of the manor of Marham, pen. Dom. Tho. Hare.

[z] Remenbrer, &c. P. 8. & P. 50.—Ancient Rolls. pen. Dom. T. Hare.

Total received this year, 46*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

Part of the account of Nicholas Houghton their bailiff, or ſteward of their grange, ſtands thus for the ſaid year.

Wheat 53 quarters and 5 buſhels.—Meſlin 58 quarters and 6 buſhels.—Rye 19 quarters and 6 buſhels.—Oats 12 quarters and 4 buſhels.—Malt 78 quarters and 2 buſhels.—The reſt relates to the cattle, ſheep, &c.

The diſburſments of the ſaid year ſtand thus———To the prior of Coxford, *per ann.* 7*s.*—To the manor of Old-Hall, 2d.—To John Shouldham, 18*d.*—To the prior of Caſtleacre, 2*d.*—Expences in carts and plows, &c. 31*s.* and 2*d.*—In beef, mutton, veal, pork, ſalt-fiſh and herring, 12*l.* 5*s.*—In threſhing and dreſſing the corn of the abbey, 24*s.* and 9*d.*—In repairs of the abbey, &c. 35*s.* and 8*d.*—In repairs of the churches, 42*s.* and 6*d.*—In the watermill, 13*s.* and 5*d.*—In the foldage, 3*s.* and 10*d.*—In foreign charges and expences, 35*s.* and 8d.—In the ditches and fences, 4*s.* and 10*d.*——Charges in harveſt, &c. 49*s.* and 3*d.*——In wages, fees and ſtipends, 12*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*—For the rent of a toft, 3*s.* 9*d.*—The whole diſburſments amounted to 69*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* *ob.*—After this is adjoined the ſum of 16*s.* and 8*d.* for 20*d.* apiece given to the nuns, and 6*d.* given to 13 poor people.

Barbara Maſon occurs in 1511, and in the 25th of Henry VIII. and was the laſt abbeſs. Amongſt the evidences of the Honourable Sir Thomas Hare, baronet, is the ſeal of this houſe, affixed to ſome deeds and grants, and one to a deed of this abbeſs: the † ſeal is oblong, the impreſs is the figure of a lady abbeſs in her proper habit, ſtanding in an antique arch curiouſly wrought, and holding in her dexter hand a croſier ſtaff, and in her ſiniſter hand before her breaſt, ſomething reſembling an open book, and on each ſide of the arch is a ſhield—checque, or and azure, the paternal arms of the foundreſs, being the arms of the Warrens, earls of Surrey, &c. and under theſe ſhields a lilly: the upper part of the ſeal is broke, at the head of the abbeſs, as is the greater part of the legend beginning--*Sigillum Abbat.* . . . .

This order [*a*] of the ciſtertian nuns had many large privileges from the pope, probate of wills within their precincts, exemption from paying of tithes, and procurations, and the liberty of bearing the croſier in proceſſions.

The lady ſacriſt [*b*] of this houſe had 11 acres and 3 roods of land in Marham annexed to her office, and the lady hoſtillar, 7 acres 3 roods and an half.

This houſe was diſſolved in the 27th of Henry VIII. and ſtands thus differently valued by Dugdale, [*c*] at 33*l.* 13*s.* and 5*d.* *ob.* *q.* Stephens, in his addition to the Monaſticon, [*d*] ſays that the abbey of Marham St. Barbara, was valued at 42*l.* 4*s.* and 7d ¾, the clear value, 33*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* ¾. and Speed has the ſame; but Weaver [*e*] ſays at 13*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* *ob.*——It was certainly a religious houſe very meanly endowed, and on that account they were often pardoned and excuſed from the payment of their tenths, and particularly by King Edward I. in [*f*] the 10th year of his reign.

On the diſſolution the religious had theſe enormous crimes laid to their charge:

[*g*] Barbara Maſon *peperit ſemel, et fatetur ſe cognitam a priore de Pentney.*
Elizab. Lightfoot *ſemel peperit ex conjugato.*
Elizab. Plumer *peperit ſemel ex conjugato.*
Dorothea Lovel *peperit ſemel ex conjugato.*
Joanna Manne *peperit duas proles ex ſolutis.*

The ſcite of this abbey, with the nuns church or chapel, bell-tower, and the appertenances, with the manor of Marham (as has been obſerved) was given by

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† Quære if not St. Barbara?

[*a*] Remenbrer, &c. P. 3 & 4.

[*b*] Rentale P. 29.

[*c*] Dugd. Monaſt.

[*d*] Steph. Add. v. 1. p. 29.

[*e*] Fun. monts. P. 8 64.

[*f*] Remenb. P. 37.

[*g*] Compend. compertorium, pen. Pet Le Neve, armig. Norroy.

King Henry VIII. on 3d of July, in the 38th year of his reign, to Sir Nicholas Hare, and John Hare, citizen of London, in whoſe family it ſtill remains. This nunnery ſtood a little weſtward of the preſent church of Marham, (the common way or road only being between them) in a large paſture cloſe, encloſed with walls of clunch or chalk ſtone, dug out of ſome neighbouring pits: in the ſaid cloſe is a farm houſe with large barns, &c. which ſeem, by the materials, to be built out of the ruins of the ſaid abbey. The moſt obſervable building now remaining, is a very lofty wall of clunch ſtone, running eaſt and weſt in length about 73 feet; this was the ſouth wall of the church or chapel of the ſaid abbey; near the ſummit of this wall were 4 oval windows, (as repreſented in *Plate* I. *Fig.* 15.) two of which are ſtill entire: the whole length of this chapel was about 99 feet, the breadth, about 30, as appears from the foundation walls, and the ſpace between them; the reaſon that the walls were ſo high, and of this form on this wall, was becauſe the cloiſter here joined to it, which, with the area in the centre, was a ſquare of 99 feet, as appears from the ruins and foundation ſtones; and from the projection of the ſtone work of the ſaid chapel wall, which ſupported the timber, roof, &c. on this north ſide of the cloiſter.——No doubt in the north wall of this chapel, the windows were large and lofty, but there are no remains of that, ſave the foundation. Near the weſt end of this wall is a little building of ſtone, &c. in which are two or three arches, (ſupported by pillars of free ſtone) now worked up, and which are now uſed to lay turf and other firing in; and over this is a dove-houſe, probably part of ſome old cloiſter leading to the church, or the charnell-houſe.

WEST RISTON.

THE church of Riſton is dedicated to St. Michael, and ſtands in a field by itſelf about a quarter of a mile from Riſton-Hall; it is built of ragg, or carr ſtone, and is a ſingle pile about 33 feet in length, and 22 in breadth. At the weſt end of the nave, ſtands part of a little four-ſquare tower, with the quoins of free ſtone; the upper part of the tower lies open and is broke down to the roof of the church.——The chancel is divided from the body by a ſcreen, and is in length about 30 feet, and in breath adout 27; this chancel has a roof like the nave, camerated, plaiſtered and covered with tile.——On the pavement lies a marble ſtone, with the arms of Pratt,——argent, on a chevron between 3 pellets, two in chief, [a] charged each with a martlet, and one in baſe, with a trefoyl argent, 3 maſcles, or,—impaling, gules, 3 creſcents, or,——Monins, and thus inſcribed——" Here lieth " the body of Sir Roger Pratt, lord of this manor of Riſton, who married Ann, " one of the daughters and coheireſſes of Sir Edward Monins of Walderſhire in " Kent, Kt. and Bart. he dyed the 20th of Febr. *A. D.* 1684.

" Untill the reſurrection of the juſt.
" My bones untouch'd will reſt, I truſt."

Againſt the north wall is an altar monument of ſtone and alabaſter, on which lies the ſtatue of a lady, at her full length in a cumbent poſture, ſupporting her head with her right hand, which reſts on a cuſhion all carved out of alabaſter: the body of the monument is ornamented with flowers, fruit, &c. and thereon this epitaph:—" Here lys the body of the Lady Pratt, whoſe firſt huſband was Sir Roger " Pratt of this place, her ſecond huſband was Sigiſmund Trafford of Dunton-Hall " in Tydd St. Maries, in the county of Lincoln, Eſq; who cauſed this monument to " be erected to her memory: ſhe died the 12th day of September, 1706, in the 63d " year of her age."——And againſt the wall is a ſhield of marble,——argent, a griffin, ſegreant, gules——Trafford, impaling Monins; the whole is incloſed with iron rails.

Jeffrey, rector of Riſton, is mentioned in a deed, *ſans* date, of Roger de Barſhale, wherein he gives to the abbey of Weſt Derham, a tenement, on the requeſt, &c. of the ſaid Jeffrey.

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[a] The creſt of Pratt is a wolf's head coup'd, per pale, argent and a ſable, and a collar with three plates counterchanged.

In *Norwich Domeſday book*, wrote about the beginning of the reign of King Edward I. Robert de Benhale was patron, and the rector had a houſe with 30 acres of glebe land, valued at 12 marks, ſoon after it was appropriated to the priory of Norwich; Anthony, [b] biſhop of Norwich, October 24, 1342, appropriated it for the repairs of the church of Norwich, reſerving a penſion of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* and the prior paying 6 marks *per ann.* for a curate to ſerve it. Peter pence, 15*d.*

1307. Matthew de Santone, preſented by Sir Hervey de Stanton.——1337. Thomas Wychard of Halvergat.—by the prior and convent of Norwich.—1342. Bartholomew de Wroxham . . . by the prior and convent of Norwich.

In the year 1428, the ſpiritualities of the prior, &c. of Norwich, for this church were valued at 12 marks, and are ſaid to belong to the cellarer of the church of Norwich.

On the diſſolution of the priory and convent of Norwich, it was granted in the 1ſt. of Edward VI. to the dean and chapter of that church, who are the preſent impropriators, and leaſe out the tithes of this, and Roxham, an hamlet adjoyning, belonging to the lord of this manor.

In 1603, Mr. Robert Gunſon was curate of Riſton cum Roxham, and in his anſwers to the king, obſerves that there were then 53 communicants.

WEST RISTON MANOR.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS held the chief part of this town. One carucate poſſeſſed by Ketel, a free man in Edward the Confeſſor's time. To this [a] manor there belonged 7 villains, one borderer, two ſervi, with one carucate in domain, half a one amongſt the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, half a fiſhery, &c. valued at 20*s.* Seven ſocmen alſo held 21 acres of land, 3 of meadow, with a carucate valued at 5*s.* The whole is 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and pays 4*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

The ſaid Hermerus had alſo ſeized on 3 free men who held 90 acres, who were before under protection only, valued at 5*s.*

This lordſhip deſcended from Hermerus to the lords Bardolfs, as may be ſeen in Wirmegey, † and was held under them by the family of Stradeſet; Sir Roger de Stradeſet was lord, when an aid was granted to King Henry III. on the marriage of his ſiſter to the emperor; ſeveral parts of this manor were held under the Stradeſets, by ſeveral perſons.——In the 14th of Edward I. John, ſon of Henry de Deen, and Maud his wife, conveyed to Robert de Benhale a meſſuage, with lands valued at 60*s.* *per ann.* and the moiety of the church of Fordham, with the advouſon of this church.——After this Hervey de Stanton, or Santon, (probably the founder of St. Michael's houſe in Cambridge) conveyed the ſame to John de L'Iſle of Tofts, and Mary his wife, in the 8th of Edward II. (the advouſon of this church) Fordam church being excepted by Hervey for his life.

In the 10th of Edward III. licenſe was granted to John de L'Iſle to give the advouſon of this church and the moiety of the advouſon of Fordham, to the prior and convent of Norwich, to find a chaplain in the ſaid church, to pray daily for the ſouls of the ſaid John, and Mary his wife, Robert de Ufford, and Thomas Roſcelyne, &c.——Dated 3 April, at the tower of London, and on Thurſday in Eaſter-week, in the next year of the ſaid king, Sir Robert de Benhale, knight, quitted all his right and claim therein to the prior, &c. Witneſſes, Sir Peter Attetye, Sir Edward de Cretyng, John de la Rokele, John de Berneye, William de Felmyngham, &c.

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[b] Lib. Inſtit. Norwic.

[a] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrariis—In Riſtuna ten. Herm'. 1. car. tre. quam tenuit Ketel, 1. lib. ho. t. r. e. ſemp. 7. villi. 7. 1. bord. 7. 11. ſerv. 7. 1. car. in dom'no. tc. dim. car. hom. 7. mo. 7. viii. acr. p'ti. dim. piſcar. ſemp. 1. runc. tc. v. vacc. mo. iiii. tc. v. porc. mo. xix. 7. cviii. oves, tc. val. xx. ſol. pt. 7. mo. xx. In ead. vii. ſoc'. de xxi. acr. tre. 7. iii. acr. p'ti. ſemp. 1. car. 7 val. v. Tot. ht. iiii. qr. in long. 7. iii. in lato, 7 redd. iiii. de gelto, de xx. ſol.

Invaſ. Hermeri—In Riſtune 3 lib. comen'd. tant. de lxxxx acr. val. v *s.*

† Reginald de Warren, lord of Wirmegay, in the reign of King Stephen, gave the tithes of his manor of Barſale in this town, to Carhow priory by Norwich. ——See in Wirmegey and Stow.

In the 33d of Edward III. Henry de Wetyng, capellane, and Stephen Talbot of Fincham gave to the abby of Weſt Derham, a meſſuage and lands, here, held of John Hawkyn, by the payment of a ſhilling every 24 weeks, and the ſaid John held it by the knight's ſervice of the lords Bardolf, having married Elizabeth, daughter and heir to the Stradeſets.

After this Adam Martyns, and John Mares had an intereſt herein; William Dalling in the 21ſt. of Henry VI. gave it to William Yelverton, ſerjeant at law, Sir John Clifton, knight, Henry Grey, Eſq; Oſbert Mundeford, &c. in truſt, to be ſettled on William Gylour and Margaret his wife, daughter of Dalling, intail, with lands in Fordham, Roxham, &c.——Walter Gylour was lord in the reign of Henry VII. and by a daughter of Gylour it came to the Prats; William Pratt was lord, and by his will, dated December 4. 1557, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Edmund of Downham Market.

The Pratts derive from Robert Prat, whoſe ſon Edmund, was lord of the manor of Cartes in Hockwold, and died in the 34th of Henry VIII. this Edmund married the heireſs of Walter Gylour, and John was his ſon and heir.

William Prat, † ſon of John, by his will dated as above in 1557, gives this lordſhip with lands, tenements, &c. in Roxham, Hilgey, Fordham, Denver, Downham, Derham and Bexwell, to Gregory Pratt of Hockwold, and his heirs male; this Gregory was nephew to William, (who died *ſ. p.*) and ſon of his brother Edward Pratt, by Catherine, daughter of . . . Taſſell; Gregory and Richard Prat, executors, and Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; ſuperviſor.

Gregory was lord in 1573, and married Ann, daughter and coheir of William Cocket, Eſq; of Beſthorp in Norfolk, by whom he had two ſons, Gregory and Francis.

This Gregory married Theodoſia, daughter of . . . . Tyrell, and relict of Edmund Weſt, of Marchworth in Bucks; and ſhe was buried there in January, 1629. Sir Roger Pratt, their ſon, died lord in 1684, *ſ. p.*

So that we muſt return to Edward Pratt, 2d ſon of Edward, (brother to Gregory) by Catherine Taſſell; this Edward was of Hockwold, and married Dorothy, daughter of William Cobb, Eſq; of Sandringham, and father of Edward Pratt of Honningham in Suffolk, who by Urſula his wife, daughter of Roſſington of Framingham in Suffolk, was father of Edward Pratt, gent. of Yoxford in Suffolk, by Emma, his wife, daughter of . . . Tiffin of Crimpleſham, widow of - - - Bexwell; he had Edward Pratt of Woodbridge in Suffolk, who married Mary, daughter of Anthony Applethwait of Ipſwich, and was heir, as I take it, to Sir Roger Prat.—By Mary he had a ſon and heir, Roger Pratt, Eſq; now lord of Riſton, who by Henrietta, daughter of Sir Robert Davers, baronet, of Ruſhbrook in Suffolk, has two ſons, Edward and Jermyn; Edward the eldeſt, is married to——, daughter of Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet.

It is to be obſerved, that Francis Pratt, ſecond ſon of Gregory, by his wife, daughter of Cocket, married firſt, Temperance, daughter of - - - Mundeford of Feltwell, and died *ſ. p.* his ſecond wife, Urſula, daughter of Anthony Goſnold of Ottley, in Suffolk, had by him Edward Pratt, Eſq; who died *ſ. p.* in 1664, alſo Gregory, who died *ſ. p.*

I have ſeen a Prat, quartering, ſable, 3 cups argent, Butler—and Cobb of Sandringham——alſo Pratt, impaling Cocket—and in Riſton Hall—Pratt and Gylours quarterly.

WALPOLE-HALL.

RALPH, ſon of Reginald, and Roger de Barſale, gave a meſſuage and lands, here, *ſans* date, to Derham abby. Thomas de Barſale held here a meſſuage, one carucate of land, 12 acres of meadow, of Nicholas de Stradſale about the reign of Edward I. by the ſervice of the fourth part of a fee; and Nicholas, of the Lord Bardolf. In the 16th of Edward II. a fine was levied between Simon de Walpool querent, William de Walpool, parſon of Cheveley in Suffolk, and William de

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† Regiſt. Haſtings—Norw. p' 60.

Norwold, chaplain, deforcients, of meſſuages, lands, &c. ſettled on Simon. From this family this lordſhip took its name. John Walſheff poſſeſſed it in the reign of Henry VII. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was in the Prats, united to Riſton manor.

At the ſurvey, the abbot of Ely was found to have ſeiſed on three free men who [b] held 6 acres here, valued at 16*d. per ann.* under protection only; the abbot of Ramſey had the ſoc.

This was held in the time of Edward I. by the family of Beckſwell, and continued ſo, till united to Ryſton manor.

John Eyre, Eſq; had a grant of a meſſuage here, late belonging to Weſt Derham abby, on September 12, *anno.* 36, Henry VIII.

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abbey were aſſeſſed here, in 1428, at 3*s.* 6d. *per ann.* The ſpiritualities of the prioreſs of Carhow at 10*s.* and the priory of Norwich, in 1428, held the church of Riſton, valued at 12 marks.

The lete was in Sir Jeffrey Hare; fee 6*d.*

Riſton is a depopulated village.—Ris gives names to many towns;—Riſby in Suffolk, and Yorkſhire; Riſborough in Bucks; Riſſington in Glouceſterſhire; and Riſbridge hundred in Suffolk.

ROXHAM.

A Little village or hamlet, now conſiſting of two or 3 farm houſes, was held partly [a] (at the ſurvey) by Rainald, ſon of Ivo, and Hermerus de Ferrariis.——Rainald ſeized on a freeman who held 9 acres of land, and was under protection only, valued at 8*s.* and 1*d.* this was held by the Derhams with other lands as part of his manor in Derham, which the ſaid family held alſo of the earls of Clare, who inherited the poſſeſſions of the aforeſaid Ivo. In the ſaid family it continued many years: Robert Derham had livery of the manor af Roxham in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and Thomas Derham was lord in the 21ſt. of James I. after this it came to the Prats of Riſton, where it now remains.

WALPOLE-HALL.

THE lords Bardolf held alſo lands in this place in *capite*; William, ſon of Hermerus de Bexwell, gave by deed, *ſans* date, to Henry, ſon of Joceline de Walpool, all his right in lands with a fiſhery of the Creek's end; this was poſſeſſed by Simon de Walpole, in the reign of Edward II. and was part of the manor of Walpole, in Riſton, which extended into this townſhip; William Barſale had alſo ſome part or ſhare of it, as had John de Weſenham in the 15th of Richard II. who conveyed then to John de Fincham the fiſhery of Redebeach here, &c. John Walſheff, or Walterſheſe, was lord in the reign of Henry VII. About the reign of James the I. Sir Thomas Lovell and Edmund Skipwith, had a right herein; ſoon after it came to the Pratts, the preſent poſſeſſor being Roger Pratt, Eſq.

The abbot of Weſt Derham had meſſuages and lands here, in the tenure of William Carter, [b] given September 12, in the 36th of Henry VIII. to John Eyre, Eſq; and in the 6th of Elizabeth, concealed lands with tithes here, and in Barſale, were granted to Edward Dyer and H. Creſſener, April 10.

Lands alſo belonging to Penthey abbey, were granted September 6, in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, to Francis Chaloner and William Butler.

The lete of this town, joined with that of Weſt Derham, wsa in Sir Ggeore Hare.——Fee 2*s.* 8*d.*

It is probable here was formerly a church or chapel; Riſton, cum Roxham rectories being mentioned as part of the revenues of the ſee of Norwich.

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[b] Invaſ. Abbat de Ely—In Riſtuna iii. lib. ho'es vi. acr val. xvi*d.* in his non hab. niſi com'dat. 7 Sc'us Bened. ſoca.

[a] Invaſ. Rainaldi fil. Ivonis—In Rocheſham, 1 lib. hó. comend. tant. 9. acr. val. 8*s.* 1*d.*

[b] Pat. 18.—Pat. 10.—Pat. Phil. & M. Blomfield. hiſt. Norf. V. 2. P. 886.

SOUTH-RUNGTON.

THIS village is ſometimes called Rungton-Holme, and South-Rungton: it was given to the abbot and convent of Bury St. Edmund's, by [a] Alfrick, biſhop of Elmham, in the reign of Canute, King of England, and the abbot was lord in the Conqueror's time, as appears from this account in *Domeſday Book*. In Rungton, St. Edmund held in the Confeſſor's time, 2 carucates of land; there were always 5 villains, 4 borderers, and 2 ſervi, 12 acres of meadow, 16 of wood, one mill, one fiſhery, and 2 carucates in demean, then one among the tenants, now 2 oxgangs, one beaſt for burden, 8 cows, paunage for 30 hogs, 15 ſheep; there belong to this manor, 27 free men; the ſoc was in St. Edmund's; they had one carucate of land, and there were always 3 carucates, and 2 borderers. There alſo belongs to the ſaid manor half a carucate of land; there were always 4 borderers, one ſervus, and one carucate in demean; alſo 30 acres belong to it with one villain, and 2 borderers; it was always valued at 7*l.* and 4*s.* There belongs to this manor a beruwit called Iſinghetun, which lies in another hundred. This whole manor is one leuca in length and 5 furlongs in breadth, and pays 8*d.* when the hundred pays 20*s.* to the gelt.—Under the invaſions of the abbot, we find that he held 150 acres which five freemen held in the Confeſſor's time: there were then 2 carucates and an half, now two, and 4 borderers, valued at 20*s.* and he claims it as the king's gift. In the ſame village one freeman had half a carucate, there were 4 borderers, and 2 freemen who had 6 acres valued at 10*s.* there were alſo 46 acres which 3 freemen held; always one borderer, 3 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.* which the abbot had ſeized on.

Terr. Abb. de S'co Edmundo.——In Runghetuna ten. Sc's E. t. r. e. ii. *car. t're. ſemp.* v. *vill.* 7. iiii. *bor.* 7. ii. *ſerv.* xii. *ac. p'ti.* xvi. *ac. ſilve,* i. *mol.* i. *piſcina,* 7. ii. *car. in dominio, tc.* i. *car. hom. modo* ii. *bov. ſemp.* i. *runc.* viii. *an.* xxx *por.* xv. *ovs. huic maner' jacent* xxvii. *lib. hoe's,* i. *ſoca remanebat S'co. Ed. h'ntes* i. *car. t're ſemp.* iii. *car'.* ii. *bor. jacent etiam huic man. dim. car. t're ſemp.* iiii *bor.* 7. i. *ſer.* 7. i. *car. in d'nio;* 7. *adhuc jacent* xxx *ac.* 7. i. *vill.* 7. ii. *bor. ſemp. val.* viii*l.* 7. iiii *ſol. huic manerio jace'* i. *berewita que vocat. Iſinghetuna* 7. *e. in al. hund'. hoc maner. ht.* i. *leug' in longo et* v. *quar' in lat.* 7. *reddit* viii. *d. qu' totu' hund. redd.* xx. *ſol. de gelto.*

Invaſion' Scj. Edm.——Abbas. S'cj. Edm'. ten. in Runghetuna CL. *ac. qd. tenuere'* v. *lib. hoe's t. r. e. tc.* ii *car.* 7 *dim. mo.* ii. iiii *bor. val.* xx *ſol. ha'c. tr'a reclam. ex; dono regis, in ead. vill. ten'.* i. *lib. hó. dim. car.* iiii. *bor.* ii *lib. ho'es de* vi *ac. val.* x *ſol. in ead* xlvi *ac. q'. ten.* iii. *lib. ho'es. ſe'p* i. *bor.* iii *car.* vi *ac. p'ti, val.* x. *ſol.*

In the 24th of Henry III. the jury find that the abbot of Bury held this manor in pure alms of the king, and that it had once been the demeans of ſeveral of the kings of England.——In the 3d of Edward I. the [b] abbot claimed the lete, aſſiſe of bread and beer, gallows, weif of his tenants, and other privileges in his manors, here, in Holm, and Wallingham; in the 30th of the ſaid king, there was an extent made (during the vacancy of the abbey, then in the king's hands) by the free tenants and villains of this manor, who preſent that there was a capital meſſuage, curtilages, &c. with 198 acres of arable land, and 16 acres of meadow, value 16*s.* a meſſuage in Wigenhale, and a marſh called Homiſlode, land in Walington, called Pallingſlod, a toft called Wammingſlod, a windmill, 42 free tenants, ſeveral villains, with their rents and ſervices named, a fiſhery valued 5*s.* ——In the 3d of Edward II. I find it wrote Suth Rungton, in a fine then levied of lands here, to diſtinguiſh it from a town in the neighbouring hundred, called North Rungton; and in the 9th of that king, the abbot had a patent to purchaſe a meſſuage, 11 acres of land, and ſeveral rents here.

It appears from antient records, that the abbot of Bury had very large liberties and privileges, not only within the bailywick or franchiſe of St. Edmund, which contained 8 hundreds and an half in Suffolk, but alſo in their foreign or outlying manors, viz. fines, amerciaments, the year-day, waſte, felons, and fugitives goods, goods of *felo de ſe*, and outlaws goods, and that King Edward III. by his charter, dated 22 July, in the 4th year of his reign, granted the abbot, &c. to have all the liberties which he and his predeceſſors had uſed by virtue of any general words in any former grants of the kings, his predeceſſors. The ſeveral kings whoſe charters are there recited, are King Canute, Edward the Confeſſor, Henry I. Richard I. King John, Henry III. Edward I. &c.

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[a] Regiſt. Sacriſtæ. fol. 50. 6.—Reg. Abb. P. 26. de Bury——is a town ſurrounded with water or low grounds.

[b] Rot. hund. Clackl.

The abbot and his tenants had a diſcharge from contributing to the repairs of the gutters, banks, &c. between Gering's dam and Fleming's hithe in Watlington, as he and his tenants of Rungton had no lands, tenements, or commonage in Watlington; dated December 10, *anno.* 24, Edward III.

This manor in a leaſe (dated 1ſt of Auguſt, in the 8th of Henry VI.) of William Curteys, then abbot, to Peter Sewale, is called Rungton Roper; the rent was *27l. 13s. 6d. per ann.* all knights fees, the advouſon of the church, reliefs, eſcheats, wayſs, eſtrays, lete, profit of the church, &c. were excepted, and reſerved to the abbot, &c.

After the diſſolution of the abbey of Bury, it remained in the crown, till King Philip and Queen Mary, in the 4th and 5th of their reign, on the 12th of February, granted it to John Cajus, doctor of phyſick, and it was given by him to Cajus college, in Cambridge, in which houſe it ſtill continues; Cajus was maſter of the college, and phyſician to Queen Mary.

The tenths of this town were *7l. 4s.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.* Remain *5l. 14s.*

The temporalities of the abbot of Bury, were taxed here, in 1428, at *24l. 8s. 10d.*

The temporalities of the abbot of Ramſey at 16*d.*

The temporalities of the prior of Wirmegaye, here, or at North Rungton, at 1*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

The lete of this town, Holm, Thorpland, and Wallington, was in Sir George Hare: lete fee together is 4*s.*——The prior of Bromhill had lands or a little lordſhip here, and in Holme, given them by William, ſon of John of Rungton-Holme, of which ſee in Weting. In 1428 their temporalities here, were valued at 15*s.* This is now in Chriſt's college, Cambridge, and held by Sir William Brown, M. D.

The church of Rungton is dedicated to St. Andrew, and was a rectory in the patronage of the abbot of Bury, given to that abbey with the manor, by Alfrick, Biſhop of Elmham; to this village there belongs the hamlet of Holm with its chapel, and into this the rectors of Rungton are inſtituted with the ſaid rectory.—The church appears to be a very antique pile, built of rag ſtone, &c. dug in the neighbourhood, and lately repaired with brick in many places: it conſiſts of a nave and a chancel covered with reed; the nave is in length about 47 feet, and in breadth, about 21; at the weſt end near a window of the gable (here being no tower) hangs a ſmall bell. At the eaſt end of this nave, on the pavement, lies a marble with a braſs plate—"Here under lyeth buried the body of Amye Neve, wife of Thomas Neve, gentil-"man, who departed this life, the twentie third day of March, *An.Dom.* M.DC.XXXVII.——Near to this lies another marble ſtone——"Here lyeth interred the body of "Stephen Edgar, gent. who departed this life the eight and twentie day of June, "in the three and fourtie year of his age, and in the year of our Lord 1653.——On a third—"Here under lyeth buried the body of Ann, the wife of Stephen Ed-"gar, who departed this life the eighteenth day of June, *An. Dom.* 1636.——Between this nave and the chancel is a Gothick arch of great antiquity, the chancel is antique and forms a ſemicircle, built of ſtone but repaired with brick, it is in length about 24 feet, and in breadth about 17.——On the pavement here, lies a marble ſtone thus inſcribed——"Here under lieth interr'd the body of Eſter "Edgar, the ſecond wife of Stephen Edgar, gent. and daughter of Robert Carter, "of Norwich, merchant, who departed this life the 11th day of September. *An. ſa-"lutis* 1639, *Annoq; Ætatis ſuæ* 20. Here alſo lyeth buried the two daughters, "Suſan and Mary, who expiered their lives the 28 of Auguſt 1639, being the 5 day "of their age."—On another—"Here under lyeth interred the body of Thomas

" Neve, gent. who departed this life the 18 day of July, *An. Salutis* 1639, *Annoq;*
" *Ætatis ſuæ* 65."

RECTORS.

1301, ROBERT DE ERESWELL——preſented by the abbot and convent of Bury: licence[b] granted to this rector to ſerve one Sunday at Rungton, the next at Walyngton chapel, and the 3d Sunday at Holm chapel.—1304, William de Swanton,—preſented by the abbot, &c. this church at this time was valued at 26 marks, and the portion of St. Saviour (a religious houſe or hoſpital near the North † Gate of Bury) at half a mark.

1323, Edward de Stowe——by Richard, abbot, &c.——1349, Geffrey de Hunden, Rongeton cum Capellis, by, &c.——1358, Thomas Atte Lathe, (he was rector of Stokesby and exchanged with Hunden) preſented by the abbot, &c.——1361, William Fabel—preſented by the king, on the vacancy of the abbacy of Bury; he was rector of Horrington in the dioceſe of Bath and Wells, and exchanged with Atte-Lathe.——1368, Henry de Sonnyngwell—preſented by John, abbot, &c. he was rector of Coryngham in the dioceſe of London, and exchanged with Fabel.——1371, Edward de Doryngton—by John, abbot, &c. he was rector of Fobbyng in the dioceſe of London, and exchanged with Sonnyngwell. This Edward was appointed guardian of the eſtate of Humphry de Bohun, late earl of Hereford. *Pat.* 35 Edward III. *p.* 3.——1401, Edward Stecheſworth—by the abbot, &c. he was rector of Chelſworth, and exchanged with Doryngton.

Edmund Habirgent, [c] rector of Rungton, by his will, dated on Monday after the Epiphany, 1416, and proved 14 February, in the ſaid year, deſires to be buried in the church here, before the high altar; bequeaths to the church of Rungton-Holme 20*ſ.* to the chapel of Holme 20*ſ.* to the chapel of Wallington 20*ſ.* and gives a purple cloth for a covering of the ſepulchre of our Lord.

1416, John Bache, *(primam habens tonſuram clericalem)* by the abbot, &c. ——1417, Ralph Harlyng, on the reſignation of Bache, by the abbot, &c. he was rector of Weſt-Stow, and exchanged with Bache.——Ralph Harlyng [d] batchelor of decrees, rector of Rungeton with its chapels annexed, being very ſickly, and aged, and alſo blind, reſigned to us; and we preſent John Seman of Stradeſhull. ——1419, John Seman—by the abbot, &c. he was obliged to pay Harlyng a penſion of ſeven marks *per ann.* during his life.——1422, William Dey, on the reſignation of Seman, by the abbot, &c. he was rector of Paul's Crey in Kent, in the dioceſe of Rocheſter, and exchanged with Seman.—Ralph Kemp, rector of Rungeton, [e] exchanged 14 February, 1429, with Thomas Buck, rector of Haddeſco, Norfolk.——1429, Thomas Bucke on the reſignation of Kemp—by William, abbot, &c.——1431, Edmund Blake to Rungeton-Holme, with the chapels of Walyngton and Holme, by the abbot, &c. on the reſignation of Bucke.—— 1454, Robert Faux, on the reſignation of Blake, by the abbot, &c. he was rector of Holme St. Andrew, and exchanged with Blake.—1462, Roger Lane, on the death of Faux—by the abbot, &c. he wills in 1488, * to be buried in the church of St. James of Holme, before the image of St. Mary, gives to its repair 6*ſ.* and 8*d.* and the ſame ſum to the repair of St. Andrew of Rungton, and St. Margaret of Wallington.——1489, John Stonham, on the death of the laſt rector—by Thomas, abbot, &c.——1493, Edmund Rowray, vel Rory, on the reſignation of Stonham, by Thomas, abbot, &c.——1504, Richard Wodehill, on the death of Rory,—by the abbot, &c.-1511, William Lakenham, A. M.—1520, Nicholas Norton, on the reſignation of Lakenham, collated by the biſhop of Norwich by lapſe. ——1529, Matthew Rabon, on the death of Norton—by the abbot, &c. In the 6th year of Edward VI. on the 18 December, that king gave the advouſon of this church and the chapels belonging, to Edward Lord Clinton, and Henry Herdſon of London, afterwards it came to Judge Gawdy, &c. Robert Morley occurs rector about the year 1560.[f] *Dns. Rob. Morley, preſbiter non conjugatus, ſatis doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, Ibidem, non prædicat nec licentiatus, nullum aliud.*

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[b] Lib. Inſtit. Norwic.
† Regr. Kemp. abb. Bur. fol. 123.
[c] Regr. Hurning. P. 22.
[d] Regr. Curteys abb. Bur.
[e] Regr. Curteys.
* Regr. Wolman P. 31, 32, proved 24 Apr. 1489.

1579, Humphrey Melton, on the death of the laſt rector--preſented by Francis Gawdy, ſerjeant at law: in his anſwer to King James's queries, he ſays there were 102 communicants here in 1603.—William Clapham,–1603, William Fleming, on the death of Clapham–by John Conynſby, Eſq;—1614, Joſeph Alliſon, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector,–by Sir Robert Rich, Knt.—1631, Thomas Eales, A. M. on Alliſon's death, by Robert, Earl of Warwick.–1661, Henry Drury, A. M. --by the biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe.—1672, William Peter, A. M. on Drury's death, by Doctor Brady.—1672, Henry Lewes, A. M.–by Sir Thomas Barington and the Lady Anne his wife, the Lady Mary, and the Lady Eſſex Rich, by the king's mandate, by which William Peter was ejected.—1690, Richard Miller, A. M. on the death of Lewes, by Thomas Blofield.—1702, Henry Jenkin, A. M. on Miller's death, by Robert Jenkin, clerk.–1732, Thomas Jenkin, A. M. by William Jenkin, gent.–1756, Charles Davy, rector, on Jenkin's death, by Charles Davy gent.—1764, John White, rector.—This rectory is now valued in the king's books at 12*l.* and pays firſt-fruits, &c.

The old valor, with the chapel of Holme, was 26 marks, Peter-pence, 18*d.*—The hoſpital of our Saviour, at Bury, had a portion of tithe, valued at 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* and the rector had 60 acres of glebe land.

HOLME,

IS an hamlet belonging to Rungton, and to the lordſhip of the abbot of Bury, and takes its name from its low and moiſt ſituation. The rector had here 80 acres of land, here was baptiſm and burial, and was valued with Rungton.

Caſſandra de Holme appears to have lands here in the 12th of Henry III. [g] and the Lady Iſabella, formerly wife of Sir James Maſkerall, Knt. quitclaimed her right in a meſſuage in the town of Rungton, in a hamlet called the Holme, to Sir Philip de Eya, by deed *ſans* date.

TITTLESHALE-MANOR,

TOOK its name from a family ſo called, and was probably poſſeſſed before that by the family of De Holme; Odo, ſon of Leveric de Holme-Rungton, St. Edmund's, by deed *ſans* date, gave lands here to John de Tiſteſhale, ſon of Jeffrey, performing homages and certain ſervices: Witneſſes, Herlewin de Ruſſell, &c. It was after this poſſeſſed by the Truſſbutts, &c. In the 2d of Henry VI. Henry Warner of Watlington and Alice his wife, conveyed to Laurence Truſſbut of Shouldham, a meſſuage, 41 acres, and 14*s.* rent, in this town, Thorpeland, Wallington, &c.

The Truſſbuts were an antient family, and bore gyrony of 8, azure and ermin.—Richard Truſſbut was living in the reign of Henry III. and John his ſon, lived at Shouldham in that of Edward I.—Richard, his ſon, occurs in the 3d year of Edward II. and by Catherine his wife, daughter of Walter, ſon of William Marſhal of Tyrington, had John and Nicholas.—John was captain of the Hobelers in the Scotch wars, *Ann.* 16, Edward III. Nicholas, his brother, by Iſabel his wife, was father of Laurence, who was living *Ann.* 17, Richard II. and 4 of Henry VI. and married Alice, daughter of John de Fincham.

Thomas Truſſbut, Eſq; his ſon and heir, by his will, dated December 31, 1451, was buried in the church of Rungton-Holme, St. James's, by his father; to his ſon John and the heirs of his body, he gives this lordſhip of Tittilſale in Holme, [h] with all his lands, foldcourſes, &c. in Wallington, Thorpland, Watlington, Totenhill, Stow, Fincham, &c.—To William, his ſon, and his heirs, all his lands in Shouldham and Marham, not entailed by his father Laurence; makes Alice, his wife, John, his ſon, and John Fincham executors.

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[f] Parkeri Certificat.

[g] Fin. 12. Hen. III. L. 2. N. 78.

[h] Reg. Aleyn Norw. pt. 2. f. 163.

John Truſſbut, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas, left by Elizabeth his wife, (who ſurvived him, and married Nicholas Gyrlington) Jane, a daughter and heir, who by marriage brought this lordſhip to Thomas Colt, Eſq; of Greys-Hall in Cavendiſh[r], Suffolk, (ſon of Thomas Colt, Eſq; of Carliſle) who was chancellor of the exchequer, one of the privy council to King Edward IV. and dying about the 12th of that king, was buried at Cavendiſh; his widow Jane re-married to Sir William Parr, and dying on Monday before the feaſt of St. Laurence, *Anno* 13 of the ſaid king, left John Colt, Eſq; of New-Hall in Eſſex, her ſon and heir, in ward to Sir William, who in the firſt of Henry VII. had livery of this manor; married, firſt, Jane, daughter of Sir John Elrington of Middleſex, and 2dly, Mary, daughter of Sir John Alne, by whom he had Sir George Colt, who took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Coninſby, of North Mins in Hertfordſhire, and was father of Sir George, who married Margaret, daughter of William Pooley, Eſq; of Boxſtead in Suffolk, and had by her Sir Henry Colt, who by Bridget, his wife, daughter of Sir William Kingſmill of Hampſhire, had George Colt, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Dutton, Eſq; of Glouceſterſhire. This George, in the 20th of Elizabeth, conveyed it to Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; from whom it came to Judge Gawdy: in the 9th of James I. Richard Godbould, of Fincham, was a truſtee for it, and afterwards came to the Botelers.———Boteler, Eſq; ſold it to James Vernon, Eſq; commiſſioner of the exciſe, (brother to Admiral Vernon) who was lord in 1750.

Colt bore argent, a feſs between 3 colts current, ſable.

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[r] Nicholas Gyrlington ſeems to have been nearly related to Thomas Colt, his father marrying a daughter of - - - - Gyrlington.

TRUSSBUTT.

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NICHOLAS TRUSSBUT, witneſs to a Latin deed of Nicholas de Acra, ſon of Alice de Ver, of land in Exning, Suffolk,—*ſans* date, with Sir Robert de Haſtings, William de Yſelham, Ad. le Flemeg, Nicholas Truſſbut, Henry le Compeigne, &c. Sir John de St. Amand's land mentioned in the deed.

PEDIGREE of the TRUSSBUTTS.

Richard Truſſbutt *temp*. Henry III.

[a] John Truſſbutt of Shouldham, *temp*. Edward I.

[b] Richard Truſſbutt occurs in 3 of Edward II.—Catharine, daughter of Walter, ſon of William Marechall, of Tyrington, Norf.

[c] John Truſſbutt,—16 Edward III. | 2d Nicholas,—Iſabell, daughter of - - - -

[d] Laurence Truſſbutt,—Alice, daughter of John de Fincham.

[e] 2 Thomas Truſſbutt,—Alice, daughter occurs 4 Henry VI. | 1ſt Nicholas. | Elianor, a nun. | Margaret, a nun.

[f] 1ſt John Truſſbutt,—Elizabeth, daughter of - - -; married after to Nicholas Gyrlyngton. | 2. Hugh. | 3. William. | Margaret. | Elianor. | Agnes. | Alice.

[g] Thomas Colt, Eſq;—Jane Truſſbut, daughter and heir.—Sir William Parr 2d huſband.

Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Elrington.—John Colt, Eſq;—Mary, daughter of Sir John Alne, wife of Richard Heigham, in 14 Henry VIII.

Sir George Colt, [h] of Long Melford.—Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Mac Williams, of Stambourn in Eſſex.

2 Margaret, daughter of . . Heath of—Henry Colt, Eſq; 17 Elizabeth.—1ſt, Elizabeth daughter of John Coninſby, Eſq; of North Mynns in Hertfordſhire.

Sir George Colt of Cavendiſh.—Mary, daughter of William Pooley, Eſq; of Boxſtead in Suffolk.

Sir Henry Colt---Bridget, daughter of Sir William Kingſmill, of Hampſhire.

George Colt, ---Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Dutton, Eſq; of Glouceſterſhire.

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† The Truſſbuts were a family of good account. Agatha Truſſbut was wife of William de Albiney, Earl of Suſſex, and lord of Riſing caſtle: ſhe paid King John, at Lynn, in his chamber, an 100 marks of ſilver, (a fine for his being in arms with the rebellious barons) on Tueſday after the feaſt of St. Dennis, in the 18th year of that king,—Teſte Rege ap. Lenn, 11 Oct.——This was but 8 days before the king's death.

[a] In the 10th of Edward I. John Truſſbut levied a fine, to Benedict, prior of Shouldham, of the advouſon of the church of Shouldham, All Saints.——Fin. L. 2. N. 129.

Richard Truſſbutt, [b] occurs in the 7th of Edward III.

John Truſſbutt, captain of the Hobelars in the Scotch wars, *Anno* 16, Edward III.

In the 2d year of Henry VI. [*d*] a fine was levied between Laurence Truſſbut of Shouldham, querent, Henry Warner of Watlington, and Alice his wife, deforcients, of one meſſuage, 41 acres of land, 14*s.* rent in Watlington, Rungton-Holme, Wallington, Thorpland, &c. conveyed to Laurence and his heirs——*Fin. L.* 1 *N.* 5.

Thomas Truſſbut [*e*] of Rungton-Holme, Eſq; by his will, dated the laſt day of December, 1451, deſires to be buried in the church of St. James of Holme-Rungton, by the grave of his father, Laurence; his ſon John and his heirs to have the manor of Tytelſale-Hall, in Holme, and his manor of Shingham; his ſon William, to have his lands and tenements in Shouldham; to Alice his daughter, 100 marks; to Agnes his daughter, 40*l.* to Alianor his daughter, if a nun, 10*l.* but if ſhe marry 40*l.* Alice his wife, John his ſon, and John Fincham, executors. His ſon Hugh, when at age, to have his lands, &c. in Sechithe, Weſt-wynche, &c.——Proved November 6, 1452. *Regiſt. Aleyn. Norw. in Archiv. Regiſt. Norw. P.* 2. *fol.* 163.

John Truſſbutt [*f*] died in or before the 30th of Henry VI. in that year, Elizabeth, his widow, occurs wife of Nicholas Gyrlyngton.

Thomas Colt, Eſq; [*g*] who married Jane, daughter and heir of Truſſbut, was a great favourite of King Edward IV. and one of his council, ſon of Thomas Colt of Carliſle; he died in or about the 13th of that king, and his widow Jane, was ſoon after married to Sir William Parr, with whom ſhe lived but a few months, dying on Monday before the feaſt of St. Laurence, in the 13th of Edward IV. and left John, her ſon and heir, in ward to Sir William, who in the firſt of Henry VII. had livery of the lordſhip of Titleſhale in Holme, &c.———Thomas Colt was of Greys-Hall, in Cavendiſh, in Suffolk.

In the church of Cavendiſh [*h*] was to be ſeen the arms of this George, argent, a feſs between 3 colts currant, ſable, impaling Mac Williams——*p.* bend, gules and argent, 3 roſes in bend counterchanged, quartering in the 2d quarter,———a bend cottiſed——,Engliſh; in the 3d,——a chev. between 3 . . . . . Gaſtenthorp, and in the 4th, Mac Williams.

William Truſſbut of Erpingham, in Norfolk, a juror on an inquiſition taken 19, Edward I.

The chapel of Holme is dedicated to St. James, and is an old building, having a nave and a chancel built of rag ſtone and covered with reed; at the eaſt end of the nave, which is about 52 feet in length, lies a marble grave-ſtone, but the braſſes are all reaved, probably in memory of Laurence Truſſbut, Eſq; at the weſt end is a four-ſquare tower, the lower part of rag ſtone, and quoins of free ſtone, the upper part, (where it has decayed) is of brick and embattled, in which hang 3 bells. The chancel is ſeparated from the nave by an old ſcreen, and is about 24 feet in length, and 15 in breadth; on the pavement, near the north wall, lies a marble grave-ſtone, with this ſhield [*Plate.* 1. *Fig.* 16.] quarterly, argent, a croſs patonce, azure, between, 4 ſtars pierced, gules, in the firſt and 4th.--Webb. . . . . 3 pallets . . . in a bordure . . . . . 8 roundles, in the 2d and 3d quarter. . . . "Here under lieth interred the body of Lloyd Webb, "ſon of Thomas Webb, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife, who departed this life the "30th day of April, *Anno Salutis*, 1712. *Ætatis ſuæ* 16."—A little higher on the ſaid pavement, a marble ſtone with this ſhield, [*Plate. I. Fig.* 17.] &c.——— Argent, a lion rampant, reguardant, ſable, armed gules——Jenkin, impaling--ermin on a cheveron engrailed, ſable, 3 cinqfoils, argent,——Hatfield.

Sub hoc marmore, jacent reliquiæ
Suſannæ Henrici Jenkin
Rectoris hujus eccleſiæ
Uxoris dilectiſſimæ.
Sed pars ejus multo optima,
Certè in gremio Dni. repoſita eſt.

Hujus

☞ **The references in this page allude to thoſe in the preceding one of the pedigree of the Truſſbuts.**

Hujus interim dicta, factaq;
Laudatiſſima memorare,
Marite lugenti volupe eſt;
Sed probibent lacrimæ.
Quàm verè pia, ſine ulla pietatis affectione,
Quàm pauperum amans
Cæteriſq; virtutibus erat ornatiſſima,
Præ dolore mitto dicere, ſed revelabit Deus.
Familiam ejus ſi inquiris lector,
Haud ea magna eſt,
Sed honeſta, ſed virtutibus nobilitata;
Filia ſc' erat natu maxima
Dno. Gulielmi Hatfield,
Inſignis ſane probitate viri;
Senatoris olim Lennenſis
Ac mercatoris haud quotidiani;
Obiit An. Dni. 1713 *Jan.* 7,
Ætatis ſuæ 46.
Quin et in hoc tumulo conditi ſunt
Henricus filius, duæq; filiolæ,
Quarum utraq; (alia poſt aliam)
Saracæ nomine nominata eſt.

In a ſmall ſquare marble ſtone near the middle of the area.

R. I.
S. .T P.
Obt. Apr. 7. *Æt.* 70.
S. I. } { *R. I.*
Nov. 17. } { *Decr.* 22.
Infantes Utriq; tenelli,
1727.

Againſt the ſouth wall is a little mural monument of ſtone, ornamented with cherubims, and the arms of Jenkin as before, and on a black marble tablet in the centre, in letters of gold;

S. M.
Rev'di admodùm Roberti Jenkin
S'tæTheolog. pro Dnâ. Margarettâ
In academiâ Cantabrigienſi,
Profeſſoris;
Omni laude digniſſimi
Et collegii Divi Johannis Evangeliſtæ,
Præfectii,
Vigilantiſſimi, ſpectatiſſimi;
Qui doctrinæ, pietatis, religionis
Ornamentum fuit illuſtre;
Exemplar venerabile,
Vindex fideliſſimus.
Et uſq; vixit
Monumentum perpetuum.
Obt. 7*mo. Die Aprilis,*
Ano. } *Dni.* 1727.
} *Æt.* 70.

This, as has been obſerved, is a chapel in the pariſh of Rungton, but had antiently the privilege of burial and baptiſm. The image of St. Chriſtopher in this chapel, is mentioned in the will of Simon Parch, [k] alias Tyler, in 1442.

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[k] Regr. Doke P. 214.

Laurence Truſsbutt, [l] father of Thomas Truſsbut, Eſq; was here buried, as appears from the will of the ſaid Thomas, dated in 1451, near the tomb of his father Laurence. The ſaid Thomas gives a legacy to the light ſuper le Rowell, appoints his anniverſary to be kept on Monday in Eaſter week, and mentions a chapel in his own houſe at Rungton-Holme.

Roger Lane, rector of Rungton, buried here, 1488.

On the 3d of June, 1631, I find John Pollock [m] inſtituted to this chapel, or church, on the death of Joſeph Alliſon, rector of Rungton, and preſented by Robert, Earl of Warwick, and on the 31 of May in the ſaid year, Thomas Eales was inſtituted rector of Rungton, but I find only this ſingle inſtitution.

THORPLAND,

A ſmall hamlet now belonging to Rungton aforeſaid, but formerly a village, or townſhip by itſelf; in *Domeſday Book*, called Torplanda, and Torp: the greateſt part of it was in the hands of Hermerus de Ferrariis, lord of Wirmegay, [a] at the ſurvey, and held before by Turchetel. Bordinus held under Hermerus, one carucate of land, 5 villains, 2 borderers, 20 acres of meadow, always one carucate in domain, and formerly one amongſt the tenants; at the ſurvey, 2 oxgangs, &c. 80 ſheep, paunage for 10 hogs, a church endowed with 6 acres, valued before the ſurvey, in all, at 30*s.* but now at 20*s.* it was one leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* to the gelt, when the hundred was aſſeſſed at 20*s.*—— Hermerus had alſo ſeized on 8 freemen who held 20 acres, and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 12*d.*——In the ſame, were 8 cuſtomary tenants belonging to the lords fold, valued at 10*s.*——Alſo 28 acres valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* beſides 30 acres which Godwin, a freeman held, who afterwards became an outlaw. Hermerus had with this 3 acres of meadow, one carucate of land, 2 beaſts for burden, 6 hogs, 40 ſheep, 4 carucates of corn, &c. and has given ſurety for theſe and other effects.

SYBETON-HALL.

THE poſſeſſions of Hermerus abovementioned deſcended to the lords Bardolfs, and became part of the honour of Wirmegey. In the reign of Henry III. when an aid was granted him on the marriage of his ſiſter to the emperor, [b] Nicholas de Sybeton held the 9th part of a fee here, of the aforeſaid honour, and Hamon de Sybeton granted by fine in the 44th of the ſaid king, his manor here, and that of Wallington, with lands in Stow, &c. to Mr. William de Clare and his heirs, to be held of Hamon and his heirs. In the 3d of Edward I. Geffrey de Thorpland held it, and claimed the lete, aſſize of bread and beer, gallows, all forfeitures, &c. but in the 9th of Edward III. Adam, ſon of John of Watlington, held a meſſuage and 40 acres of land here of John de Thorpland, by the ſervice of 2*s.* *per. ann.* In the 5th of Henry VI. Sir John Colvil was lord, and in the 17th of the ſaid king, he ſettled this manor on a chantrey which he founded in [c] the church of Newton in Cambridgeſhire. At the diſſolution it was granted to Thomas Mildmay, and in the 30th of Elizabeth, Sir Thomas Mildmay conveyed it to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; and ſo it came into the Warwick family, (as may be ſeen in Wallington) and by the marriage of Eſſex, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert, Earl of Warwick, to Daniel Finch, Earl of Nottingham, who ſold it to Philip Bell, Eſq; who gave it to his Nephew, Philip Bell, Eſq; (younger brother to Beaupré Bell, Eſq; of Outwell) whoſe ſon died lord, and left a ſon and heir, now a minor.

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[l] Regr. Aleyn. p. 163.

[m] Lib. Inſt. 1631.

[a] Terre. Hermeri de Ferrariis, Torpelanda ten. Bordin. 1 car. terr. qua. ten. Turchetel. t. r. e. ſemp. v. vill. ii. bord. xx acr. pti. ſemp. 1 car. in d'nio. tc. 1 car. hom. mo. 11 bov. ſemp. iiii an. tc. xxiiii. ov. mo. lxxx. tc. ix. porç; mo. x. 1 eccles. vi. acr. tc. val. xxx. ſol. mo. xx. hec tr'a hab. 1 leug. in long. et iiii. qr. in lat. et redd. xiiii*d.* de gelto Regis de xx*s.*—Invaſ. Hermi. &c. In Torplanda viii lib. hom. de xx acr. et' ii acr. pti. val. 12*d.*—In ead. 8 conſuet. ad falda. ſui anteceſſor. et val. x*s.* adhuc 28 acr. val. 2*s.* 8*d.* adhuc 30 ac. q. ten. Godwinus lib. ho. qui poſt utlegavit, et hab. Hermer. 3 acr. pti. 7, 1 car. 7, 2 runc. 6 porc. xl. ov. et iiii carr. de blato, 7 inde dedit vadem. 7 de aliis rebus.

[b] Teſt. de Nevil.—Fin. L. 1. 8. N. 8.——Rot. Hundr. 3 Ed. III.—Eſch. 9. Edw. III.

[c] Eſch. 17 Hen VI. N. 29.

ESTON-HALL.

IN the reign of Henry III. Sarah de Eſton was found to hold lands here [d] of the honour of Wirmegey, by the fourth part of a fee. Jeffrey de Eſton held it in the 20th of Edward III. and by a roll of the honour of Wirmegey, made in the ſaid reign, it appears that he had liberty of a fold, a windmill, and a right of driving beaſts into the fen, performing homage, and fealty, ſuit of court, caſtle-guard, and wayt fee, 12*d.* at St. Michael and Eaſter, to the ſaid honour.——Nicholas Beaupré, in the 11th of Richard II. aliened to the nunnery of Crabhous, a meſſuage and 33 acres of land here, and in Wygenhale and Tilney—*Eſch.* 11 *Richard* II. *N.* 108.——In the 3d of Henry IV. William Hunt was lord, after this it came to the Gawſels, and Thomas Gawſell, of Wallington, Eſq; died lord in 1500: from the Gawſells it was conveyed to the Coningſbys, Gawdys, &c. to the Earl of Nottingham, and Bell, as will be ſhewn in Wallington.

Beſides theſe two lordſhips, in the 3d of Edward I. the prior of Weſtacre, and the prioreſs of Crabhouſe, were found to hold the 3d part of a fee, of the gift of Alexander, ſon of Reginald de Thorpland, of the honour of Wirmegey: on the diſſolution, this was granted to Mildmay, who conveyed it to Gawdy; and ſo was united with the aforeſaid lordſhips. The temporalities of the prior of Weſtacre here and in Wallington, in 1428, were valued at 22*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and their ſpiritualities here, at 20*s.*

ABBOT of BURY's MANOR.

THE abbot of St. Edmund's Bury, at the ſurvey, had a freeman who [c] held 4 acres, of whom he had the protection only. St. Bennet, (that is, Ramſey abbey) had the ſoc, it was valued at 8*d.* This was part of the abbot's manor of Rungton abovementioned.

The temporalities of the prior of Shouldham, here and in Wallington, in 1428, were valued at 14*s.* 3*d.* The tenths of this village and Wallington, were 1*l.* 13*s.* Deduct 6*s.* 8*d.* Remain 1*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

The church or chapel which was here, has been in ruins two, or near three centuries; that there was one at the conqueſt and endowed, I have already obſerved; and that it was ſtanding in 1434, appears from the will of Thomas Foſton of Carboiſthorp, who gives to the church of Thorpland 3*s.* 4*d.* and in 1488, Roger Lane, rector of Rungton, bequeaths to the church of St. Thomas of Thorpland, the ſame ſum; the chapel or church of Wallington, after this, ſerved both places, for their publick worſhip, till about 140 years paſt. After that fell, the church of Rungton, and ſince the fall of that, theſe hamlets are obliged to go to the church of Holme. On the death of Sir Francis Gawdy it was found that he died ſeiſed of the rectory of Thorpland. It is ſaid to be appropriated antiently to the priory of Weſtacre, and the prior had a manſe with 12 acres: it was valued at 20*s.* Peter-pence. 9*d.*

WALLINGTON,

CALLED in *Domeſday Book* Wallinghetuna, (that is a town with mounds or walls of earth [a] fencing it againſt the watry meadows.) Hermerus ſeized on it, being in the Conſeſſor's time the poſſeſſions of Turſtin, a freeman, who had an

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[d] Inquiſit. temp. Hen. 3. Teſt. de Nevil. Inquis. 20 Edw. 3.

[c] Terr. Abbat. de S'co Edmo.—In Torp. 1. lib. ho. iiii acr. ſed com'dat. ta't. 7 Sc's Ben. ſocam val. viii*d.*

[a] Invaſion. Hermeri de Ferrariis—In Wallinghetuna ten. Turſtinus lib. ho. t. r. e. c. acr. et xv p'ti. val.

an hundred acres of land, and 15 acres of meadow, valued at 12*s*, and was only under protection; here was a church with 26 acres, valued at 16*d*.——In the ſame were ſeven freemen in the Confeſſor's time who held 60 acres, valued at 14*s*. *per ann*. of ſix of theſe Hermerus's predeceſſor had the protection only, and † Guert the earl, had it of the ſeventh, valued at 20*d*. and Hermerus ſeized on this freeman: the whole is 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 6*d*. to the gelt; over all theſe St. Bennet, (Ramſey abbey) has the ſoc.

Roger Bigot (Earl of Norfolk) had alſo 30 acres of land, which Huſgarla, a freeman, held in the Confeſſor's time, and Hugh holds it of Roger, valued at 3*s*. this part was ſoon after in the hands of the deſcendants of Hermerus, and held by the Bardolphs, lords of Wirmegey, and with the foregoing parts made up the manors of Sybeton-Hall, and Eſton-Hall in this village.

SYBETON-HALL.

WHAT has been ſaid of this hall in Thorpland, will ſerve alſo in this town, being poſſeſſed by the ſame lords, and paſſed (as is there obſerved) through ſeveral hands, till it came to Philp Bell, Eſq; as above.

ESTON-HALL.

THIS alſo paſſed (as has has been mentioned in Thorpland) from the family of Eſton, to William Hunt, who was lord in the 3d year of Henry IV. and afterwards came to the family of the Gawſells.———Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; died lord of Eſton-Hall, in this village and Thorpland, as appears from [*b*] his will, dated September 14, and proved November 17, 1500; with lands in Carboiſthorp, Wymbotſham, Stow, Foſton, Eaſtwinch, Wygenhale, &c. and gave lands in Fordham, Helgey, Denver, Riſton, Roxham, Upwell, Outwell, and Tilney in Norfolk, and Littleport in Cambridgeſhire, to Richard, a younger ſon. And Elena * Gawſell of Wallington, widow of the aforeſaid Thomas, by her will dated on the feaſt of St. Clement, 1504, and proved June 3, 1507, gives to John Gawſell, her eldeſt ſon, the manors of Wallington and Thorpland, and Woodleves in Fordham. In the 16th of Henry VIII. Thomas Gawſell, (ſon of John) and Catherine his wife, convey their manors of [*c*] of Wallington and Thorpland to William Coningſby, Eſq; (one of the juſtices of the King's Bench, in the 32d of the ſaid king) ſon of Sir Humphrey, who was made juſtice of the King's Bench, May 21, in the firſt of Henry VIII. deſcended from Roger de Coningſby, lord of Coningſby in Lincolnſhire, in the reign of King John.—Sir Humphrey was ſon of Thomas Conignſby, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Thomas Coningſby, Eſq; of New Solers in Shropſhire, who lived in the reign of Edward IV. William Coningſby, Eſq; aforeſaid, (who firſt ſettled here) was father of Chriſtopher Coningſby, Eſq; who was ſlain in the firſt of Edward VI. at the battle of Muſcleborough in Scotland, and left by his wife Ann, daughter of Sir Roger Woodhouſe of Kimberley, 3 daughters and coheirs; Elizabeth the eldeſt, was married to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; who in her right became lord of this place, and Thorpland; he was the 3d ſon of Thomas Gawdy, Eſq; of Harleſton in Norfolk, by his 3d wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, or (as ſome ſay) Oliver Shyres; in the 30th of Elizabeth, he was ſerjeant at law, and queen's ſerjeant, May 17, 1582, and in the 20th of the ſaid queen, bought of Sir Thomas Mildmay, the manor of Sybeton in this town; in 1589, he was made a judge of the King's Bench, and Auguſt 25, 1605, chief juſtice of the common pleas, being then a knight: he died of an apoplexy at Serjeant's Inn, London, before he

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xii*s*. in hoc com'dat.--Eccla. xxvi acr. val. xvi*d*.—In ead. vii. lib. hom. t. r. e. lx acr. val. xiv. ſol. de ſex hab. ſuus anteceſs. com'dat. tant. et de vii. Guert Comes, val. xx*d*. Iſtum invaſit Hermerus. Tot. hab. iv. quar. in longo, 7. iii in lato, 7 redd. vi*d*. de gelto; in illis omnib; hab. Sc's. Ben. ſoc.—In Walinghetuna xxx ac. tre ten. Huſgarla lib. ho. t. r. e. mo. ten Hugo, ſemp. val. iii. ſol.

† Guert was King Harold's brother.

[*b*] Regiſt. Cage, Norw.—Regr. Ryx, Norw.

* William Kekill was lord in or about the reign of Edward IV. as appears from old evidences, and left a daughter Ellene, who probably was wife of, and brought it to this Thomas Gawſell.

[*c*] Fin. Term. paſch. N. 34.

he had ſate a year in the ſtation, and was buried in the neighbouring church of Rungton.—Sir Henry Spilman ſays, that having this manor, &c. in right of his wife, he induced her to acknowledge a fine thereof, [d] on which ſhe became a diſtracted woman, and continued ſo, to the day of her death, and was to him for many years a perpetual affliction; he had by her an only daughter and heir Elizabeth, married to Sir William Hatton, who died alſo without iſſue male, and left a daughter and heir Frances, brought up with her grandfather the judge, and was ſecretly married againſt his will to Sir Robert Rich, (afterwards earl of Warwick) ſon of Robert, Earl of Warwick. The judge being ſhortly after made Lord Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, (at a dear rate, as was reported) was ſuddenly ſtricken with an apoplexy, and dyed without iſſue male, ere he had continued in his place one whole Michaelmas term, and having made his appropriate pariſh church a hay-houſe, or a dog-kennel, his dead corps being brought from London to Wallington, could for many days find no place of burial, but growing very offenſive, he was at laſt conveyed to the church of Rungton, and buried there without any ceremony, and lyeth yet uncovered (if the viſitors have not reformed it) with ſo ſmall a matter as a few paving ſtones.——And indeed no ſtone or memorial was there ever for him, and if it was not for this account it would not have been known, that he was there buried.

This village with that of Thorpland, thus brought by Judge Gawdy's grand-daughter into the Warwick family, on the death of Robert, Earl of Warwick, (who left 3 daughters and coheirs) came by marriage of Eſſex, the 3d daughter, to Daniel Finch, Earl of Nottingham, who ſold it to Philip Bell, Eſq; from whom it came to Philip Bell, Eſq; his nephew, whoſe ſon was late lord, &c.——The hall is the only houſe now ſtanding; the town was depopulated by Judge Gawdy, who had a park here.

PEDIGREE of the CONINGSBYS.

[a] Thomas Coningſby of New-Solers in Shropſhire, *temp.* Edward IV.

Thomas Coningſby 2d ſon—Catharine, daughter of . . . Waldyffe.

[b] Sir Humphrey Coningſby—. . . . daughter and heir of . . . Feriby, of Knight, and judge. | Lincolnſhire.

1. [c] William Coningſby, judge,—. . . . daughter of . . . Thurſby *temp.* Henry VIII. | of . . . and Lynn, Norfolk.

2. Thomas Coningſby, from whom Thomas, late Earl Coningsby was deſcended.

Amplicia—married Sir John Tindale, Knight of the Bath.

Magaret—Robert Allington, Eſq; ſon and heir of John Giles. 2dly to Thomas Pledger, Eſq; of Botleſham, Cambridgeſhire.

[d] Chriſtopher Coningſby,—Ann, daughter of Sir Eſq; *temp.* Edward I. | Roger Wodehouſe, afterwards wife of Thomas Ragland, Eſq;

1ſt Elizabeth,—Sir Francis Gawdy. daugther and coheir.

2. Amy—Clark of Hampſhire.

3. Ann—Alexander Balam, Eſq; of Beauford-Hall in Emneth, Norfolk.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir.—Sir William Hatton, alias Newport.

Frances, daughter and heir.—Robert Rich, Earl of Warwick.

Coningſby bore gules, 3 coneys ſejant, argent, in a bordure ingrailed, ſable.——Gawdy, argent, a tortoiſe, paſſant, vert.

† She is ſaid to have brought to Sir Robert Rich 10,000*l.* *per ann.*

[a] Deſcended from Rr. de Coningſby lord of Coninſby in Lincolnſhire *temp.* King John.

[b] Judge of the King's Bench, An. 1. Henry VIII.

[c] Judge of the King's Bench, Ano. 32. Henry VIII.

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[d] Hiſt. of Sacrilege, P. 251.

The church of Wallington was dedicated to St. Margaret, and is now in ruins; nothing being ſtanding but the tower, which is owing to its being profaned by Judge Gawdy; that it was ſtanding in 1509, appears [e] from the will of John Hale of Wallington, who bequeaths his body to be buried in the church yard of St. Margaret.—And Chriſtopher Coningsby of Wallington, Eſq; by his will dated July 20, in the firſt of Edward VI. and proved April 9, 1548, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of Wallington. That it was formerly a diſtinct pariſh, appears from its endowment in the Conqueror's time, when there belonged to it 26 acres of glebe land; but in 1416, it is called a chapel belonging to Rungton. In Edward the firſt's time it was called a rectory in the patronage of the abbot of Bury, belonging to Rungton, valued with it, and paid Peter-pence, *7d.*

SHOULDHAM.

SO called from a ſhallow little ſtream of water, that runs through the town, thus Scole, Sculthorp, Scoulton in Norfolk, &c.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had a grant of a lordſhip held by Turchill, in the reign of the Confeſſor, containing a carucate and 6 acres of land, 3 villains, 7 borderers, 3 ſervi, 2 carucates [a] in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, &c. 6 acres of meadow, &c. 4 cows, &c. 120 ſheep, 3 ſkeps of bees, with the moiety of a fiſhery. Two ſocmen belonged to it with 10 acres, valued then at 60*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* and 6*d.* here were alſo, in the Confeſſor's time, 10 free men with 30 acres, who were only under protection, and Rainald had them, with half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued then at 6*s.* at the ſurvey at 16. Wihenoc (a dependant of Rainald) had ſeized on them for his maſter, and Ralph held it under Rainhald.

This lordſhip, with others, came (as I have obſerved) to the earls of Clare, and Glouceſter.

SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

GEFFREY Fitz-piers, Earl of Eſſex, held it of the honour of Clare, in the reign of King John, and on his founding a priory in this town, ſettled it on that houſe, and the prior was found in the reign of Henry III. to hold here and in Watlington one knight's fee, and the moiety of a fee of the earl of Clare.

In the 3d of Edward I. it appears that the prior claimed many royal privileges, and in his 9th year a writ was directed to the barons of the exchequer, reciting that the maſter and priors of the order of Sempringham, (of which order this convent was) had many privileges granted to them, by the king's predeceſſors, and had been diſturbed in uſing them, on this account the barons are ordered to have their charters read, and allowed in court.

On the diſſolution of this priory, it came to King Henry VIII. *Anno* 1539, and remained there ſome time; in the 34th of that king, the rent of aſſiſe of this manor was 10*l.* 16*s.* *per ann.*—Perquiſites of court 2*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*—Lands farmed let at 18*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*—Foldcourſe—16*l.* *per ann.*

King Edward VI. *An.* 7, May 6, granted it to Thomas Myldmay, Eſq; of Moulſham in Eſſex, and Sir Thomas Myldmay, his ſon, ſold it January 12, *An.* 30, Elizabeth, to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, &c. as in Wallington, and came by his grand-daugther to Robert Rich, Earl of Warwick. In 1632, Sir Thomas Barrington, Baronet, Sir William Marſham, and Sir Nathaniel Rich, truſtees of the ſaid earl, conveyed it to Sir John Hare, Knight, of Stow Bardolf, in which family it remains, Sir George Hare, Baronet, being the preſent lord, in 1763.

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[e] Regr. Coppinger Norw. P. 37. Regr. Wymer Norw. P. 51.

[a] Terra Rainaldi filii Ivonis—Sculdeham ten. Turchillus, t. r. e. 1 car. tre 7 vi ac. mo. ten. Ran. tc. iii vill. mo. v. tc. vii. bor. mo. vii. ſemp. iii. ſ. tc. 7 p. ii. car. in d'nio. mo. i. dim. car. ho'um. ſilv. xx por. vi ac. p'ti. tc. i. r. tc. iii an. mo. vi. tc. xvi por. mo. iii. tc. cxx. ovs. mo. cxxvi. 7. iii. vaſa apu'. 7 dim. piſc. huic man. jacent ii. Socham. de x ac. tc. val. lx ſol. mo. xl. 7*s.* vid. huic etiam jacent x libi. homines t. r. e. de xxx ac. com'datione tantu' 7 tenet ide' ſep. dim. car. 7. ii ac. p'ti. tc. val. vi ſol. mo. xvi. hos invaſit Wihenoc.

TRUSSBUT's and COLT's MANOR.

RALPH Lord Bainard, at the ſurvey, had a grant of a lordſhip, on the deprivation of Ailid, a free woman, who was alſo deprived of many other manors.—This conſiſted of 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, 14 villains, 2 borderers, 4 ſervi, 10 acres of meadow, 3 parts of a mill, and a fiſhery, &c. [b] 6 cows, 60 ſheep, &c. two churches endowed with 73 acres, valued at 6*s.* 1*d.* the whole valued at 7*l.*—In the other Shouldham, which ſhews that here was Shouldham *Magna* and *Parva*, Ailid had 2 carucates in demean, 8 villains, 7 borderers, 4 ſervi, 10 acres of meadow and a ſalt pit †; one carucate among the tenants, &c. 60 ſheep, then valued at 100*s.* at the ſurvey at 8*l.* 15 ſocmen belonged to it with 24 acres, and half a carucate, valued above. All Shouldham is one leuca long, and half a one broad, and pays 12*d.* at a 20*s.* gelt.

This was the largeſt, or the chief lordſhip of this town, and on the rebellion of William, Lord Bainard, againſt King Henry I. being forfeited, came after to the earls of Clare, and was held of them by Jeffrey Fitz-piers, Earl of Eſſex, and ſo came to Shouldham priory.—Roger Truſsbut had an intereſt in it in 1255.

By the inquiſition taken in the reign of Henry III. Adam de Boteſoy, John, ſon of Adam, Robert de Bokenham, &c. held lands by knight's ſervice of the prior; after this John Truſsbut had an intereſt, and gave the church of Shouldham, All Saints, to the prior; and John, ſon of Adam de Fincham, and Thomas Rede, ſell to Nicholas Truſsbut of Shouldham and Iſabel his wife, lands and meſſuages; John Lok and John Rede, burgeſſes of Lynn, conveyed meſſuages to them with many lands, and 8*s.* rent. Thomas Truſsbut, * Eſq; dying in 1451, left it to his ſon William, who dying *ſ. p.* it came to Jane his niece, daughter and heir of John Truſsbut, his elder brother, who married Thomas Colt, Eſq; and George Colt, Eſq; in the 29th of Elizabeth, ſold it to Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; who ſoon after conveyed it to Judge Gawdy, and ſo came to the earl of Warwick, and to Sir John Hare, and was united to the priory manor.

SHOULDHAM's MANOR in SHOULDHAM and in MARHAM.

ABOUT a mile ſouth eaſt of the town of Shouldham, ſtands an antique hall of free ſtone, the ſouth part of it is in the pariſh of Shouldham, and the north part of it in Marham. This was the antient ſeat of the old family of De Shouldham, lords of this manor; Sir William de Shouldham was lord in the 34th of Henry III. William de Sculdham [c] gave by deed, *ſans* date, with the conſent of his ſon Richard, lands in Wigenhale to Bury abby. The abby of Caſtleacre had 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of Simon, ſon of Hugh, ſon of Roger, ſon of Jeffrey de Sculdham, confirmed to them by Simon, Biſhop of Norwich, about 1260. This Simon was a knight, Walter, biſhop of Norwich, about 1250, gave licence to him and his heirs to have a free chantrey in his chapel, founded by conſent of the prior and convent of Weſtacre, patrons of the vicarage, and rectors of Marham; by Claricia his wife, he was father of Hugh de Sculdham, lord in the reign of Edward I. From a curious roll in vellum, illuminated, and with the arms of Shouldham—azure, an eagle diſplayed, or, membered, &c.—it appears that Matilda [d] was then relict of this Hugh; in 1301, ſhe was buried

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[b] Tre. Rad. Bainardi—Sculdeham ten. Ailid t. r. e. ſep. 11 car. in d'nio. tc. 11 car. houm mo. 1. 7 dim. tc. xiiii villi. mo. xv. ii. b. mo. xii. tc. iiii. ſ. ſep. 7. x ac. p'ti. 7 tres part. mol. 7. 1 piſc. tc. 11. r. mo. 1. tc. vi. an. tc. xvi por. mo. viiii. tc. lx ovs. mo. l. 11 eccle. lxxiii ac. 7. vi ſol. 7, 1*d.* tc. val. vii lib. 7 mo.—In alio Sculdeham ten Ailid 11 car. in d'nio tc. viii vill. mo. vi. tc. vii bor. mo. vi. tc. iiii. ſ. x ac. p'ti. 7. 1. ſalina. ſep. 1 car. houm. tc. 11 r. 7. xv por. 7. lx. oves mo. nichil. tc. val. c. ſol. mo. viii lib. huic man. jacent xv ſochem'. de xxiiii ac. ſep. dim. car. 7 ſunt in ſup'ior. cenſu. Totum Sculdeham ht. 1 leug. in long. 7 dim. in lato, 7 reddit xii*d.* de xx. ſol. de gelto regis.

† This ſalt pit probably was at Lynn, where this lord had a ſalt pit.

* Of the Truſsbuts ſee in Rungton-Holme.

[c] Reg. Sacriſt de Bury, fol. 53.—Regiſt. Caſtleac. —Regiſt. Norw. 10. f. 93.

[d] Evident Dni. Hare.

in the church of Marham, and the prior of Shouldham received half a mark, (in right of his church of Shouldham, All Saints) as a principal (or mortuary) for her.

In the reign of Edward II. *An.* 9, Reyner de Sculdham was lord. Alice his wife died 1336, when the prior received of Richard, ſon of Reyner, for Alice his mother, (buried at Marham) an horſe as a principal, ſhe dying in the manſion houſe of Reyner, and in the limits or pariſh of the church of All Saints, aforeſaid, which limits (as is expreſſed) reach from a moiety of the ſaid houſe, or meſſuage towards the ſouth; and in the 29th of Edward III. the ſaid Richard is called late lord of Shouldham, deceaſed, and left a ſon called Richard, ſon of Richard; Richard the father dying *An.* 18 Edward III.

In 1413, John Shouldham was lord, and performed homage to the prior, in the chapter houſe of the priory, on Sunday before the feaſt of St. Simon and Jude, in theſe words,—" Her I become yoman from this tyme forth, and truth ſhall you " bear, and never arme again you in land of peace, nor of werr, for lands and tene- " ments which I cleyme to hold of you be knyhtes ſervice, ſo help me God and " holy *Dom.*"——This John was one of thoſe gentlemen of antient coat armour, who were returned to ſerve King Henry V. in his wars, *An.* 7.

Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, (by Beatrix his wife;) he lived at Watlington, and was there buried: by his will, dated Auguſt 30, 1467, he gives [*e*] this lordſhip to Margaret his wife for life, with the manors of Burnhame Depedale and Watlington, and on her death to Hugh his ſon, the manor of Watlington.——Margaret his wife, and John Fincham executors. Thomas Schuldham of Marham, Eſq; his ſon and heir, married Ela, daughter and coheir of William Narburgh, of Narburgh, Eſq; who afterwards married Henry Spilman, Eſq; and died lord: his will dated January 1471, proved in April 1472. Thomas his ſon, by Ela, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Thurkington, Eſq; of Huntingdonſhire: by his will, made Auguſt 28, 1514, proved September 28 following, gives to his wife 10*l.* *per. ann.* out of the manor of Narburgh for life, and the 3d part of his manor of Marham; appoints her, John Spilman his brother, and John Fincham executors, [*f*] and Sir Philip Tilney, Knight, ſuperviſor; and was buried in the priory of Pentney.

John his ſon, ſucceeded, who was found to die November 20, in the 1ſt and 2d of Philip and Mary, and was buried at Marham, [*g*] leaving 3 ſons, Humphrey, Edward and William, Humphrey the eldeſt, aged 40.

Humphrey married in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, Anne, daughter of William Yelverton, Eſq; of Rougham, and dying in 1566, left Anne his daughter and ſole heir, who married John Steward, Eſq; ſon of Simeon Steward of Laknigheath in Suffolk, which John died in the 2d of James I. on February 16, lord of this manor, and left iſſue, John, Lord of Braughing in Hertfortſhire, aged 22; Francis his ſon, married Roberta, daughter and coheir of Richard Hoo, of Scarning in Norfolk, Eſq; and was father of Hoo Steward, Eſq; who conveyed this lordſhip, as I take it, to the Bedingfields.

The will of Humphrey aforeſaid, is dated March 20, 1560; proved March 23, 1566; [*h*] mentions therein his brother William, and uncle William Shouldham.

Daniel Bedingfield, Eſq; and Edmund Bedingfield, recorder of Lynn, were lords; Edmund dying, *ſans* iſſue, gave it to his nephew Chriſtopher Bedingfield, Eſq; of Wighton, who leaving 3 daughters and coheirs, conveyed it to Sir Thomas Hare, Baronet, of Stow.

In ſome old writings the town is called Market Shouldham, and there was a conſiderable grammar ſchool. In 1462, the biſhop granted to John Elvedon, L.L.B. the maſterſhip of it. There are two fairs kept yearly for horſes, cows, &c. on September 8, and Michaelmas day, old ſtile.

The 10ths were 8*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 2*l.* The lete was in the Hares of Stow, the fee 2*s.*

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[*e*] Reg. Betyns, Norw. f. 137—Regr. Jekkes.—f. 100.

[*f*] Regr. Spirling Norw. & Regr. Bruſyard fol. 328.

[*g*] Regr. Wilkins. f. 56.

[*h*] Regr. Byrcham Norw.

SHOULDHAM PRIORY.

THE Priory [g] of Shouldham was founded by Jeffrey Fitz-piers, Earl of Eſſex, and dedicated to the Holy Croſs and the Bleſſed Virgin, for a prior, canons, and nuns of the order of St. Gilbert of Sempringham, who endowed the ſaid houſe with the manor of Shouldham and its members in Caneham, Wyrham, Wrotton, Boketon, Stokeferry, Carboyſthorp, Foſton, Stradeſet, Totenhille, Watlyngton, Wallyngton, Bekeſwell, Fordham, Welle, Wygenhale, Seche, Sadlebowe, Clenchwarton, Low and Wrangle, excepting 120 acres of demean, arable lands, a capital meſſuage with gardens, a park, and paſture for 100 ſheep, and 10 cows, the homage and ſervice of his free tenants in Shouldham, which he kept in his own hands; and by the conſent of John, biſhop of Norwich, he alſo gave and appropriated to them the churches of All Saints, and St. Margaret's in Shouldham, the churches of Carbyſthorpe, Stokeferry and Wyrham, with their appertenances, which he held of Richard, Earl of Clare. The original deed of gift being in Dugdale's Monaſticon Anglican. I ſhall not here tranſcribe, but only obſerve that the witneſſes to it were Hubert, arch biſhop of Canterbury, biſhop of Norwich, Walter, abbot of Waltham, Roger Bigod, &c. by which it appears that it was founded before the year 1201, in which year Walter the abbot died.

This Jeffrey married to his firſt wife Beatrix, eldeſt daughter and coheir of William de Say, ſon and heir of William Say and Beatrix his wife, daughter of William, and ſiſter to Jeffrey Mandevile, Earl of Eſſex, in whoſe right the ſaid Jeffrey Fitz-piers, (the family of Mandevile being extinct) was, on the coronation of King John, created earl of Eſſex, and held many great lordſhips; Maud the other ſiſter (and coheir) of the ſaid Beatrix, being married to William de Bocland. This Jeffrey was a perſon of great power and authority in that age, and chief juſtitiary of England, and dying on the ſecond of October, 1212, was buried in this priory, where, on the foundation of it, he had removed the body of his wife Beatrix, who died in child-bed, and was buried at firſt in the priory of Chickſand in Bedfordſhire.—His character in hiſtory is agreeable to his ſtation: his death is ſaid to be the general loſs of the whole nation, being a firm pillar thereof, generous and ſkillful in the laws, and allied to all the great men of England, either in blood or friendſhip, ſo that King John feared him above all mortals, for 'twas he that held the reins of government, and after his death, the realm was like a ſhip toſt in a tempeſt without a pilot. [h] Holingſhed ſays that this epitaph was inſcribed on his monument.

Hoc in ſarcophago ſepelitur Regis Imago,
Qui moriens, multum ſedavit in orbe tumultum
Et cui correcta dum vixit probra manebant,
Hunc mala poſt mortem timor eſt ne fata ſequantur.
Qui legis hæc metuens, dum cernis te moriturum
Diſcito quid rerum pariat tibi meta dierum.

The ſaid Jeffrey Fitz-piers, earl of Eſſex, gave to this priory in pure alms, [i] to find lights in the church of the priory, and wine to conſecrate the body and blood of our Saviour, 12 ſhops with rooms over them, in the pariſh of St. Mary of Colechirch in London. Jeffrey, ſon and heir, aſſumed the name of Mandevill, and was earl of Eſſex, and died *ſans* iſſue.———William de Maundevill, earl of Eſſex, ſecond ſon of the founder, [k] confirmed the gift of his father, and gave to this houſe all the meſſuage and demean lands, homages and ſervices of free tenants which his father reſerved and kept in his own hands, and was buried at Shouldham.

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[g] Dugd. Mon. Angl. V. 1. P. 703. 705.—Vol. 2. P. 820.

[h] Holings. P. 1071.

[i] Sciant p'ſentes et futuri quod Ego Galfridus filius Petri Com. Exceſs. dedi Deo et eccles. Ste. Marie de Schuldham et canon. et monial. ibidem Deo ſervientibus pro ſalute animæ meæ et pro ſalute anim. Regis Henrici et Regis Richardi et anim. patris et matris meæ, &c. in puram et p'petuam elemoſ. ad luminaria invenienda in prædictâ eccles. et ad vinum inveniend. ad conſecrationem Dom. corporis et ſanguinis, duodecim ſoppas cum ſoliis quas habui in paroch. Ste. Marie de Colechyrch ex oppoſito † ſoppar. inter venellam jacentem inter eaſd. ſopp. et prædict. eccles. de Colchyrch verſus occident. et venellam jacentem inter illas ſopp. et capellam beatæ Marie de Crinegehop verſus orient. Hiis teſtibus, Galf. de Boteler, decano eccles. Sti. Martini Lond. Willo. de Boteler, Hen. de Say, Joh. de Chanz, Rado. Claondon, &c.——Inter Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, Bti.

† Or Shoppar.

Roger, Earl of Clare, confirmed the ſame as capital lord of the fee, ſaving to himſelf and his heirs, the ſervice of one knight's fee and an half, and ſuit of court once a year at Clare, after the feaſt of St. Michael, by the prior or his attorney.—Witneſſes, Ralph Bucell, Geffrey, ſon of Laurence, Mathew Le Butler, &c.

Chriſtiana de Maundeville, Counteſs of Eſſex, [l] widow of William, Earl of Eſſex, gave to this houſe by deed, *ſans* date, a marſh at Wlferton, and 13 acres and one rood of land called Schepe land.

Hermerus de Bekeſwell, ſon of William de Bekeſwell, by deed *ſans* date, gave to this priory a tenement, which Walter, ſon of Jeffrey de Marham held of him in Schuldham.———Witneſſes, Hugh, dean of Fincham, Jeffrey Fitz-peter of Shouldham, Oſbert de Stradeſet, Walter de Wyrham, &c.———The patronage of this priory continued in the eldeſt branch of the founder's family, till the death of William de Maundeville, Earl of Eſſex, ſecond ſon of the founder, by his firſt wife, Beatrix, in the 23d of Henry III. who was buried (as his elder brother had been) in this priory; and then it deſcended to the ſecond branch of the founder's family, by his 2d wife Aveline, and his great grand ſon (by the ſaid Aveline) Richard, Lord Fitz-John dying, *ſans* iſſue, in France, in the 25th of Edward I. it came to William de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, who married Maud, eldeſt ſiſter and coheir of the ſaid Richard, as will appear more fully from the enſuing pedigree of the founder and his family.

In Wygenhale this houſe held 64 acres of paſture, which was given, at the diſſolution, by King Edward VI. to Roger Le Strange, and in Wygenhale, St. Peter's, they had a manor valued in 1428, at 10*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* *per ann.* which in 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary was given to John Perrot, Knight.

In 12th of Edward I. a fine was levied by which Richard de Brandon and Agnes his wife, gave to the prior of Schouldham, lands in South Lynn.

William Wygenhale aliened to the prior of Shouldham, 6 acres of land in Wygenhale, 20 in Stokeferry, one acre and 3 roods in Wyrham, one in Shouldham, and the rent of 6*s.* with the manors of Wigenhale, Stokeferry, Wretton, Wyrham, and Shouldham, alſo a meſſuage, and 30 acres in Wyrham, and a meſſuage and 34 acres in Shouldham.——*Anno* 6. Edward II.

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[k] Sciant Univerſi Chriſti fideles, &c. quod Ego Willi. de Maundevill Com. Exceſs dedi, &c. Deo et eccles beate Marie de Schuldeham, et s'cis monialibus et fratribus ear' clericis et laicis ibid. Deo ſervientibus, pro ſalute animæ meæ et Galfridi filii Petri patris mei et Beatricis de Say, matris meæ, et Galfridi de Maundeville fratris mei necnon pro ſalute animæ meæ et Mariæ uxoris meæ totum manerium meum de Schuldeham, cum omnibus terris et tenementis homageis et ſervitiis liberor' hominum meorum et libertatibus ſine aliquo retinemento quæ vel quas Galfridus, filius Petri Com. Exceſs. pater meus in manu ſua retinuit, et cum omnibus membris ad ejuſd. maner. pertinent. viz. Cavenham, Wyrham, Wrotton, Stokefery, Quittendon, Northwold, Boketon, Marham, Fincham, Stradeſete, Thorp, Foſton, Bekeſwell, Walyngton, Watlyngton, Totenhall, Sechyth, Fordham, Wigenhall, Sadlebow, Clenchwarton, Seche, Welle, Walſyngham, London, Wrangle, et Lenn, &c. Hiis teſtibus Dno. Humfrido de Bohun, Com. Hertfordie, Galfrido de Lucy, Willo. de Bellocampo, Jaco. de Calee, Hug. de Pincerna, &c.—Evid. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.

[l] Chriſtiana de Maundevill Comitiſſa Exſeſs. ſalutem.——Noveritis me in viduitate et pura poteſtate mea, &c. conceſſiſſe pro ſalute animæ meæ et animâ Will. de Maundeville quond—Dni. et viri mei totum mariſcum quod habui in - - - - - - de Wlferton cum paſtura ejuſd. et treſdecim, et 1 rod. terr. arab. vocat. ſchepeland. Evid. &c,

MAUNDEVILLE's PEDIGREE.

Jeffrey de Magnavilla— in the time of the Conqueror.

William de Magnavilla—Margaret, daughter and heir of *temp.* Henry I. Eudo Dapifer.

Geffrey de Magnavilla,—Rohesia, daughter Earl of Eſſex, *temp.* Stephen. of Aubrey de Vere, earl of Oxford.

Beatrix—William de Say.

William de Say.—

1 Arnold de Maundeville, baniſhed by King Stephen, and died *ſans* iſſue.

2 Geffrey de Maundeville earl of Eſſex, *temp.* Henry II. died *ſans* iſſue.—Euſtachia cozen to Henry II.

2 Chriſtiana, daughter of Robert, Lord Fitz-Walter.

3 William Maundeville— earl of Eſſex, died *ſans* iſſue.— 1 Avice, daughter and heir of William Le Groſs, Earl of Albemarle, and 2d Chriſtian, daughter of the Lord Fitz-Walter.

1ſt Beatrix, daughter and heir of—Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex,—2d Aveline William de Say. founder of Shouldham priory.

1 Mary —2 William Fitz-Piers, alias—2d Chriſtiana, Maundeville, Earl of Eſſex, his widow. died *ſans* iſſue, buried in Shouldham priory in 1227.

John Fitz-Geffrey—Iſabell, ſiſter of Hugh Bygot, Earl of Norfolk. lord of Berkhamſtede, and chief juſticiary of Ireland.

1 Geffrey Fitz-Piers, alias Maundeville, Earl of Eſſex, married † Iſabell, 3d daughter and coheir of William, Earl of Glouceſter, the divorced wife of King John, and died *ſans* iſſue; Iſabell afterwards married Hubert de Burgh, Earl of Kent.

John Fitz-John, Fitz-Jeffrey,— juſticiary of Ireland, died 42 Henry III.

1 John Fitz-John taken priſoner at Eveſham battle and his lands forfeited, and died *ſans* iſſue in 4 of Edward I.—Margery, daughter of Philip Baſſet juſtice of England.

2 Richard Fitz-John ſummoned to parliament as a baron, 23 of Edward I. died in 25 of Edward I.—Emma, after wife to the Lord Robert Montalt, which Lord Montalt was buried in Shouldham priory, and ſhe in the Church of Stradſet in Norfolk.

1 Maud—*William Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

2 Iſabell—Lord Vipount.

Iſabell—Lord Clifford.

Robert Clifford, coheir to Fitz-John.

Idonea— Leybourn, afterwards to John de Cromwell.

3 Aveline,—

Richard de Burgh, Earl of Ulſter.

4 Joan,—Theobald de Botiler.

*This William Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, who married Maud, the eldeſt ſiſter and coheir of Richard, Lord Fitz-John, is ſaid by Sir William Dugdale [*l*] to have two daughters, nuns, in this houſe, at his death, and the ſaid author aſſerts that Guy, eldeſt ſon to Thomas, Earl of Warwick, by his laſt will, dated 26 September, in the 33d of Edward III. gave the church of Necton in Norfolk, in his patronage, to be appropriated to the monaſtery of Shouldham, for the maintenance of Catharine and Elizabeth, nuns there, during their lives, and after their deceaſe, the ſaid houſe was obliged to find a prieſt to ſing divine ſervice, daily, for the ſouls of his father and mother, his own, his wife Philippa, Daughter of Henry, Lord Ferrers of Groby,

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[*l*] Dugd. Baron. V. I. p. 314. Dugd. hiſt. Warwickſ. p. 319.

† Hiſtorians differ about the name of this divorced queen, Grafton calls her Havvilla;—Baker, Avice;—Camden, Iſabell; and that the king ſold her for 20,000. marks to this Jeffrey.

Groby, and alſo for the ſouls of the ſaid Catharine and Elizabeth; but this is a miſtake.† Henry, duke of Warwick, dying in 1446, and his daughter and heir Ann, dying a minor, the patronage of this priory came to Richard Nevill, the great earl of Warwick, by the marriage of Ann, ſiſter and ſole heir to the aforeſaid duke; and after the death of this earl, Ann, his counteſs, conveyed (as I take it) the patronage of this houſe, together with many lordſhips to King Henry VII. in the 3d year of his reign, and it remained in the crown at the diſſolution.

This priory being of the order of St. Gilbert, it may not be improper to give ſome paſſant account of the founder and order. This Gilbert was born at Sempringham in Lincolnſhire, his father's name was Jocelinus, of Norman extraction, and having large poſſeſſions there, ſent his ſon into France for the improvement of his learning; and on his return home was preſented by his father to the churches of Sempringham in Lincolnſhire, and Tirington in Norfolk. After this he was chaplain to Alexander, biſhop of Lincoln, by whom he was ordained prieſt. About this time he became exemplary for his piety, deſpiſed all worldly honours, &c. and refuſed to be an archdeacon in the church of Lincoln. He flouriſhed in the reign of King Henry I. and in that reign began his order in this manner: ſeven young virgins, moved by his devotion, voluntarily left the world, and confined themſelves in a ſolitary habitation adjoyning to the north wall of the church of Sempringham, ſubmitted to his government, [m] and direction. Their apartment had but one door kept locked, their diet and relief they received in at a window; for the aſſiſtance of theſe, Gilbert appointed certain lay ſiſters, and for the outward ſervice of the houſe, certain lay brothers; from this beginning, this order encreaſed to many monaſteries; and Pope Eugenius appointed him the maſter or governor of the order. To aſſiſt him in the office of ſuperinſpection, he appointed clerks who were to take part of the care of the government of his nunneries, and this was the original of the canons of this order. Theſe canons were to live in a ſeparate habitation and never to have any acceſs to that of the nuns, unleſs for the adminiſtration of ſome ſacrament, and that before many witneſſes; but the ſame church was to ſerve for both.

Yet had they two rules; the canons that of St. Auguſtine, the nuns that of St. Benedict. This Gilbert is celebrated by monkiſh hiſtorians for his great abſtinence, ſanctity, and other auſterities of life, but yet he could not eſcape the cenſures and ſcandals of ſome of his own lay brethren, which indeed were unavoidable in ſuch a mixed ſociety and order; but his innocency and merit was certifyed by almoſt all the biſhops of England and by King Henry II. himſelf. He lived above an hundred years, and died in 1189, and was buried at Sempringham in the preſence of all the priors and prioreſſes of his order, ſeveral other abbots, and noble perſons, &c. Many miracles are by the Romiſh votaries ſaid to be wrought through his interceſſion: an enquiry into the truth of them was made at Sempringham in 1201, before certain commiſſioners appointed by Hubert, Biſhop of Canterbury, and after that by papal authority; the reſult of which was, the canonization of Gilbert, and the inſerting his name in the catalogue of the Romiſh ſaints in 1202.

This order maintained its credit for ſome time, but at length, theſe epicene or hermaphrodite monaſteries, (as they've been call'd) of men and women, ſo degenerated, that a poet ſays of them

Vix mulier quævis ſterilis reperitur in illis,
Donec eis ætas talia poſſe neget.

There's ſcarce a nun that's barren found,
'Till ſixty years ſhe's ſtood her ground.

The founder Gilbert being thus canonized, his order grew great, and ſwelled with ſingular privileges from temporal princes as well as the ſee of Rome. King John took all the houſes of this order, their men, ſervants, &c. into his immediate protection, made them free from all toll, tribute, &c. as appears by a very particular charter. Pope Innocent, by his bull, privileged them that they ſhould not be carried above two days journey from their own priory, by letters from the ſee of Rome, on any cauſe or account whatſoever, and Pope Lucius exempted them from the payment of tithe.

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† The rectory of Necton was appropriated to Weſt-acre priory, and not Shouldham, and the account is faulty.—See Necton.

[m] Dugd. Mon. Ang. V. 2. p. 669, &c.

Johan. Dei gratia Rex Angl. &c. Sciatis nos &c. cepiſſe in noſtram propriam manum cuſtodiam et protectionem, &c. domum de Simplingeham et omnes dom. ejuſd. ordinis, &c. et magiſtrum ordinis et omnes priores et canonicos et ſanct. moniales et fratres illius ordinis et homines eorum et ſervientes, terras, &c. quare volumus ut omnia tenementa ſua teneant bene et in pace, &c. et ſint quieti tam ipſi quam homines eorum in civitate et burgo, &c. et in omn. locis per totam Angliam et Normaniam, &c. de thelonis, &c. vectigalibus et tributis et Xeniis et exercitu et equitatu, &c. et de omnibus geldis, &c. fengeldis, &c. et fotgeldis et penigeldis, &c. de chevagio, &c. et de averiis ſuis in namium capiendis, &c. Silvæ eorum ad p'dicta opera vel ulla alia nullo modo capiantur. Habeant quoq; prædicti canonici et monial. et fratres curiam ſuam et juſtitiam cum ſaka &c. ordel et org; infra tempus et extra, &c. præterea concedimus, &c. ut cum magiſtri eorum obierint. &c. cura et cuſtodia p'dicti ordinis tam domorum quam grangiarum atq; eccleſiar. &c. in cuſtodia et regimine priorum ſit quouſq; ſummus prior illor. eligatur, &c. Prohibemus etiam ut nullus vir ſeu miniſter ſeu aliqua perſona, &c. infra elemoſynas ſuas hominem capere, verberare, ligare, interficere vel ſanguinem fundere, ſeu rapinam aut aliquam moleſtiam facere audeat, neq; averia eor. de terr. elemoſynæ ſuæ aliquis in namium capere p'ſumat ſup' foris facturam noſtram, non nativos vel fugitivos ſuos vel catella eor. aliquis detineat, non homines venientes ad molendina ſua impediat, ſed ſint quieti de omnibus conſuet. &c. excepta ſola juſtitia vitæ et membri, &c. neq; in placita ponentur niſi in præſentia noſtra vel hered. noſtror.——Teſtib; Willo. Comite Pembroch. &c. Dat. per manu Hub. Cantuar. Archiep. Cancellar. noſtri apud Rothomag. 7 die Sept. an. regni noſtri primo.——In. turre Lond. Antiq. Chart. faſiculo B. Charta 21.——*Innocentius Ep. &c. dilectis filiis——de Rievallis et - - - de Bellelandia abbat. Ciſterc. ordo. Eboracenſ. dioceſeos ſalut. &c. Gregorius p. p. predeceſſor noſter et nos poſtmodum ad inſtar ipſius, magiſt. et fratribus ord. de Sempringham ne ultra duas pluresſve dietas a domu ſua per literas apoſtolicas trahi poſſint in cauſam duxerimus miſerecorditer indulgendum, nonnulli tamen ad principalem domum de Sempring. et magiſt. et fratres ejuſd. tantum apoſtol. indulgent. p'dictam interpretantur, illam reliquis dom. et fratr. præd. ord. non prodeſſe, &c. Nos authoritate literar. noſtrar. decernimus quod ead. indulgentia ad omnes domos priores et fratres ipſius ord. ſe extendit, &c. Quo circa diſcretioni veſtræ, &c. mandamus quatinus præfatos magiſt. et priores et fratres non permittatis contra conſtitut. noſt. ſup. hiis ab aliquibus indebite moleſtari, moleſtatores, &c. per cenſuram eccleſiaſt. appellatione poſtpoſita compeſcendo, non obſtante conſtitutione de duabis dietis edita in concilio generali. Dat. Lugdun. 8 Kal. Julii pontif. noſtri ſexto.*——Inter collection. Pet. Le Neve, Armig.

Lucius epiſ. ſervus, &c. Venerabil. fratribus Cantuarienſ. Archiepiſco. et univerſis Epiſcopis per Angliam conſtitutis ſalut. &c. Significârunt nobis dilecti filii noſtri canonici et moniales ord. de Sempringham quod cum eis ſicut fratribus Ciſtercienſ. ord. indultum ſit de Clementia ſedis apoſtol. ut de laboribus ſuis quos propriis manibus vel ſumptibus excolunt nemini decimas ſolvere teneantur, quidem eccleſiaſtici viri capitulum pravâ et ſiniſtrâ interpretatione pervertunt, &c. Et ſic contra privilegium ſedis apoſtol. p'dicti canonici et moniales decimar. exactione gravantur. Quia igitur horum interpretatio ab intellectu noſtro et aliorum qui id ſane intelligere volunt eſt penitus aliena, cum ſecundum capitulum illud a ſolutione decimar. tam de terris quas deduxerunt vel deducunt ad cultum, quam etiam de terris cultis quas ipſi propriis manibus vel ſumptibus excolunt liberi ſint et immunes fraternitati et diſcretioni veſtræ per apoſtol. ſcripta mandamus quatinus a prædictis canon. et monial. qui in epiſcopal. vel parochiis veſtris conſiſtent de laboribus vel de terris ſuis quas propriis manibus vel ſumptibus excolunt, nullatenus exigatis nec ab aliquibus exigi permittatis, &c. Si qui autem clerici vel laici contra privilegia ſed. apoſtol. eos decimar. exactione gravaverint laicos excommunicationis ſententiâ percellatis et clericos contradictione et appellatione ceſſante ab officio ſuſpendatis, et tam excommun. quam ſuſpenſionis ſententiam faciatis uſq; ad dignam ſatisfactionem, inviolabiliter obſervari.——Dat. Velletr. 15 Kal. Julii, &c.

The prior had a charter for free warren, in the 33d of Henry III. in all his demean lands.——The nuns of the church of St. Mary, of Shouldham, had a confirmation of their privileges 38 Edward III.

14 Edward I. Walric Le Merchand of Thorp, and Alice his wife, gave by fine to Benedict the prior, lands in Shouldham, and Garboiſthorp by fine.

Thomas, vicar of Fincham, aliened to the prior 28 acres of moor in Wolfreton, *An.* 15 Richard II. The nuns had temporalities in Norwich, and taxed 4*d. ob. q.* for tenths 1428.

Alice Brown, late wife of Richard Brown, merchant of Norwich, left by will to the repair of the nuns church, and place at Shouldham, in 1464, 5 marks——*Regiſt. Cobald Norw. fol.* 68.

But theſe mighty privileges could not ſcreen them from that general diſſolution in the reign of Henry VIII. for on the 15th of October, [a] 1539, Robert Swift the prior, with 9 canons and 7 nuns, ſurrendered this houſe into the king's hands, valued then at 171*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* as Speed, and as Dugdale, 138*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

On their diſſolution John Holme, John More, and Richard Fuller, canons, confeſſed and were found to be incontinent.——Joan Plumſtead, *peperit ante introitum*—Marg. Pemberton *peperit ex presbytero. Compend. Comportor.*

At which time the king was pleaſed to grant penſions to them for their annual ſubſiſtence, and in 1533, [b] here remained in charge theſe, *viz.*

Laurence Ruſſell, prieſt, dwelling in Great Bircham, Norfolk, a white frier in Shouldham, unmarried, hath a penſion of 4 marks paid him yearly, alſo 4*l.* *per ann.* for ſerving the cure of Bircham, beſides his meat and drink.

William Thorp, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

Elizabeth Fincham, 5*l.* *per ann.*

Joan Plumſtead, 2*l.* *per ann.* dwelling in the pariſh of St. Margaret in Norwich, lately ſupprioreſs of Shouldham, living continently; this penſion is paid to her at two terms in the year by equal portions, and hath nothing beſides the ſame penſion to live upon, and is reputed and taken to be a good catholick woman.

Jane Derham, 2*l.* *per ann.*

Margaret Pemberton 2*l.* *per an.*

Catharine Digby, 2*l.* *per ann.*

Margaret Skewer, 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* dwelling in St. Peter's at Manſcroft, in Norwich; one of the ſiſters of Shouldham.

Fayth Smith, dwelling in Fakenham, Norfolk, unmarried, lately a nun in Shouldham, hath 2*l.* *per ann.* paid her, and is a catholick woman.

This priory being thus ſurrendered into the king's hands, it remained in the crown till King Edward VI. on the 6th of May in the 7th year of his reign, ſold (as has been obſerved) the manor of this town, and the ſcite of this diſſolved priory, with all the meſſuages, granges, &c. belonging to it in Shouldham, for 1049*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* ½. to Thomas Myldmay, Eſq; and by Sir Thomas his ſon, it was ſold in the 30th of Elizabeth, to Gawdy, and ſo deſcended to the earl of Warwick, and came to Sir John Hare, as is already ſhewn; Sir George Hare, Baronet, being the late lord and owner.

PRIORS.

[c] William occurs prior in the 35th of Henry III.

Richard, prior about the end of the ſaid king's reign.

[d] Benedict occurs prior in the 14th of Edward I.

Robert de Syvington occurs prior July 10, 1387, when a deed was ſigned by him for a penſion of 23*s.* 4*d.* to the biſhop of Norwich, on appropriating the church of Caſter Trinity.

[e] Nicholas Feriby occurs in 1413: a cauſe then depending between this prior

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[a] Burnet's hiſtory of the reformation, Vol. I. B. 3. P. 136. Steph. Addit. to Monaſt. V. 1. P. 28.

[b] Certificat. de Penſion. Mſs. Miſcell. in regiſt. Princ. Norwic. P. 25. Willis, hiſt. of abbies. V. P. 151.

[c] Copy of Derh. Abb. Ledger Book, penes Magiſt. Tho. Martin de Pagrave, Suff.

[d] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

[e] Lib. Inſtit. Norw. hoc an.

and the rector of Fincham, St. Michael, about a penſion of 40*s.* *per ann.* due to the priory.

Thomas occurs prior, 1439.

[*f*] Hugh Hull occurs in 14 of Henry VI. as appears from a deed bearing date on Sunday before the feaſt of St. Simon and Jude, in that year.

[*f*] John occurs prior in the 14th, and 34th of Henry VI.

[*g*] John Wenham in the 34th of Henry VI.

John occurs prior, (5 of Edward IV.) of St. Mary's of Shouldham.

[*h*] Thomas Santon occurs in 1479; and in 1493, Thomas Prior preſented to the church of Fincham, St. Michael.

[*i*] John Edmond, on the 18th of February, 1502, he being then prior, was inſtituted into the rectory of Fincham, St. Michael, preſented by the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, and died in 1504.

[*k*] John Bray occurs in the 9th of Henry VIII. as appears by a deed dated 10 of July in that year.

[*k*] Robert Swift occurs in the 24th of Henry VIII. and was the laſt prior, he ſurrendered it with 9 canons and 7 nuns, October 15, 1534.

Anna, occurs prioreſs 1453.

[*k*] The ſeal of this priory was oblong, of red wax, the impreſs was of the Bleſſed Virgin, (as I take it) ſtanding on the right ſide of the ſhield, and on the left an angel with his right wing elevated above his ſhoulder, and the left wing depreſſed, having a ſcroll before him, (probably the words of the ſalutation) the legend——*Sigillum prioris et conventus de Suldham.*

CHURCHES appropriated to this PRIORY.

Shouldham All ſaints; out of this a penſion of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* was paid to the biſhop of Norwich, and John Truſſbut conveyed by fine to Benedict the prior, *An.* 10, Edward I. his intereſt therein.

Shouldham St. Margaret; the ſame penſion paid here.

Wigenhale St. Peter's; a mediety and the ſame penſion paid.

Stoke All-Saints; the ſame penſion paid.

Wyrham; the ſame penſion paid.

Carlton St. Peter's; a penſion of 12*s.* *per ann.* paid by the biſhop.

All theſe churches were given to this priory by the founder, and appropriated to this houſe by the biſhop of Norwich.

Stanford; the rectory appropriated in 1301, the gift of William de Mortemer [*l*] of Attleburgh, and a vicar was then ſettled, whom the prior and convent preſented, and the biſhop of Norwich nominated.

Fincham St. Martin; the rectory appropriated to this houſe in 1350, [*m*] and a vicar was ſettled, and a penſion to be paid by the prior and convent of 26*s.* and 8*d.* *per ann.* to the biſhop, the vicar to be preſented by the prior and convent; this was, as I conceive, the gift of the Lord Bardolf.

Caſtor Holy Trinity, in Flegg, appropriated in 1387, on July 10, given by the Lord Bardolf, and a vicarage ſettled, to which the prior preſented, and the biſhop nominated.

The temporalities of the prior and convent in Shouldham, were valued at 90*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* *ob.* in the year 1428, and the ſpiritualities in Shouldham All-Saints, and St. Margaret, at ſixteen marks and an half.

The ſum of all their ſpiritualities and temporalities in the county of Norfolk, was valued in the ſaid year at 181*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* *q.*

The ſpiritualities of the abbot of Weſtminſter, a portion of tithe here, in 1428, 1*l.* 10*s.*

[*f*] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.

[*g*] Regiſt. Abbat. Rameſ. p. 124, penes Dom. Tho. Hare Btu.

[*h*] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.—Lib. Inſtit. Norw. hoc anno.

[*i*] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

[*k*] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare Bti.

[*l*] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

[*m*] Lib. Inſtit. Norw. an. 1350.

Hugh, ſon of Roger de Suldham, by deed, [n] *ſans* date, gave to the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, an acre of meadow in Suldham, in a field called Midlehallmere, toward the weſt, near a field which was William, Earl of Mandevile's.——Witneſſes, Jeffrey, ſon of Peter de Suldham, Walter, ſon of Jeffrey de Marham.——Simon, Biſhop of Norwich, 1165, confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre, two parts of the tithes of the demean of Simon, ſon of Hugh, Roger, ſon of Jeffrey, Roger Truſſbut, Thomas de Greville, William, ſon of Lambert, of the land of Theobald.

Nicholas, prior of Caſtleacre, and John, prior of Shouldham, [n] agree on the 1ſt of November, in the 5th of Edward IV. that whereas formerly the houſe of Shouldham was wont to pay to that of Caſtleacre, the yearly rent of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for certain tithes as well great as ſmall, in Shouldham, Wyrham, Buketon, and Stanford, which they had of the ſaid prior of Caſtleacre, from the time that no man remembers; by this agreement, the houſe of Shouldham was only to pay the yearly rent of 4*l.* and to be exempt from paying the remainder, 13*s.* and 4*d.*

SHOULDHAM ALL SAINTS.

AT this time there is but one church ſtanding in Shouldham, at the eaſt end of the town in the fields, which, as I conceive, is the church of All Saints. It conſiſts of a nave, in length about 69 feet, and in breadth about 24, and on the ſouth ſide of this nave is a ſmall chapel, about 15 feet in length, and 10 in breadth, in a window there are ſome remains of this ſhield——[*Plate* I. *Fig.* 18.] ſable, a feſs dauncette, between 3 mullets pierced, argent,—Weſenham.—This chapel was probably dedicated to the Virgin Mary, for mention is made of that [o] chapel in the church of All Saints in Shuldham in 1504. At the eaſt end of this nave is the chancel, about 34 feet in length, and about 25 feet in breadth; the roof of this is of oak, as is that of the nave, which is boarded between the ſpars, and covered with reed. At the weſt end of the nave ſtands a four-ſquare broad tower of rag ſtone, &c. with which the church is built, coped with quoins of free ſtone, and embattled with brick; in this tower hang 4 bells.——On the top of the weſt wall of the church yard, near the tower, lye ſeveral large grave ſtones, probably brought from the abby, at, or ſince the diſſolution, and ſerving for coping ſtones to preſerve the wall; on theſe are the inſignia of a knight templar, the croſs pattée on the head of a ſtaff.

The church was appropriated, as has been obſerved, to the priory of Shouldham in the reign of King John; and in the beginning of King Edward I. reign, we find that the prior then held it and received all the tithes as well great as ſmall from 60 houſes belonging to it, the houſes of Simon de Dulyngham and Stephen de Schuldham being excepted, out of whoſe demeſnes the prior of Caſtleacre took two garbs, and the prior of Shouldham the 3d garb. Peter-pence, 8*d.*——It was then valued, together with the church of St. Margaret, and Caſtleacre portion, at 16 marks. In 1603, Richard Hariſon ſerved the cure, when there were 192 communicants here, and in Garboiſthorp, alias Shouldham Thorp.

St. MARGARET's SHOULDHAM.

THE ſcite of this church is at preſent unknown, it is probable that it fell about the diſſolution of the priory: that it was ſtanding in 1519, appears from the will [p] of John Ryches, who bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Margaret at Shuldham, dated 1 March, in the ſaid year. This church was alſo appropriated to the priory and convent, who received all the tithes great and ſmall. Both the churches were ſerved by one of their canons, or ſome ſtipendiary prieſt, till the diſſolution, when they came to the crown, and from King Edward VI. to Thomas Myldmay, after to Gawdy, Rich, and Hare; and Sir George Hare, as lord of Shouldham, &c. has both the impropriations, and finds a curate for the pariſh; it was valued with All Saints. Peter-pence, 6*d.*

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[n] Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 81, b. & fol. 138.

[o] Regiſt. Popye Norw. p. 533.

[p] Regiſt. Coppinger p. 35.

There were anciently in the church of Shouldham, (but which church is not mentioned) theſe ſhields and arms.

[q] Scales;—Beauchamp, quartering Clare, Nevill, and Montague;—Monthermer with a label, azure;——Sable a chevron, argent, quartereth the Lord Spenſer;——Azure, [r] an eagle ſpread, or, beaked, and ped. gules;——Argent, and gules, lozengle—Tudenham;——[ſ] Argent, a lion rampant, ſable, a mullet on his ſhoulder;——[t] Sable, a feſs dancy, between 3 mullets, argent;—Gyronne of 8 pieces, ermine and azure, Truſſbut;——Quarterly, azure and gules, on a bend argent, 3 boars paſſant, ſable—Gryſe.

SHOULDHAM-THORP.

IN the Grand Survey, or *Domeſday book*, it is called Carboiſthorp, from a clear ſtream of water or rivulet, ariſing here and running to Fincham, &c. thus Carbroke, and Bo Iſſe, a winding water, as Hobois, Boethorp, or Boeſthorp, &c.—— Hermerus de Ferrariis, (of whom ſee in Wermegay) had ſeized on 80 acres of [a] land, and 5 of meadow, poſſeſſed by 11 free men, and the moiety of another, with a borderer and 3 carucates valued at 17*s.* and the moiety of the church endowed with 16 acres, valued at 12*d.*

In the reign of Henry III. Alexander Le Moyne, or Monk, &c. held it of the Lord Bardolf, Baron of Wirmegey, and after them the Ruſſels. In the 9th of Edward II. Nicholas Ruſſel held it, and paid yearly, a pair of gloves. Ralph Ruſſel was lord in the 20th of Richard II. Nicholas Seman and John Sewel kept their court here in the 19th of Henry VIII. after this it came to the Harpleys; Thomas Harpley, junior, of this town, and Dorothy his wife, ſold it to the Gawſells. Thomas Gawſell and Richard Godbold, held their firſt court on April 10, *An.* 8 Elizabeth, and William Butts, gent. ſon and heir of William, kept his firſt court September 27, *An.* 11 Elizabeth.——William Butts, his father, married Urſula, relict of Richard Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, and preſented to that church in her right, in 1563.

William Butts, Eſq; by his will, dated March 21, 1624, was buried in this church near to his mother, his father being alſo here buried: on his death the eſtate came to his brother Leonard, who conveyed it to Sir John Hare, and lately poſſeſſed by Sir George Hare, Baronet.

Another part of Hermerus's fee was held by a ſamily that aſſumed their name from this town. In the 54th of Henry III. Walter de Thorp, conveyed to Gilbert de Thorp 2 carucates of land with lands in Bekeſwell, and in the 11th of King John, Emma Belet ſued Eda de Thorp for certain cuſtoms and ſervices, &c. and for finding a man 3 days in harveſt with meat and drink, to preſide over the reapers with his rod or wand.

Martin de Thorp, and Reginald his ſon, in the 7th of Edward III. ſold it to Adam de Fincham, with 2 meſſuages, 54 acres of land, 10 of paſture here, in Stradſet, &c. 11*s.* 7*d.* with foldages, homages, ward, &c. and John Fincham was lord in the 16th of Richard II. and then alienated lands here to Ely priory. Afterwards it came to Judge Gawdy, ſo to the earl of Warwick, Sir John Hare, &c. as above.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had at the ſurvey in this town called Thorp, one ſocman, [b] who poſſeſſed 2 acres valued at 3*d.*

This came to the earls of Clare, and was part of the priory manor of Shouldham.

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[q] Mſs. penes Joh. Anſtis. garter kg. at arms, mark'd E. 26. fol. 13. b.

[r] Arms of Shouldham.

[ſ] Arms of Walkfar.

[t] Weſenham

[a] Invaſ. Hermeri de Ferrariis—In Carboiſthorp. xi lib. hoes. 7 dim. lxxx ac. tre. 7. v ac. pti. i. bor. tc. iii. car. mo. ii. 7. val. xvii*s.* &c. dim. ecclie xvi ac. val. xii*d.*

[b] Tre. Renaldi filii Ivonis—In Thorp, 1 ſoc. ii ac. 7. val. iii*d.*

Ralph, Lord Bainard, [c] had a grant of the lands here and in Totenhill, which 22 free men and the moiety of another were deprived of, who held under Ailid in the time of the Confeſſor 110 acres, and a carucate in demean, valued at 40*s.* in the whole it was 4 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt, and Ralph claimed it by an exchange.

Of this Ailid ſee alſo in Shouldham. On the rebellion of William, Lord Bainard, againſt King Henry I. this lordſhip came after from the crown by grant, to the earls of Clare, and being held of them by Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, was granted to his priory of Shouldham. On the diſſolution of that monaſtery, it came with the priory to Thomas Myldmay, afterwards ſold to Judge Gawdy, ſo came to the earl of Warwick, and to Sir John Hare, Sir George Hare, Baronet, being the late lord.

The tenths were 2*l.* 16*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*——Temporalities of Shouldham priory, 8*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*——Of Wirmegay, 12*s.*——Lete in Sir George Hare, Baronet, fee 2*s.*——The church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, has a nave, and chancel covered with lead, the tower was at the weſt end, with 3 bells, and fell down in 1724; at the weſt end of the nave (which is about 49 feet long, and 21 broad,) lies a large marble grave ſtone, and had a braſs plate on it——*Orate p. aiab; Tho. Foſton et Margarete uxs. ſue nup. de Shouldham Thorp, qui diem clauſit extremum 21o. menſis Decemb. Ao. Dni* 1434.——By his will he gave 12*l.* to buy a halle ſowte of veſtments to ſerve to the honour of God, and ower bleſſed Lady. —I will that the image of our Lady in the church be new and gylted, and peynted with my goods, and at my coſt, and to the making a veſtry houſe in the church, 6*s.* 8*d.*——to our Lady's gyld 6*s.* 8*d.* to St. John Baptiſt's gyld 6*s.* 8*d.* and to All Saints gyld 6*s.* 8*d.*

Againſt the wall of the nave, at the ſouth eaſt corner, is a mural monument of ſtone, with the effigies of three children kneeling; over them——*Bleſſed are the dead which dye in the Lord*, and on the ſummit three ſhields; the firſt is azure on a chevron, between 3 eſtoils, or, as many lozenges, gules,——Butts; impaling——argent, a feſs dauncette, and in chief, 3 creſcents, gules,——Tyndal of Hockwold in Norfolk; quartering in the 2d quarter—or, a lion rampant, vel ſal. gules,——Felbrigg, of Felbrigg, Norfolk.——In the 3d ſable, an eagle diſplayed with two necks, gules, arms of the duke of Theiſe, as I take it: Sir Simon Felbrigg,——knight of the garter in the reign of King Henry V. married Margaret, daughter of the duke of Sileſia and Theiſe, and niece to the king of Bohemia, by whom he had Alana, his daughter and heir, married to William Tyndal, father of Thomas, whoſe ſon William was knighted, at the creation of Arthur, Prince of Wales, and declared heir of the kingdom of Bohemia, in right of Margaret, aforeſaid.——In the 4th quarter, gules, 3, 2 and 1, eſcallops, argent—Scales.—In the 5th—argent, 3 flowers de Lys, gules, Mundeford.——In another ſhield is the quartered coat of Steward, of which ſee in Marham, impaling, quarterly, in the firſt and 4, Butts, as before, in the 2d and 3d party per bend, argent and ſable, 3 flowers de lys in bend, counterchanged——Cocket.

The 3d ſhield is Butts impaling Cocket, and on the monument this inſcription——“ In this chancel lyeth buried, Jane, Ann, and John, three of the “ children of Thomas Steward, of Little Barton in Suffolk, Eſq; and Frances his “ wife, eldeſt daughter of William Butts of this town of Shouldham-Thorp in “ Norfolk, Eſq; deceaſed; the ſaid Jane was buried the 27th day of February, “ *An. Dom.* 1590; and the ſaid Ann, the 19th day of November, *An. Dom.* 1591, “ and the ſaid John, the 11th day of February, *An. Dom.* 1602.”——At the end of the nave lies a grave ſtone, thus inſcribed,——“ John Dawnes, gent. born “ at Outerborne, in Hampſhire, died June the 16th, 1722, in the 55th year of his age.”

The chancel is divided from the nave by a ſcreen, and is in length about 18 feet, in breadth, about 17.——On the pavement lies a little marble ſtone——“ Here “ lyeth the body of John Godfrey, the ſon of John Godfrey, Eſq; late of Hin“ dringham, who died the 28th of October, 1667, aged 3 months.”——Againſt the ſouth wall is a little plain black marble ſtone, in the centre of this is a ſmall piece of white marble, wherein is delineated the portraiture of a man on his knees, with a deſk before him, and the ſhield of Butts, impaling Coket, and this epitaph; “ Here under lyeth buried until his Redeemer cometh, who lived in his fear, and “ dy'd in his faith, the body of Thomas Butts, 3d ſon of William Butts of this “ town, deceaſed 1600.” The ſeats of this chancel are of good oak and carved.

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[c] Tre. Radulfi Bainardi——In Carboiſthorp, 7 in Tottenhella xxii lib. hoes. 7 dim. de cx ac. ten. Ailid .t. r. e. ſep. i. car. 7. val. xl ſol. tota hab. iiii. qr. in long. 7. iii in lat. 7. reddit. vi. de gelto. hanc reclam. p. eſcangio.

This church was given, together with the manor, by Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, earl of Eſſex, to the abby of Shouldham, and appropriated to it on its foundation; it was then a rectory, and had one carucate of land, valued at 10 marks—Peter-pence, 6*d.* Hermerus (as *Domeſday Book* informs us) had half of the church, &c. by which I underſtand an alternate turn in it, but his deſcendants quitted, moſt likely, their claim; for we find it given wholly to Shouldham, by the ſaid Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, and the church was ſerved by a canon of that houſe, or a ſtipendiary curate: the prior, &c. paid, about 1349, 13*s.* 4*d.* for the tenth of this church, granted then to the king, the priory being then, as it is ſaid, much impoveriſhed by mortality, peſtilence, and the leaving off of tillage; and the prior paid the ſame for tenths in 1424.

On the diſſolution of Shouldham abbey, this appropriated rectory came to the crown, and was given by King Edward VI. in his 7th year, to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; to be held by him in free ſoccage of the manor of Greenwich. After this it came to Francis Gawdy, &c. and went together with the lordſhip, as is above ſhewn; and Sir George of Stow Bardolph, Baronet, was impropriator and lord.

In 1603, Richard Harriſon was curate, and certified that here were 98 communicants, and was ſerved by him with Shouldham, for 13*l.* *per ann.*

TOTTENHILL,

WAS partly, as I take it, an hamlet to Weſtbrigg, and the manor of the Lord Bainard, of Garboiſthorp, extended into it, as may there be ſeen; this came afterwards to the earls of Clare, and Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, gave it to his priory of Shouldham. On the diſſolution, it was granted to Myldmay, then conveyed to Judge Gawdy, ſo to the earl of Warwick.

But the principal part of this hamlet belonging to Weſtbrigg, and there accounted for, was held by Hermerus de Ferrariis, on the expulſion of Turchetel, and being part of the barony of Wirmegey, was held after of the Lord Bardolf.

On the rebellion of the Lord Bardolf, it came to the crown, and was granted by King Henry IV. to Thomas Beaufort his brother, who was after duke of Exeter, ſo to William, Lord Viſcount Beaumont; and after his death, was in the crown, as in Wirmegay; and King Edward VI. in his firſt year, granted it to John, Duke of Northumberland, who had licence, in the 6th of the ſaid king, to convey it to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; and his ſon, Sir Thomas, ſold it in the 23d of Elizabeth to Judge Gawdy, and ſo deſcended to the earl of Warwick, and was after conveyed to Gregory Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, from whom it came to his niece Suſan, wife of Sir John Davis, of Bear Court in Berkſhire. Gregory Davis, Eſq; her ſon, inherited it, and dying in 1706, left 2 ſons, Gregory, who died a minor in 1710, and John Davis, Eſq; the preſent lord.

The inhabitants of this hamlet belonging to the pariſh of Weſtbridge, come to that church. In the beginning of the reign of King Edward III. Gilbert de Hethill, rector of Weſtbriggs, is called alſo—Parſona de Tottenhull, and in the eſchaet roll, *an.* 9, appears to have given to the prior of Wirmegay, 40 acres of land, 5 of meadow, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.* in Fordham, Hithe and Riſton, and at the ſame time he held alſo two carucates of land here of the Lord Bardolf, by the fourth part of a fee.

Tot, or Tut, is the name of a rivulet, and gives name to many places; thus, Tottenhill, and Tutbury in Staffordſhire, Tutwell in Warwickſhire, Tottington in Norfolk, Tottenham in Middleſex, &c.

SHINGHAM.

RALPH DE TONY had the grant of a lordſhip here on the expulſion of two freemen, [a] who poſſeſſed 80 acres of land, and a carucate, and was part of Tony's capital manor of Necton, in South Greenhow hundred.

The antient family of De Caldicote, lords of Caldicote, who held lands there of the aforeſaid Ralph's fee in that town, had an intereſt herein in the reign of King Stephen, and in the 16th of Edward I. William, ſon of Eudo de Caldicote, grants to Thomas, ſon of Stephen de Ware, ſeveral rents, ſervices and homages, held of him and his anceſtors, in Shingham, Caldecote, &c. In the 3d of Edward III. Stephen, ſon of Thomas de Ware, held rents here, of 44*s.* *per ann.* in Oxburgh and Caldecote, and in the 10th of Richard II. Richard Holdich held a lordſhip; and Thomas Fykes, in the 10th of Henry IV. held a court, as Sir William Calthorp did in the 4th of Henry V. but in the 16th of Henry VI. Hugh Methwold, and Alice his wife, conveyed by fine their right to Sir Thomas Tudenham, Knight, who being beheaded in 1461, and having no iſſue, Margaret, his ſiſter and heir, inherited it: the widow of Edmund Bedingfeld, Eſq; and Sir Edmund, her grandſon, were found to hold it *an.* 13 of Henry VII. In this family it remained till conveyed by Sir Henry Bedingfeld, Baronet, to Samuel Tayler, merchant, of Lynn Regis, in the reign of King George I. Andrew Tayler, Eſq; his ſon, died *ſ. p.* 1760, and left it to William Fowlks, Eſq; who married his ſiſter and coheir.

Beſides this ſmall fee, or lordſhip, there was another lordſhip that extended into this town, that of Well-Hall in Beacham-Well.

In the 10th of Richard I. William de Schengham appears, by a fine, to hold conſiderable lands here and in Well, and Sara, daughter of William de Scheiengham, claimed part of it in the 8th of Henry III. as her inheritance.

Henry, ſon of Walter de Shengham, held a meſſuage, 33 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 3*s.* and 4*d.* rent *per ann.* in the 3d of Edward I. of Gilbert de Well, and Maud his wife.

About this time, I find, by an old parchment roll, that this village lay partly in two hundreds, and that there were 60 dwelling houſes, (habitabiles manſiones) wherein perſons dwelt or inhabited in the hundred of Clackloſe, and 20 in that of South Greenhow, whereas at this time, there is only a farm houſe, and a little tenement; the farm houſe, being in the ſouth part of the old village, is in the hundred of South Greenhow, and the church and tenement in the north part, in the hundred of Clackloſe.

The earls of Clare, being the capital lords of this town, had always the patronage of the church, but on the death of Gilbert, Earl of Clare, who was ſlain at the battle of Bannocks-Burn in Scotland, in 1313, his great inheritance came to his 3 ſiſters and coheirs; Margaret, married firſt to Piers de Gaveſton, and after to Hugh, Lord Audley,—Eleanor to Hugh, Lord De Spencer,—and Elizabeth, to William Burgh, earl of Ulſter.

In the 20th of Edward III. John, ſon of Peter de Wells, and Edmund his brother, were found to hold the 4th part of a fee of the earl of Glouceſter, and the earl of the king, which Peter de Well formerly held.

After this it came to the family of the Truſsbuts, of whom ſee in Rungton Holme, and in Shouldham; Thomas Truſsbut, Eſq; ſon of Laurence, by his will, dated December 31, 1451, gives to William, a younger ſon, his lordſhip of Shingham, who dying *ſ. p.* it came to Jane his niece, daughter and heir of his eldeſt brother John Truſsbut, who brought it by marriage to Thomas Colt, Eſq; of Grey's Hall in Cavendiſh, Suffolk, one of the privy council to King Edward IV. in which family it continued, untill conveyed to the family of the Lovels, of Beacham-Well, who ſold it in the reign of King James I. to Thomas Athow, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, of Beacham-Well, and was conveyed by William Athow, gent. to Sir Simon Tayler of Lynn.

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[a] Tra. Radulfi de Toenio—In Scingham ii libi. hoes lxxx ac. tre t. r. e. tc. i car, mo. dim. et jac. in Naketuna.

Samuel Tayler, Eſq; merchant of Lynn, his ſon, was lord, who by Mary his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Stewart, was father of Andrew Tayler, Eſq; he dying a bachelor, in 1760, left it to William Fowlks, Eſq; who married his ſiſter and coheir.

Near to the church ariſes a fine ſpring, and from hence flows a ſtream or rivulet that ſeparates the hundred of Clackloſe, from that of South Greenhow, and empties itſelf into the river Wiſſy: probably its antient name was Schin or Shen;—Shengay is a town in Cambridgeſhire, Shenfield in Eſſex, Shenly in Hertfordſhire, &c.

The church is a very antique building of flint ſtone, &c. all of an equal height, without any additional chancel; part of the eaſt end of this church, being taken in with a ſcreen, ſerving that purpoſe, and without any tower, having an arch of ſtone on the ſummit of the weſt gable-end, where formerly hung a bell. It is dedicated to St. Butolph, and is a rectory valued in the kings books, at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and diſcharged. There belonged to it 20 acres of Glebe, and a houſe, but that is now deſtroyed.

Richard Fitz-gilbert, ſurnamed Criſpin, a kinſman to the Conqueror, anceſtor [b] of the noble family of the earls of Clare, having a grant of this lordſhip on the death of Rainald, ſon of Ivo, left it to Gilbert his ſon, who with Adeleidis his wife, grant by deed, *ſans* date, for the redemption of their ſouls, and of their anceſtors, to the priory of Caſtleacre, this church, the land of Edric the prieſt, the tithe of the mill of Welle, &c. this was probably ſome portion of tithe.

RECTORS.

Bartholomew de Walſingham, rector.——1328, Richard de Geiſtwayte on Walſingham's reſignation, preſented by the Lady Alianore Le D'Spencer.

John de Kerdiff, rector.——1344, John de la More, on Kerdiff's reſignation, by Hugh, Lord De Spencer.

In 1410, Nicholas Blaunch died rector.

Thomas Woodrofe died rector in 1540.——William Shimpling died rector.

Thomas Watſon, rector in 1557.

John Fox, died rector in 1624, the king then patron; in 1603, he returned 33 communicants.

Luke Sheen, rector in 1650.

William Conſtable, rector.

1706, Edward Hogan, by the king

1734, Mr.——Morehouſe, on Hogan's death, ditto.

1763, Mr. Forby, ditto.

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abby in 1428, were 7*s.* 6*d.*——Of Weſt-acre priory, 2*s.* 8*d.*

SOUTHREY.

THE Saxon King Edmund the elder, father of King Edgar, in his 3d year, gave this town to Theodred, who was biſhop of London, [a] and of Elmham in Norfolk, (or of the Eaſt Angles) and was called at that time Sutreia, or the South Iſland, in reſpect of Hilingeia, or Hilgey.

The ſaip biſhop, not long before his death, gave it to the ſecular clergy of Bury abby, before the new foundation of King Canute for Benedictine monks. Theodore flouriſhed about 940.

At the ſurvey, we learn, that it then was the lordſhip of that abby, conſiſting of two carucates of land, 13 villains, 7 borderers, and 5 ſervi, with 24 acres of [b] meadow, 2 carucates in demean, 11 among the tenants, &c. a fiſhery, &c. 31 cows, &c. 80 ſheep, 11 breeding mares, valued at 32*s.* at the ſurvey at 4*l.* was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt.

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[b] Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 51.

[a] Regiſt. Nigr. veſtiar. abb. Bur. f. 83.—Reg. Pinchbek f. 320 in Acad. Cantab.—Reg. albú. f. 21. penes Dnú Edm. Bacon Baronet.

[b] Terra Abbatis de S'co Eadmundo——Sutreia ii. car. tre. ſep. xiii. vill. 7. vii. bor. 7. v. ſer. xxiiii ac. p'ti. tc. ii. car. in d'nio. mo. iii. tc. ii. car. hom. mo. iii. i. piſc. iiii runc. xxxi animal. xi por. lxxx. ov. xi eque ſilvatice. tc. val xxxii ſol. mo. iiii lib. ht. dim. leu. in long. 7. iiii qr. in lat. 7. iii*d.* de g.

The abbot was alſo at this time lord of part of Hilgey, and of Fincham, Rungton and Thorp in this hundred—of Iſlington, and Middleton in Frebridge hundred—of Buckenham in Shropham hundred—of Quidenham, Norton, Gateſthorp, Snareſhill, Herling, in Gilcroſs hundred—of Wendling in Laundich hundred—of Marlingford in Fourhow hundred—of Buckenham in Blofield hundred—of Caſtor, Broc, Shoteſham, How, Poringland in Henſted hundred—of Thorp, Brockdiſh, Mendham, Herleſton, Starſton in Earſham hundred—of Titſhall, Giſſing, Shimpling, Briſingham, Raydon, Shelvanger, Frenge, Dickleburg, Semere in Diſs hundred—of Loddon, Brook, Mundham, Topcroft, Langhale, Kirſted in Loddon hundred—Tibenham, Thorp, Freton, Stratton in Depewade hundred—of Kirby, Hales, Norton in Clavering hundred.

The abbot had here, and in all his manors, royal privileges, by grant from the crown, and in Edward I's. time, it was appropriated to the office of the cellarer in the ſaid abby, by John de Northwold, then abbot.

At the diſſolution it came to the crown, and was given by King Henry VIII. on July 5, in his 36th year, with the advouſon of the church, to James Hawes, and ſo came to the Willoughbys, as in Hilgey, and on a partition of the eſtate of Sir Henry Willoughby, a moiety of it came to George Purefoy, Eſq; by the marriage of Catherine, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Henry, and another moiety to Sir Henry Grey, by another daughter and coheir; and I find Knightly Purefoy, Eſq; and Sir Henry Grey charged with the fee farm rent, 1*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*—and George Purefoy Eſq; preſented, 1670. In 1689, Willoughby Grey preſented to the church as lord, and in 1705, Mrs. Elizabeth Grey;—after this it came to Sir Thomas Aſton, Baronet, of Cheſhire, the preſent lord.

The tenths were 5*l.* Deducted 6*s.* 8. the lete fee, 3*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a very antique plain building, conſiſting of a nave about 50 feet long, and 20 broad, with a chancel, both covered with thatch; at the weſt end of the nave is a little four-ſquare tower of rag, and car ſtone with 2 bells, and a cap to it covered with tile. On the pavement by the pulpit, lies a grave ſtone with this ſhield in braſs—barry of 10, argent and gules, a chevron over all, or, Stokes;—and on a braſs plate———"Here lyeth the wife of William Stokes, late of Wyverſton in the county of Suffolk, gent. ſhe departed the 11th day of February, *An. Dni.* 1639, aged 81 years."

The chancel is ſeparated from the nave by an old wooden ſcreen, and is in length about 19 feet, and in breadth about 15, on the pavement lies a graveſtone with theſe arms———[*Plate I. Fig.* 19.] quarterly, gules, and vairy, argent and azure, over all a bend, or,—Conſtable, and thus inſcribed,—"Here lyeth the body of Robert Conſtable, who was rector of Southrey nineteen years and three months; he was the ſon of Thomas Conſtable, and Elizabeth his wife, late of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, London; he departed this life, the firſt day of October, 1689, in the 54th year of his age."

Againſt the ſouth wall of the chancel, is a ſmall mural monument with this ſhield; [*Plate I. Fig.* 20.] Nr. 3, argent, 2 chevrons, azure, in a bordure engrailed, gules, Tyrrell; and this epitaph:

Here reſts that juſt and pious Jane,
That ever hated all that's vayne;
Her zeal for God, made her deſire
T'have dy'd a martyr in the fire;
Or into thouſand pieces ſmall,
Been cutt to honour God with all.
Her life right vertuous, modeſt, ſober;
Ended the 7th day of October, 1638:
Her pureſt ſoul 'till the body riſe,
Enjoys heaven's peace in paradiſe.
Her virtues hid from common ſight,
Enforc'd her huſband theſe to write.
Johan. Tyrrell de Gypping in Suff.

RECTORS.

RECTORS.

[c] Inſtituted 1300, Peter de Caſteleyn, preſented by the abbot, &c. of Bury.

1335, Nicholas de Wiſebeach, preſented by the abbot, &c. of Bury.

1349, William de Lauſill.

Mr. John de Brandon occurs about 1380,

[d] Richard Smyth occurs rector in the 19th of Richard II.

Simon Dacke.

1419, John Goffe (on the reſignation of Dacke,) preſented by the abbot, &c. he held the church of Swathefield in the dioceſe of Norwich, and exchanged with Dacke.

1420, Alexander Collow (on the reſignation of Goffe) preſented by the abbot, &c. he held the church of Donyngworth, and exchanged with Goffe.

1420, William Barker, (on the reſignation of Collow) by the abbot, &c. he held the church of Sterſton in Norwich dioceſe, and exchanged with Collow.

1420, Robert Banyngham,—by the abbot, &c.

1421, John Cachero (on the reſignation of Banyngham) by the abbot, &c. he held the church of Kirkele, and exchanged with Banyngham.

1426, Thomas Marchall (on the reſignation of Cachero) by William, abbot of Bury, &c. he was rector of Bexwell, and exchanged with Cachero, and after this rector of Fincham, St. Michael.

1431, William Attemell (on the reſignation of Marchall) by William, abbot, &c. he was rector of Fincham, St. Michael, and exchanged with Marchall.

1435, John Tyrell Acolythe, L. L. B. on the death of Atwell, by William, abbot, &c. in 1436. - - - One John Tyrell was preſented by the abbot of Bury to Redgrave in Suffolk, in December 1436, probably the ſame perſon.

1436, Philip Long (on the reſignation of Tyrell) by William, abbot, &c.

1436, Thomas Turnour (on the reſignation of Long) by William, abbot, &c.

1438, Stephen Parker.

1457, Thomas Bullock (on the reſignation of Parker) by John, abbot, &c.

1460, William Hall L. L. B. on the reſignation of Bullock, by the abbot, &c.

John Wylde.

1463, William Sparwe, or Sparrow: he was rector of Mephale in the iſle of Ely, and exchanged with Wylde.

1490, Thomas Neele to St. Mary, Southrey, on the death of Sparrow, by Thomas, abbot, &c.

1511, Roger Whalley L. L. B. on the reſignation of Neele,—by William, abbot, &c.

1526, Richard Granger on the death of Whalley,—by John, abbot, &c.

1526, John Burie on the death of Granger,—by the abbot, &c. this church was at this time valued at 19 marks.

1532, William Percy on the reſignation of Burie,—by the abbot, &c.

1541, Robert Wylſey on the death of the laſt rector,—by the king: [e] this Robert was deprived in 1553, being married.

1554, Robert Peerſon, preſented by Henry Hawe, gent. on the deprivation of Wylſey, a married prieſt.

1554, Robert Morley.

1557, Thomas Diſſe S. T. P. on the reſignation of Morley,—by Henry Hawe, Eſq;

1559, William Suſan, on the death of Diſſe—by H. Hawe, Eſq;

George Longe A. M. occurs in 1562, vicar alſo of Stow-Bardolph. [f] *Presbyter conjugatus, doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in vicariâ ſuâ de Stow Bardolph, prædicat licentiatus, duo.*

Peter Tye; rector afterwards of Watlington, and Barton, St. Mary.

1578, Lionel Life, on the reſignation of Tye,—by Henry Hawe, Eſq;

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[c] Lib. Inſtitut. Norwic.——Regiſt. Curteys. ab. de Bury, penes Edm. Bacon Baronett.

[d] Fin. Suff. 19 Rd. II.

[e] Mſs. Miſcellan. in offic. regiſt. princip. Norwic.

[f] Parkeri certif.

1582, John Smith A. M.—preſented by Catharine Winter, widow.

1583, Thomas Everard . . . by Henry Hawe, Eſq;

1588, Robert Pearne, on the death of Everard,—by H. Hawe, Eſq;

1589, Jonas Steward A. B. on the reſignation of Pearne,—by Henry Hawe, Eſq; in his anſwer to King James, he obſerves, that there were in 1603, 94 communicants here.

1608, Charles Smith, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector,—by James Hawe, gent. aſſignee to Henry Willoughby, Eſq;

1625, Elijah Catlyn, A. M. on the death of Smith,—by James Hawe of Berney, gent.

1642, Samuel Hutton, A. M. on the death of Catlyn,—by Sir Henry Willoughby, Baronet.

1670, Robert Conſtable, A. M. on the death of Hutton,—by George Purefoy, Eſq; and Knightley Purefoy, gent.

1675, Roger Davies, A. M. by the king, on account of Conſtable's not reading the articles.

1685, Robert Conſtable *iterum*,—by Francis Pawlet, Eſq; Sir John Sidenham, Baronet, Sir Thomas Putt, Baronet, Edward Heade, Eſq; and Sir Henry Purefoy, Baronet.

1689, Girſholm Malcolm, by Willoughby Gray, Eſq;

1705, Samuel Lees, A. M. on the death of Malcolm,—by Elizabeth Grey ſpinſter.

1737, Cuth. Sewell, on Lees' death,—by Joſ. Sewell, Eſq; *hac vice*.

This rectory is valued in the king's books, at 7*l*. 10*s*.———Old valor was 19 marks. The rector had in Edward I's time, a manſe with 24 acres of land. Peterpence, 18*d*.

STOKE-FERRY.

THIS town ſtands on the river Wiſſey, which divides it from the hundred of Grimſhoe, on the London, and poſt road to Lynn, Downham, &c. in the book of *Domeſday*, it is wrote Stoches, not taking its name (as is thought by ſome) from ſtock, that is ſome wood; but from ſtow, a dwelling or habitation, and Ches, by the water; thus Cheſs, or Keſs, ſignifies, as Cheſwick, Cheſham-Bois, Cheſton, &c. all which anſwer to ſuch a ſite.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, [a] at the ſurvey, had the grant of a lordſhip which 4 freemen held under protection, and 12 acres, with their cuſtomary dues, and one freeman two acres.———Roger and Hugh, two ſockmen, had 74 acres, and eleven acres of meadow, valued in the whole at 20*s*. This was meaſured together with Werham, and joined in the payment of the gelt. Rainald's intereſt herein came after to the earls of Clare.

But the principal part of this town was held at the ſurvey by Ralph lord Bainard, which 13 freemen had held in ſoccage, and 6 bordarers, a fiſhery and 2 carucates, valued at 60*s*. the fourth part of the advouſon of a church endowed with 5 acres valued at 5*d*. and the right of another church endowed with 27 acres, valued at 27*d*. which he claimed by an exchange. All Stoke was 6 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 6*d*. ½ gelt.

The lord Bainard had alſo ſeized on 100 acres, which Ulchetel, a freeman, poſſeſſed in King Edward's time, 4 villains belonged to it, with 4 bordarers, and a carucate and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s*. this he laid claim to by an exchange.

William, Lord Bainard, forfeited his lordſhip by his rebellion in the reign of King Henry I. after this it was in the earls of Clare, probably by the grant of that king, to Richard Fitz-Gilbert, anceſtor of that family.

Out of theſe 2 fees, aroſe two manors, both held of the honour of Clare.

[a] Tre Rainaldi filii Ivonis—In Stoches iiii lib. hoes com'd. 7. om'i conſuetudine, de xii acr. 7. 1. lib. ho. de ii acr. In ead. tenent Rogerus 7. Hugo ii ſoc. de lxxxiv ac. ſep. 1. 7. dim. 7. x ac. p'ti.

[b] Terr. Radi. Bainardi.—In Stoches xiii libi. hoes ad ſocha. ſep. vi bord. 7. 1. piſc. 7. ii car. 7. val. lx. ſol. 7 quarta pars eccl'ie v ac. 7. val. v*d*. alia eccl'ia xxvii. ac. xxvii*d*. hoc reclam. p. eſcangio. Tota Stoches ht. vi qr. in long. 7. iiii. in lat. 7. redd. vi*d*. 7. 1. obolu.—Invaſiones Radi. Bainardi—In Stoches ac. ten. Ulchetel. t. r. e. ſep. iiii vill. 7. iiii. bor. i car. x ac. p'ti. val. xl. ſol. hoc reclamat p. eſcangio.

CAVENHAM MANOR,

OF which ſee at large in Werham. Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, who held conſiderable poſſeſſions in this town, Werham, Wretton, &c. gave on his foundation of the priory of Shouldham, in King John's time, his intereſt therein to that convent, to be held (as he did) of the earls of Clare.

In the 32d year of Henry III. [c] the prior had a grant for a mercate and a fair in this town, and in the 3d of Edward I. the jury for the hundred preſent the prior for breaking down the bridge and diſturbing the paſſage, to the great injury and grievance of the neighbourhood, and travellers: it is likely that the bridge was erected here about this time, and the old ferry being ſet aſide belonging to the prior, from whence a certain toll was paid, and ſo might be to his diſadvantage.

The mercate before mentioned, ſeems to have been neglected, or diſuſed, King Henry VI. [d] in his fifth year, confirmed both that and the fair. There is now no mercate held, but the fair (chiefly for pedling wares and goods) is kept annually on December 6, and belongs to the lord of the manor; which at the diſſolution was granted as in Werham, to Sir Edmund Bedingfeld, and is now in Edward Nightingale, Eſq; of Kneeſworth, in Cambridgeſhire.

Beſides the lordſhip of Cavenham, Robert de Stokes held, in the beginning of Henry III's. reign, the fifth part of a fee of Thomas de Plumberwe, and he of the earl of Clare; and John, ſon of Lambert, the eighth part. Stephen de Stokes, and Baſilia his wife, conveyed two pools to Ralph, abbot of Derham. In the 32d of that king, in a fine, Roger de Stokes was querent, and Nicholas de Stokes deforcient; by this, all the lands which Baſilia, daughter of Roger de Hulmo, held at her death in Stokes, Wyrham, Wretton, Buketon, &c. were to remain to Roger, and all that ſhe held in Lutcheham, Beeſton, and Kemeſton, to Nicholas.

Roger de Stokes was lord in the 3d of Edward I. and preſented by the jury to have extended the bounds of his warren; and in the 9th of Edward II. the heirs of John de Stokes, and the prior of Shouldham were returned to be lords. The Stokes were alſo lords of Wirun Hall in Wretton, as may be there ſeen.

Ribald, lord of Midleham in Yorkſhire, held under Alan, Earl of Richmond, [e] at the ſurvey, the land of four freemen, 7 acres of land, valued at 12*d*. who were expelled at the conqueſt; this belonged to Ribald's manor of Bicham Well.

The tenths of this town, and of Wretton, were 5*l*. 11*ſ*. deducted 11*ſ*.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and was a ſingle pile of flint, chalk ſtone, &c. about 51 feet long, and 24 broad, covered with tile, with a four ſquare tower, embattled, and 4 pinnacles of ſtone, and a ſhaft with a weather-cock; this tower falling unexpectedly in 1758, beat down great part of the church. In this tower were 2 bells. At the weſt end of the ſteeple was a decayed little building, probably the ſtation formerly of ſome hermit.

There was formerly a chancel, but that has been dilapidated many years paſt. By the grant of Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, of this church to the priory of Shouldham, it became appropriated to that convent, and was after ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate. In the 14th of Edward I. John Le Rous, or Red, ſon of Vincent Le Rous of Wretton, impleaded the prior for the right of patronage, proving that Ulchetel, his anceſtor, in the reign of King John, preſented one Peter, his clerk, to this church, who died rector; but the prior ſhewing that the ſaid church had been appropriated above 20 years to his priory, his right was confirmed. About the ſame time it appears that there was a rectory houſe, with 30 acres of glebe; the priory of Shouldham was taxed at 10 marks for this rectory, and the Peter-pence was 11*d*.

At the diſſolution it was granted to Sir Edmund Bedingfeld, and is now held by Edward Nightingale, Eſq; who names the curate. In 1603, it was certified that there were 80 communicants.

John Fyſhere, of this town, by his will, in 1399, gives a legacy to St. Mary's image [*f*] in the belfrey, and William Curteys, chaplain, by his will in 1417, deſires to be buried in the church yard of Stoke, All Saints; gives to the fabrick of the chapel 20*d.* and to that of the church 2*s.* by this it ſeems that there were at that time both a church and a chapel, and in the account of the Lord Bainard's fee, before mentioned, there appears then to have been 2 churches.

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[c] Pat. 5.

[d] Pat. 1. m 20.

[e] Terre Alani Comitis—In Stoches tenet Ribald. iii lib'os ho'es de vii ac. t. r. 7. val. 12*d*.

[*f*] Reg. Harſick, Norw. p. 259.——Reg. Hurning. p. 38.

STOW-BARDOLPH.

ON [*a*] the depoſition of Turchetel, who was a great and powerful lord, in the reign of the Confeſſor, King William I. granted it, with many other towns of that lord, to Hermerus de Ferrers. Before the conqueſt there were three carucates of land held by 7 villains, &c. 15 bordarers, 8 ſervi, 40 acres of meadow, and one of wood. Three carucates in demean, a fiſhery, 5 beaſts or horſes for work, 26 breeding mares, 7 cows, &c. 240 ſheep, &c. two ſkeps of bees, &c. and there belonged to this lordſhip, and ſoc, 5 free men, with all cuſtomary dues; there were alſo 17 freemen belonging to the lord's fold and protection, who had 24 acres, but the abbot of Ramſey, and Hermerus, at the ſurvey, had the ſoc of them. All this was valued then at 8*l.* and there was a church endowed with 53 acres of land, valued at 3*s.*

Hermerus had alſo invaded, or ſeized on, in Stow, 34 acres of land, held in King Edward's time by a freeman, and one carucate; and on 40 acres held by 4 freemen: the ſaid freeman held in all 2 carucates, and the preceding lord (before Hermerus) had only the protection of them, and a moiety of the ſoc, with the abbot of Ramſey; this was valued at 20*s.*

The villages of Wimbotſham and Stow, were one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt to the king, when the hundred paid 20*s.*

After Hermerus, William de Wirmegay, Reginald de Warren, and the Lords Bardolf, were lords of this town, which was a part of the barony of Wirmegay, as may be there ſeen at large.

William, Lord Bardolf, had a charter of free warren, granted him in this town, *an.* 38. of Henry III. then called Le Eſtow, and *an.* 42; but Dugdale ſays, *an.* 28, the grant of an annual fair, on the day, and morrow after the feaſt of the Holy Trinity. In the 3d of Edward I. the lord was found to have the aſſiſe of bread and beer, and the lete of his tenants. In this family, barons of Wirmegay, † this lordſhip continued till the attainder of Thomas, Lord Bardolf, in the reign of Henry IV. who granted it *an.* 9, to Thomas Beaufort, his brother, afterwards duke of Exeter, who poſſeſſed it in the 5th of Henry VI. and had a ferry here, the bridge not being then erected. Sir William Phelips was the next lord, and was ſucceeded by the Lords Viſcounts Beaumont. William, Lord Beaumont, dying, *ſans* iſſue, it eſchaeted to the crown, and Sir William Arundel, Lord Matrevers, with the lady Anne, his wife, obtained a grant of it on June 5, *an.* 8, of Henry VIII. but by a fine levied *an.* 3 and 4, of Philip and Mary, was conveyed to the crown, by Henry, Earl of Arundel, and on the 2d of January, in the ſaid year, granted to Sir Nicholas Hare, knight, and John Hare, Eſq; excepting two marſhes or fens in this town, called Bardolf's fen, and Piers Dole, or Le Fence, they being granted December 22, in the ſaid year, to Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; rented at 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and were parcels of this manor.

This family of Hare derive their pedigree from Jervis, Earl of Harcourt, in France, who came into England with the Conqueror, and bore gules, 2 bars, or.—Sir John Hare, his ſon, married Anne, daughter of Euſtace Crew, Baron of De

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[*a*] Terr. Hermeri de Ferrers—Stou ten. Turchetil. t. r. e. iii. car. tre. tc. 7. pt. vii. vill. mo. ii. ſemp. xv bord. et. viii. ſerv. 7. xl. ac. p'ti. 7. 1. ſilve. ſep. iii car. in dominio. 7. 1. piſc. tc. v runc. mo. ii. 7. xxvi. eque ſilveſtres. tc. vii. vacce. mo. ſ. xliiii. porc. tc. ccxl. ov. mo. clx. tc. ii. vaſa. apu. mo. xiiii. adjacent huic manerio v. lib'i. ho'es de o'i conſuetudine. 7. ad ſoca. adjacent etiam xvii. lib'i. hoes conſuet. ad falda. 7. com'dati. de xxiiii acr. 7 ſoca eor. S'ci Bened. 7. Hermer. hoc totu val. tc. 7. p. viii lib. mo. viii. i. eccl'ia liii ac. tre. 7. val. iii. ſol.

Invaſiones Hermeri de Ferr.—In Stou xxxiiii ac. tre. q. ten. lib ho. t. r. e. tc. i car. mo. in Stou. iiii lib'i. ho'es de xl ac. iſti om'es hab. ii car. in his non hab. anteceſſor Hermeri p'tr. com'dat. 7 dim. ſoc. cu. S'co. Benedo. 7 val. xx ſol.—Winebotesham 7. Stou he ville h'nt. i leug. in long. 7. dim. in lato. 7. redd. xvi*d.* de gelto Regis de xx ſol.

† Of the Lords Bardolf, Beaufort, &c. ſee at large in Wirmegay.

Monte Alto, (Monthaut:) he is ſaid to have had a grant to bear, as an augmentation to his arms, the chief indented, or, and his lady's arms were, azure, a lion rampant, argent.——The other branch of Jervis, earl of Harcourt's family, from which the Harcourts, formerly barons of Wingham, and the Lord Viſcount Harcourt, of Stanton Harcourt in Oxfordſhire, are deſcended, bear it, as Earl Jervis.

Sir John Hare, ſon of Sir John, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John de Aſhton, who bore argent, a mullet, ſable, and was father of William Hare, Eſq; who by Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Mydelton of Lancaſhire, who bore argent, a croſs engrailed, ſable, was father of John Hare, Eſq; who by Agnes, his wife, daughter of Sir John Shirley of Wiſton, in Suſſex, (who bore paly of ſix, or and azure, a canton, ermine) had Sir Thomas Hare. Nicholas was his ſon, by Julian, daughter of Huſſey, who bore barry of ſix, ermin and gules.

Nicholas married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas de Walſingham, whoſe arms were paly of ſix, argent and ſable, a feſs over all gules; Richard was his ſon and heir, by Elizabeth, daughter of John Seckford, of Suffolk, who bore ermin, on a feſs, gules, 3 eſcallops, or, and was father of John Hare, Eſq; who by Jane, daughter of - - - - Nevill, whoſe arms were gules, on a ſaltire, argent, a mullet, ſable, had Thomas Hare, Eſq; he married Joyce, daughter of John Hyde of Northburgh, who bore azure, a chevron between 3 lozenges, or; his ſon John, by Catherine, daughter of Richard de Anderſon, had Nicholas Hare, Eſq; of Homersfield in Suffolk, and by Margaret his wife, had John Hare, Eſq; and Thomas Hare, L. L. D. chancellor of Norwich, rector of Maſſingham *Magna*, &c.

John married Elizabeth, daughter of - - - - Forteſcue, Eſq; and had Nicholas Hare, † and John Hare, a mercer of London; Sir Nicholas was ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, *an.* 31, Henry VIII. maſter of the rolls, and on the acceſſion of queen Mary to the crown, lord keeper of the great ſeal; by Catherine his wife, daughter and coheir of John Baſingborn, Eſq; of Woodhall in Hertfordſhire, was father of Michael Hare, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Hobart, Eſq; of Hales Hall in Norfolk, and afterwards Mary, daughter of Sir John Brudenel, of Dean in Northamptonſhire, and died *ſans* iſſue, on the 30th of October, *an.* 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary.

Robert Hare, Eſq; 2d ſon, was clerk of the Pells, ſometime a member of Cajus college, in Cambridge. About 1587, at the requeſt and exhortation of Dr. Capcot, maſter of Corpus Chriſti college, and vice chancellor, he collected in three large volumes, the chancellors and privileges of the univerſity of Cambridge, and a fourth volume, containing the privileges of the town of Cambridge, compiled by him with great labour and expence, and preſented by him to the univerſity, to be carefully preſerved in their publick cheſt, with a copy thereof for the uſe of the vice chancellor, and another for the regiſter, and afterwards conferred the like favour upon Oxford, to which univerſity he bore no relation, and died *ſans* iſſue, November 2, 1611.

The eldeſt branch of this family being thus extinct, we return to John Hare, citizen and mercer of London, brother to Sir Nicholas, who by Dorothy his wife, had 8 ſons; Nicholas, Ralph, Richard, Rowland, Edmund, Hugh, Thomas and John.

Nicholas, the eldeſt, was a bencher of the Inner Temple, and in 1589, built Stow-Hall, the manor houſe, at the expence of 40,000*l.* alſo a ſpacious dormitory adjoining to the chancel of Stow church, for depoſiting the remains of himſelf and family, and died in 1591, *ſ. p.* leaving his eſtate to his brother Ralph, who alſo died *ſ. p.* in 1601, and was ſucceeded by Richard, who married Elizabeth, daughther of John Barnes; ſhe remarried to George Rotheram, Eſq; and after to Sir George Perient, and died December 2, 1655, aged 90, having 2 ſons, by Richard, her firſt huſband, Ralph and Richard.

Rowland, 4th ſon of John Hare, and Edmund the 5th ſon, died *ſ. p.*—Hugh, the 6th ſon, was a bencher of the Inner Temple, and maſter of the court of wards, and dying *ſ. p.* left, by his will, dated December 25, 1619, above 99,400*l.* to be equally divided between his two nephews, John Hare, grandſon of his brother Richard, and Hugh Hare, ſon of his brother John, &c. which John married firſt, Lucy, daugh-

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† Sir Nicholas was twice choſen ſpeaker, alſo maſter of the requeſt, chief juſtice of Cheſter, one of the privy council to Queen Mary; in 1553, he purchaſed the liberty or franchiſe of the hundred of Clackloſe.

Anderſon bore argent, a chevron between 3 croſſes, flurt, ſable.—Forteſcue, azure, a bend indented, between 2 bendlets, or.——Baſingborn, gyrony of 12 or, and azure.—Sir Nicholas was buried in Weſtminſter abby.

ter of - - - - Barlow, Eſq; and to his 2nd wife Margaret, daughter of John Crouch, Eſq; and by her left 2 ſons, Nicholas and Hugh; Nicholas died *ſ. p.* and Hugh was created, Auguſt 3, 1625, Lord Colerain in Ireland, from whom, by Lucy his wife, daughter of the Lord Montague, deſcended the Lords Colerain, and the Hares of Docking in Norfolk.

Ralph Hare, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Richard, ſon of John Hare, Eſq; abovementioned, was created Knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King James I. and married, to his firſt wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Edward Holmden, alderman of London, by whom he had a ſon, John; his ſecond wife was Anne, daughter of John Crouch, of Cornbury in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue; ſhe ſurvived him and remarried Edmund, Lord Montague, of Boughton. Sir Ralph was remarkable for his extenſive charity to the poor; in 1603, he erected ſix alms houſes at Stow, for 6 poor perſons born in the pariſh, or had reſided there for 10 years, and endowed them with lands for ever. In his lifetime he gave by deed to St. John's college in Cambridge, dated April 30, 1623, the rectory and glebe lands of the impropriate rectory of Marham in Norfolk, with the advouſon of the vicarage, to be employed in erecting a library, and after in exhibitions for 30 poor ſcholars in that college, for ever; and dying in Auguſt 1623, was ſucceeded by his only ſon, John Hare, who was knighted in his father's lifetime, December 4, 1617, at Newmarket; he married Elizabeth, only daughter of Thomas, Lord Coventry, lord keeper of the great ſeal, by whom he had 5 ſons, and 7 daughters, Ralph, the eldeſt, John of Bromſthorp in Norfolk, Nicholas of Harpham, &c.

Ralph, the eldeſt ſon, was created baronet July 23, 1641: by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Crane, baronet, of Chilton in Suffolk, was father of Sir Thomas Hare, his ſucceſſor; his 2d wife was Vere, ſiſter to Horatio, Lord Viſcount Townſend, and his 3d was Elizabeth, daughter of - - - Chapman, Eſq; he was knight of the ſhire, in parliament, burgeſs for Lynn, and died in 1671.

Sir Thomas Hare, bart. his ſon and heir, married Elizabeth, ſiſter of Sir Robert Daſhwod, baronet, of Northbrook in Oxfordſhire, by whom he had 4 ſons, Sir Ralph, Sir Thomas, and Sir George, and Richard, who died young; alſo 6 daughters, Elizabeth married to Sir Thomas Robinſon, Baronet, and Mary to Thomas Leich of London, Turkey merchant; the others died ſingle; Sir Thomas was knight of the ſhire in parliament, and died in 1693.

Sir Ralph, the eldeſt ſon, by Suſan his wife, daughter and coheir of Walter [*d*] Norborne, of Calne in Wiltſhire, had no iſſue, and dying in 1732, was ſucceeded by his brother, Sir Thomas, † who married Roſamond, daughter of Charles Newby, of Hooton-Roberts in Yorkſhire, Eſq; by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs, Elizabeth married to the Reverend Mr. Moor, and Mary to Thomas Harris, Eſq; of Finchly in Middleſex; he died in 1759, and Sir George Hare, Baronet, his brother and ſucceſſor, died unmarried.

Here is a ſtately manor houſe with agreeable gardens, and a park adjoining.

There is a bridge about 2 miles from the town, over the river Ouſe; near to this is a fair kept every year, on Saturday before Trinity Sunday, and is conſiderable for the ſale of horſes, cows, &c. and in the fens is a good decoy belonging to the lord. I find that the new podike in the fens, was made *an.* 1, Henry VI. in the lands of the duke of Exeter, then lord of Stow.

The tenths of this town and of Wimbotſham, were 7*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 1*s.*

The church of Stow Bardolph is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and conſiſts of a nave [*e*] and a chancel, and a broad, but low, four-ſquare tower built of carr and rag ſtone, with buttreſſes of brick, in which hang five large tuneable bells. The nave is in length about 47 feet, and in breadth about 24; the roof is arched or camerated, plaiſtered, and covered with reed; at the weſt end is a neat ſtone font, with a cover of oak carved and painted, on which is this ſhield, [*Plate I, Fig.* 21.] in ſeveral places, gules, two bars and a chief indented, or, Hare; and this date, 1625; on the ſummit is a pelican vulned.

[*d*] Narborne bore argent, a feſs nebuly, gules, on a canton of the ſecond, a ducal coronet, or.—— Newby, - - a chevron between 3 croſſes pattée.

† Sir Thomas died February 21, 1760.—And Sir George on March 18, 1764; both here buried.

[*e*] Regr. Cobaldes, P. 12.

On the pavement here, lies an old ſtone, with a ſhield worn out, and an inſcription ſcarce legible, *Here under lieth Thomas Cobb - - - - - ſecond ſon of Mr. Martin Cobb of Snetteſham - - - - who died the* 30. *Novr.* 1582.—On a graveſtone adjoining, this ſhield, [*Plate I. Fig.* 22.] - - a chevron between three bunches of grapes.

Here lys buried underneath this ſtone,
A willing friend to all, a foe to none,
A ſteward, true and faithfull, huſband kind,
A father tender, one of right Chriſtian mind,
His days conſum'd with labour, care and pain,
His body reſts in hopes to riſe again.

Samuel Renault, ſteward to the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, the father, and to Sir Thomas Hare the ſon, Baronets, lys here interr'd, who departed this life the 19 *day of Auguſt,* 1678.——On another ſtone adjoining,——*Here lyeth the body of Mr. John Weſt, who was* 20 *years ſteward to the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, who departed this life the* 26 *day of March,* 1727, *aged* 62 *years.*

For many years he bore the truſt conſign'd,
Nor loſt the credit of an honeſt mind,
This is true wiſdom, this the way to live,
For nobler treaſures, than the world can give;
When burniſh'd gold is turn'd to common duſt,
And all the ſhining mammon's loſt in ruſt,
Happy the man, that's well prepar'd to go
Where inexhauſted mines of truer riches flow.

At the weſt end of the church is a large gallery, ſupported by 6 wooden pillars of the Ionic order.———The nave is ſeparated from the chancel by an handſome wooden ſcreen; on the corniſh are the arms of Hare, and on the ſummit in the centre of the ſcreen, the king's arms, well carved and painted, fronting the nave; towards the chancel, a roſe and crown, with the capital letters C. R.——The chancel is in length about 30 feet, and in breadth about 16; it is camerated, plaiſtered, and covered with tile. The altar is railed in, and has an aſcent of three ſteps of free ſtone, with which the whole altarſpace is paved, except the paſſage as you enter leading to it, which is of oak finiered: the altar is of Derbyſhire grey marble, with a ſlab of the ſame, and was part of the old altar monument of Sir Ralph Hare, Knight of the Bath, which was taken down on the erecting that of Sir Tho. Hare, Baronet. On the body of it are two ovals; in one, a dove is painted; in the other I. H. S. Over the altar in two pannels, are the 10 commandments, over that the tremendous name of God in Hebrew, with a glory, and cherubims about it; and on each ſide of this a pannel; in one is the Lord's prayer, in the other is the Creed with cherubims over them, and the walls on the north and ſouth ſides within the rails, are neatly wainſcotted and painted. The whole altarpiece is ornamented with four columns of the Dorick order, fluted, painted blue and veined with gold, ſupporting an entablature of the ſame.

In the eaſt window of the chancel there was lately this ſhield;—[*Plate I. Fig.* 23.] argent, 3 mullets in bend, ſable, between 2 bendlets, gules, impaling argent, a croſs ingrailed between 4 creſcents, ſable, and a lys, or, for difference; Pigot impaling Bernham. Margaret Pigot was prioreſs of Carhow, and that convent held the rectory.

This window being new glazed when the altar piece was erected, theſe arms are now loſt.——Againſt the north wall of this chancel, were lately ſeveral banners, before the beautifying of it, with the arms of Hare [*Plate I. Fig.* 24.] and (girony of 12, or, and azure) Beſſingbourne, quarterly.

On a ſtone fixed in the north wall——*Margaret, the wife of Walter Drury, vicar of this pariſh, died December* 19, 1681, *aged* 22 *years.* On the north ſide of this
chancel

chancel is a chapel, or burial place for the family of Hare, built of brick, embattled with copings of free ſtone, in length about 36 feet, and 16 in breadth, covered with lead; at the weſt end are the arms of Hare with the creſt, a demy lion, and theſe letters, I. H. M. L. *Anno Domini* 1624.——On a little white marble ſtone on the pavement at the weſt end, is Hare impaling, party per chevron, argent and gules, a creſcent counterchanged, [*Plate I. Fig.* 25.]—Chapman.——John Poſthumus Hare, ſon to the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, and Elizabeth his wife, 1672.—On a grave ſtone, with the arms of Hare, this round the verge——*Here lyeth the body of the Honourable Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, he departed this life the laſt of February*, 1671.

Although his body is turn'd to duſt,
His ſoul lives ever with the juſt.

At the foot of this, another, with the arms of Hare and Chapman impaled, and round the verge——*Elizabeth the laſt wife of Sir Ralph Hare, Baronet, liv'd his widow above* 13 *years, dy'd March* 17, 1683, *and lyeth here at his feet, in hopes with him of a joyful reſurrection, The trump ſhall ſound and the dead ſhall be raiſed.*

Againſt the ſouth wall is a neat altar monument of veined marble, with a grey marble ſlab, on which ſtand two veined pillars of the Corinthian order, with their capitals gilt with gold, ſupporting an entablature of the ſame and gilt, on which is the ſhield of Hare, between two pyramids of marble, and on the wall a piece of marble ornamented with foliages, feſtoons, death's heads, and hour glaſſes gilt with gold, this epitaph in letters of gold.——*In Obitum præſtantiſſimi viri Radulphi Hare Armigeri.*

Octo fere novies (ſi demas quatuor) annos
Exegi vitæ, hinc morti ſuccumbo, mihiq;
Natalis Juli, fatalis June fuiſti.
Cura fuit patriæ prodeſſe, fovere quietem,
Tutari inſontes, pacis defendere cauſam,
Legibus addici, moderatis moribus uti,
Corpore parvus eram, ſed me vicinia dixit,
Corpore pygmæum, benefactis eſſe gigantem.
Nepos Radulpho, hæres Radulphus, mortuo poſuit, amato
Patruo et tanquam patri.

On the north ſide, on a white marble ſtone, and veined, lies the ſtatue of Sir Thomas Hare, Baronet, in full proportion, cumbent on his right ſide, in the habit of a Roman, his arm reſting on a cuſhion of alabaſter, and is a curious and juſt piece of ſtatuary; on it are the arms of Hare, with the diſtinction as a baronet, and a cherub on each ſide.

In memory of Sir Thomas Hare Baronet, who departed this life the 1*ſt day of January*, 1693, *aged* 35 *years, and left a lady and four ſons and five daughters.*

The glorious ſun which ſets at night,
Appears next morning clear and bright,
The gawdy deckings of the earth,
Do ev'ry ſpring receive new birth,
But life when fled, has no return,
In vain we ſigh, in vain we mourn.
Yet does the turtle juſtly grieve her fate,
When ſhe is left behind without her mate,
Not leſs does ſhe, who rais'd this tomb,
And wiſhes here to have a room,
With that dear He, who underneath doth lye,
Who was the treaſure of her heart, the pleaſure of her eye.

Near to this is a mural monument of white marble, on the ſummit the arms of Hare; on the baſe a cherub gilt with gold, and on a black marble in the centre in letters of gold—*Memoriæ Sacrum Hugonis Hare, Armigi. interioris templi ſocii, qui Johannem Hare, milit. filium Radulphi Hare, Mil. Balnei, filiu. Richardi Hare, fratris ejuſdem Hugonis et Hugone. filium Johan. Hare, armig'ri, alterius fratris ipſius Hugonis ampliſſimarum fucultatum hæredes ſcripſit, obit. calen. Feb.* 4*to.* 1619.

Death, time and foul oblivion doth deface,
The goodlieſt things, that now the world doth grace,
Death ends our glory, time makes death forgot,
Oblivion all devours, as they were not.

Adjoyning is a white marble monument with two pillars of the ſame, veined, of the corinthian order, their capitals gilt, and ſupporting an entablature of the ſame, whereon is the ſhield of Hare, and on each ſide a pyramid of marble, and on a wall-peice of black marble, in letters of gold,

Vir bonus et ſapiens obſervantiſſimus æqui
Tam patriæ qua' pacis amans, et amatus ab illis
Pauperibus natus, deſolatiſq; juvandis,
Defenſor juris, libertatiſq; ſuorum
Strenuus aſſertor, quid plura recenſeo? Vitæ,
Undecies ſenios fermè implens, cælibis annos,
Exceſſit vitâ, pulchroq; in margine templi,
Quem modo condebat, Nicholaus conditur Harus.
Fratri Radulphus frater, hæres mortuo, amans, amato poſuit impenſis ſuis.

The church was a rectory endowed with 53 acres of land at the ſurvey, and was given by Reginald de Warren, 2d ſon of William, the 2d earl Warren, and Alice his wife, to the priory of Carhow: ſhe was daughter and heir of William de Wirmegay, lord of Wirmegay: William Turbe, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it. William de Warren, ſon of Reginald, confirmed it, and gave, with Muriel, his ſiſter, on being veiled a nun here, 40 acres of land and a meſſuage, which he held in capite.

VICARS.

[f] 1300. Nicholas de Plumſtede, preſented by the convent of Carhow.——1309. John de Bernyngham, preſented by the convent *&c.*——1329. Nicholas de Knapeton, preſented *ut ſuprà.*——1343. William de Merkeſhale.——1391. John Large, preſented *ut ſuprà.* Firſt fruits, then, 4 marks.——1411. Richard Sweyn of Leveryngton, preſented *ut ſuprà*, called late vicar, in the 16th of Henry VI.——1497. Henry Boothby, on the death of the laſt vicar, preſented *&c.*——1498. John Cowell, on the reſignation of Boothby, preſented by Katherine, prioreſs, *&c.* of Carhow.——1509. Gilbert Bachecroft, on the death of Cowell, preſented by the convent.——1531. Thomas Levyngs, by the prioreſs, *&c.* of Carhow.

On the diſſolution of religious houſes, King Henry VIII. by letters patent, dated 2d of November, in the 30th year of his reign, granted to Sir John Shelton, Kt. of Shelton in Norfolk, this rectory and the advouſon of the vicarage, and on the 26th of September in the 1ſt of Edward VI. Sir John alienated it to John Hare of London, mercer.

----. Thomas Dunning.

1561. George Longe, *A. M.* on the death of Dunning, preſented by John Hare, citizen of London. [g] *preſbyter conjugatus, doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, ibidem, prædicat, licentiatus, duo.* He was alſo rector of Southrey.

1577. John Weſton, *A. M.* on the death of Long, by Nicholas Hare, Eſq; rector alſo of Wimbotſham.——1582. John Thompſon, on the death of Weſton, by Nicholas Hare, Eſq; rector alſo of Wimbotſham: here were in 1603, 241 communicants.——1606. Robert Bate, *A. M.* on the death of Thompſon, by Sir

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[f] Lib. Inſtit. Norwic.

[g] Parkeri, certificat. in Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant.

Ralph Hare.———1607. William Ray, on the reſignation of the laſt vicar, by Sir Ralph Hare; rector alſo of Wimbotſham and rector of Watlington.——1616. John Sherwin, *A. M.* by Sir Ralph Hare, on the death of the laſt vicar, rector of Oxburgh, Igburgh, and Beacham-Well St. John; ſee in thoſe places.——- - - -. Thomas Raworth, *A. M.* rector afterwards of Barton St. Andrew.——1625. Edward Bentley, *A. M.* on the reſignation of Raworth.——1633. Thomas Martin, on the reſignation of Bentley, preſented by Sir John Hare.———1644. John Collin, by Thomas, Lord Coventry, (on the reſignation of Martin) as truſtee for Roger Hare.————- - - -. John Jermy.

1661. John Baſtard, *A. M.* on the reſignation of Jermy, by Sir Ralph Hare, Bt.———1667. Edmund Parlett, by Sir Ralph Hare.———1674, Walter Drury, *A. M.* on the death of Parlet, preſented by Lord Townſend, John Corrance, Thomas Savage, ſenior, Edward Barber and Robert Wright, Eſq; as truſtees for Sir Thomas Hare, a minor; rector alſo of Wimbotſham.———1722. Charles Lake, on the death of Drury, by Sir Ralph Hare, Bt.———1764, Rev. Mr. Thomas Moor, vicar and patron.

This vicarage is valued in the king's books at 6*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. clear value 24*l per ann.* and ſo is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

The ſpiritualities of the prioreſs, &c. of Carhow, here, were valued in 1428, at 12 marks.—Their temporalities, &c. at 20*s*. Peter-pence 11*d*.

In 1622, Sir Ralph Hare, knight of the Bath, gave lands in Wygenhale, called John's Load, and Walſingſham's Dole, to Thomas Fanſhaw, Eſq; &c. feoffees &c. the profits to be for ever beſtowed ſo as ſix poor inhabitants dwelling in Stow, in the alms houſes built by him, may have one ſhilling weekly given to each of them, every Sunday, in the pariſh church of Stow immediately after morning ſervice; the overplus of the ſaid profits (if there be any) to be beſtowed in garments for the ſaid poor yearly, at the feaſt of the nativity of our bleſſed Lord.

In this town, ſomewhat ſouth of the church, and near to the high road, ſtands an antient pile of flint and brick, &c. pointing eaſt and weſt, and has been a chapel or hermitage; it is called at this day the pool-houſe, and is now converted to a little farm houſe belonging to Sir Thomas Hare: here ſeems to have been a gild belonging to it in 1467, [*b*] called the gild of St. Botulph of Stow chapel, and perhaps the chapel was dedicated to St. Botulph.

S T A D S E T.

THIS town ſtands in a great valley, which Strath is ſaid to ſignify; and ſeveral places in Scotland take their names from it, as Strathern, Strathnavern &c. and in England, Stradſhall, Stradbrook, in Suffolk, &c. At the ſurvey, Fulber held 2 carucates of land, of Hermerus de Ferrariis, who had a grant of this town on the expulſion of Suartine a free man, lord in the time of the confeſſor, when there were alſo [*a*] 6 villains and 2 bordarers, 1 ſervus, 8 acres of meadow, the moiety of a fiſhery, and 2 carucates in demean, 2 oxen, 1 runcus, 2 cows, &c. a church endowed with 30 acres, 140 ſheep, &c.—In the ſaid town were 13 freemen, who were depoſed, and had 210 acres, and a church with 30 acres, 2 carucates and 7 acres of meadow; which were delivered to Hermer for one carucate, to make up one manor. The whole was valued at 4*l*. 15*s*. the protection of 2 of theſe freemen was, before this, in the Lord Bainard, his predeceſſor. The whole was 7 furlongs long, and 4 broad, paid 8*d*. to a 20*s*. gelt.

Fulbert

(*b*) Reg. Cobalde, p. 126.

(*a*) Terre Hermeri de Ferrar.—Strateſeta ten. Fulb'tus ii car. tre. quas teuuit Suartine, lib. ho. t. r. e. ſep vi vill. et ii bord. et i ſerv. et viii ac. pti. et dim. piſc. et ii car. in dominio, ii boves, ſemp. i runc. 7 ii an. 7 viii porc. Tc. iecclia. xxx ac. xl ov. mº. lxxx in eade. xiii lib. hoes ccx ac. 7 i ecclia de xxx. ac. ſep. ii car. 7 vii ac. pti. h. fuit lib'atu' p. ficiendu' i man. h. totu valet iiii lib. 7 xv ſol. comdatio. illor, duor' hom. fuit ant. Baignardi. h. villa. ht. vii qr. in longo et iiii in lato. 7 reddit. viii*d*. de gelto de *xx* ſol.

Fulbert, who held this lordſhip of Hermerus at the ſurvey, was probably anceſtor of the ancient family of De Stradeſeth. Richard de Stradeſeth, by Lætitia, daughter of Robert de Capravilla, was father of Robert.—Jeremy, ſon of Robert, was witneſs to a deed [b] of William de Wirmegey, lord of Wirmegey, in the reign of king Stephen, and Robert to a deed, in the time of Henry II.—Sir Oſbert de Stradeſeth (ſon of Sir Roger) and Maud his wife gave to Caſtleacre priory, 26 acres of land in the moor of Weſt Walton, late the land of Roger le Hare, for their ſouls health, except the payment of half a mark *per ann.* to the biſhop of Ely, and the work due to the caſtle of Wiſbech, *ſans date*;—witneſſes Walter de Neiſhall, ſteward to the earl Warren, Adam de Hackbeach, John de Fincham, *&c.*

Roger de Stradeſet held one knight's fee, when an aid was granted on the marriage of king Henry III's. daughter to the emperor.—Nicholas was lord in the 34th of that king, and was after a knight. In the reign of Edward II. Nicholas, ſon of Nicholas and Maud his wife, ſettled this lordſhip in tail, and by an inquiſition taken A°. 20 of Edward III. Nicholas de Stradeſeth was a minor and in the ward of John, Lord Bardolf, being part of his barony; he dying *s. p.* Elizabeth his ſiſter and heir, married John Hawkyns, Eſq; ſerjeant at arms to king Edward III. who was lord in the 47th of that king. On his deceaſe it came to their two daughters and coheirs, Alice, married to Sir Ralph Pooley, and Margery to - - - - - Neſfield, Eſq; In the 9th of Henry VI. [c] George Neffield, Eſq; ſon of Margery, was found to have held a moiety of this manor, and Roſe Pygot, daughter of Alice, was his couſin and heir, then aged 40. This Roſe was the daughter and heir of Alice, by Sir Ralph Pooley: the ſaid Alice, † married to her ſecond huſband, Thomas Lathe, Eſq; who dyed in 1418, and was buried in Stradeſet church, by whom ſhe had children, and John Cavendiſh, Eſq; was her 3d huſband, by whom ſhe had 3 daughters, and dyed his widow in the 6th of Henry VI. The abovementioned Roſe married firſt Bartholomew Picot, Eſq; lord of Framlingham Picot, and dying in the 11th of Henry VI. left Thomas, her ſon and heir, aged 26 years; this Thomas removed from Framlingham Picot, and ſettled here in 1437. He was ſucceeded by his ſon Thomas, who dyed on April 10, in the 3d of Henry VIII. and left John his ſon and heir, aged 30, who married Jane, daughter of Peter Bedingfeld, Eſq; of Quidenham. This John made his will October 13, 1550, which was proved the 26th of May following, appointing his wife Jane, and Jaſper Blake, Eſq; his executors, and his body to be buried in Stradget church by his mother. His ſon and heir John, had livery of this lordſhip, *&c.* in the 9th of queen Elizabeth, and paid for this lordſhip to the queen, 10*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and for lands late Robert Rowſe's, and Edward Steward's, 2*s. per ann.* He was ſucceeded by John his ſon, by Alice, daughter of William Butts, Eſq; of Shouldham Thorp, and his ſon Francis conveyed it to John Goldſmith, Eſq; (ſon of John Goldſmith, of Wilby in Suffolk,) who married Elizabeth, 2d daughter and coheir of Gregory Wood of Riſby in Suffolk, Eſq; after whoſe death ſhe married Sir Henry Chauncy, Kt. ſerjeant at law, of Hertfordſhire; by Goldſmith, ſhe had a ſon John, and a daughter Elizabeth, married to Thomas Thurſton, younger ſon of Nathaniel Thurſton, of Hoxne, in Suffolk.—John being a lunatick, the eſtate was in his ſiſter Elizabeth, whoſe daughter and heir Elizabeth, married to Robert Buxton, Eſq; of South Elmham in Suffolk, inherited it, on the death of her mother in 1728, which Elizabeth Buxton dying in 1729, it came to her daughter and heir Elizabeth, who married - - - - - Searle, Eſq; and dying under age, *s. p.* - - - - - Goldſmith, Gent: ſucceeded as heir to this lordſhip, and conveyed it, in 1747, to Philip Caſe, Eſq; of Lynn, who now poſſeſſes it.

On the ſcreen of the hall, or manor houſe, are the arms of Pigot, a feſs checq. - - - - - - - - between 3 pickaxes, and on the ridge tiles, were pigs and goats, as a rebus to the name.

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[b] Regiſt. Caſtleacre, f. 72 *&c.*

[c] Eſch. 9 Hen. VI. N. 39.——Eſch. 6 Hen. VI. N. 37.——Eſch. 11 Hen. VI. N. 9.——Eſch 3. Hen. VIII.—Reg. Corant Norw.

† Thomas Attelathe married firſt Alice, daughter and heir of Sir William Wiſham and Margaret his wife, and in her right preſented as lord to the church of Elingham *Parva*, in Norfolk, in 1468.

PARADISE MANOR.

THIS ſeems to be made up of certain lands, &c. taken out of the lordſhip of Stradſet, by Alice, daughter and coheir of John Hawkins, Eſq; abovementioned, and given to her daughters, Elizabeth and Emma, by Thomas Lathe, Eſq; Elizabeth was married to John Curteys, and Emma to John Squirry, and in the 17th of Henry VI. a fine was levied between Curtis and his wife, querents, and Squirry and his wife, deforcients of 12 meſſuages and ſeveral parcels of land here, and in Fincham. After this, Elizabeth married, to her ſecond huſband, Thomas Styward, and by her will, proved Auguſt 20. in the 19th of Edward IV. ſhe gives ſeveral lands, rents and ſervices, here and in Fincham, and Crimpleſham, to her huſband Thomas Styward and his heirs, on condition that he and they keep yearly her anniverſary, and that of her parents in the church of Stradſet, where ſhe deſires to be buried. From this Thomas deſcended Francis Steward, Gent: whoſe daughter and heir dying under age poſſeſſed of the manor of Paradiſe, in Stadſet, Fincham, and Crimpleſham; and in the 5th of Edward VI. Lawrence Steward, brother to her father, was found to be her heir, aged 40, and had livery of it.

Mr. Benn lately (as 'tis ſaid) poſſeſſed it, and his daughter, married to ---- Randall, inherited it, but moſt of the lands, &c, are ſold from it.

DERHAM-ABBY MANOR.

SIR OSBERT DE STRADESET gave, in the 34th year of Henry III's. reign, the patronage of the church of Stradſet, with a manor thereto appertaining, to the abby, and in the 3d of Edward I. the abbot was found to hold 42 acres of land the gift of the ſaid Oſbert, and 30 acres of the gift of Ralph de Barſhale, or Barſham. It continued here 'till the diſſolution, when, with the advouſon of the vicarage, it was granted, November 17, in the 38th of Henry VIII. to James Hawe and Henry Hawe, to be held in capite, tho' ſome lands in the tenure of John Derham, belonging formerly to the ſaid abbey, were granted on July 23, in the 2d of queen Mary, to Thomas Reeve and Giles Iſham. Afterwards it came to the Stewards, and Francis Steward preſented to the vicarage in 1556, in 1579, Thomas Parlet. In this family it continued, 'till a daughter and heir of Parlet, brought it by marriage to Mr. Read, and his daughter to Edmund Saffery, of Downham, Gent: the preſent poſſeſſor.

The tenths were 5*l.* deducted 1*l.*

The lete was in the abby of Ramſey, and in Sir George Hare, Bt. the fee 16*d.*

The temporalities of Derham abby, with thoſe of the priory of Winwaloy, were taxed at 9*s.* 8*d.* in 1428, and the ſpiritualities at 9 marks.

The temporalities of Shouldham priory at 8*s.* 4*d.*

In the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, Sir John Perrot had lands here and in Barton, given him July 27, lately belonging to the nunnery of Blackburgh.

At a little hill, on the common of this town, by the road from Norwich, Watton, Swaffham, &c. to Downham, called Clackloſe hill, was the ſheriffs turn, or hundred court kept, as may be ſeen in the account of the ſaid hundred.

The church of Stradſet is dedicated to St. Mary, and is an ancient ſingle fabrick of flint and boulder, or carr ſtone, having a body in length about 60 feet, and in breadth about 19, covered with reed; at the weſt-end is a four ſquare tower, with quoins and embattlements of free ſtone, wherein hang 3 bells: about the middle of the pavement of the church lyes a very large grey marble graveſtone, whereon has been a croſs florall, and at the foot of it a lion couchant of braſs, near the rim, between two fillets of the ſame metal, was the inſcription, all which is now reaved; by the inciſion in the ſtone, made to receive the braſs letters, it appears to be in old French, and Saxon characters; *viz:*

ICI. GIST. DAME. EMMA. DE. MOVNAVT.
FEMME. DE. DEVX. BARONS. DIEV. PAR. SA.
PITIE. AVEZ. MERCI. DE. SA. AME.

(*d*) Fin. 17 Hen. VI. L. 2. N. 38.——Regiſt. Caſtone, Norw. fol. 5.

This Emma married, firſt, Richard Fitz-John, a baron, patron of Shouldham priory, who died *an.* 25 Edward I. and after to Roger de Monte-Alto a baron, lord of Caſtle Ryſing in Norfolk. In the 26th of that king, ſhe held in dower, the manor, chace, and park of Whaddon, the manors of Ailſbury, Burton, and Quarndon in Bucks, the manor of Schalford, and the park of Alford in Surry, &c.

In the ſouth window at the end of the nave, has been the effigies of St. John the baptiſt, the lower part of it ſtill remaining; at the bottom of the window, - - - - - - - - *S'ci Joh'is bapt'e q'i iſta' feneſtra' fieri fecerunt.* At this window has been an altar; the place for the holy water is ſtill to be ſeen, and a nitch in the wall for a ſtatue: here the prieſts belonging to the guild of St. John baptiſt, in this church, officiated; the window oppoſite, on the north ſide, ſeems to have a large cinqfoil, or, in a ſhield, and the windows of the chancel are beautified with the ſame bearing; moſt likely in honour of the lords Bardolf, the capital lords, who bore the ſame. Nothing was more practiſed in times of popery, than the beautifying and illuminating windows, eſpecially thoſe where any altar was annexed; thus we find that Mary de Valentia, counteſs of Pembroke, glazed the ſeventh window in the church of the grey friers at London, ſhe cauſed it to be made and painted at her own expence, to the antient altar under it.

The chancel is divided from the nave by a ſcreen of wood, being of oak, neatly carved, with flower pots and pillaſters of the Ionic order; the breadth of the chancel is equal to that of the nave, and the length is about 26 feet; the communion table is railed in, and has an aſcent of 3 ſteps. In the eaſt window are the arms of the ſee of Ely, the arms of the Eaſt Angles, or Bury abbey, and the arms of Derham abbey. In the north window is a ſerpent twiſting itſelf about the feet of a dove, and over it—*Ut ſerpens, ut columba.* On the pavement on the north ſide of the communion table, lies a black marble——*M. S. Johan Scott A. M. paſtoris fidiſſimi, prudentiſſimiq; et per annos* 43 *hujus eccleſiæ vicarii, qui tandem exuto corpore, ſenex et cælebs hic requieſcit in Domino. obt. Octob.* 24. *an Sal.* 1727, *ætat ſuæ* 67.—Againſt the ſouth wall is an atchievement—[*Plate I. fig.* 26.] gules, a lion rampant, argent, Wood, impaling on the dexter ſide, gules, a croſs patonce, argent, on a chief azure, a lion paſſant, or, Chauncy; and on the ſiniſter ſide ſable, a feſs between 3 creſcents, argent, Goldſmith; it being the ſhield of a woman impaled between her two husbands. Henry Chauncy of Yardleybury in Hertfordſhire, afterwards Sir Henry, married to his ſecond wife, Elizabeth, relict of John Goldſmith, of Stradſet in Norfolk, Eſq; one of the coheirs of Gregory Wood, of Riſby in Suffolk, gent. by whom he had no iſſue; ſhe was cut off by the ſpotted fever at London, 14 Auguſt, 1677, and here buried. On the pavement adjoining lies a black marble; on the ſummit are the arms of Goldſmith, and—"John Gouldſmith, " Eſq; (ſon of John Gouldſmith late of Wilby in the county of Suffolk) was buried " the 23d of January, 1669, aged 58 years; alſo here reſteth the body of Elizabeth, " the relict of the aforenamed John, who departed this life Auguſt 14, 1677."—— Againſt the north wall is alſo an atchievement———[*Plate I. Fig.* 27.] Sable, 3 bugle horns, or, ſtringed and garniſhed azure, Thurſton, impaling Gouldſmith; and on a black marble on the pavement———"Here lyeth Thomas Thurſton, the " fourth ſon of Nathaniel Thurſton of Hoxon in the county of Suffolk, Eſq; who " married Elizabeth, the 2d daughter of John Gouldſmith, of Stradſet in the coun- " ty of Norfolk, Eſq; by whom he had 3 children; Elizabeth, Mary and John; " he died October 30, 1683. Here lyeth John, the ſon of Thomas, who dy'd May " 14, 1684, and Elizabeth the wife of Thomas, who dy'd the 30th of Decem- " ber, 1728, aged 74 years, ſhe liv'd his widow 45 years."———On the ſaid pavement lies a little grey marble, having the portraiture of a man in compleat armour, his hands conjoined, and a lion couchant at his feet in braſs, and on a plate* *Hic jacet Thomas Lathe armig; qui obiit in vigil. S'ci Bartholomei, Ap'li An. Dni.* M. CCCCXVIII. *cuj'q; a'ie p'p'tiet. Deus, Amen*; there have been 3 braſs ſhields belonging to this ſtone, but only one remaining, with the arms of France and England, quarterly.

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* This Thomas Lathe was a great favourite of King Henry IV. who gave him land, houſes, &c, at Lynn, that were forfeited, and Eſq; probably of the king's body.

This church was given in the beginning of King Henry the III's reign to the abbey of Weſt Derham, by Sir Oſbert de Stradſet, and ſoon after, in the ſaid reign, it was appropriated to the abbey, and a vicar endowed; the abbot had a manſe with 30 acres of land, valued at 6 marks; the vicar had a manſe with 54 acres of land and 2 of meadow, which the abbot detained, and kept to himſelf; Peter-pence, 12*d.*

VICARS.

1314, Nicholas de Duntone, preſented by the abbot, &c. of Weſt Derham.———1349, John de Totyngton, by the abbot, &c.———1349. Thomas Caldwer, by the abbot, &c.——1368, Henry Pollard, by the abbot &c.——1390, Henry Brapmton, by papal proviſion.——Thomas Hunnock.——1401, William Okeley on the reſignation of Hunnock, by the abbot, &c.———1408, John Andrew, by the abbot, &c.———1416, John Attoneſend of Conyngton in the dioceſe of Lincoln, on the reſignation of Andrew, by the abbot, &c.——1428, Henry Shaw of Rungton Holme, on the death of the laſt incumbent, by the abbot, &c.——Nicholas Aſtell——1472, John Phelip, canon of Weſt Derham, by the abbot, &c. on the death of Aſthell.———1482, Thomas Wigenhale, canon of Weſt Derham, by the abbot, &c.———1484, William Feltwell, canon, &c. by the abbot, &c.——1505, Robert Morpit, on the death of Feltwell, by the abbot, &c.——1520, Peter Tilney, on the death of Morpit, by the abbot, &c. this vicarage was then valued at 40*s.*———1540, William Suſanne on the death of the laſt vicar, preſented by William Peers, and John Creſy, on a grant *hac vice* from the abbot, &c.———1555, Hugh Tayler, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe, rector of Downham alſo.———1556, Roger Walker, by Francis Steward, gent.

[e] *Dns. Rog. Walker, presbiter non conjugatus, mediocriter doctus, reſidet, non hoſpitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, nullum aliud.*

Robert Archer.——1579, Elias Comelick on the deprivation of Archer, by Thomas Parlet of Downham Market: in his anſwer to King James, in 1603, he obſerves that there were 60 communicants here; he was A. B. and rector of Boughton by diſpenſation from the arch biſhop of Canterbury,

1603, John Hodgſon, A. M. by Francis Parlet; he occurs vicar till 1651; in which year I ſuppoſe he died.———1651, Myles Tayler, ſigns himſelf miniſter in the pariſh regiſter.

Robert Gilbert occurs vicar in 1656, as appears from the ſaid regiſter.——1662, William Life, A. B. on the death of Gilbert, by Edmund Parlet, clerk, buried in his own church, 15 April, 1682.——1682, John Scot, A. B. on the death of Life, by Ann Parlet; buried in his own church, 27 October, 1727.—1727, William Harvey, preſented by Edmund Saffery, rector alſo of Weſt Wynch, and of Fincham.——1745, Love Shipley by Edmund Saffery, gent. rector of Snoring *Parva.*

This vicarage is valued in the king's books at 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and being in clear value 25*l.* *per ann.* is diſcharged of tenths, and firſt fruits.

BURIALS.

Peter Machon, by his will, dated 5 July, 1471, deſires [*f*] to be buried in the church yard of St. Mary Stradſete, bequeaths to St. John's gild for a light 6*d.* to St. Mary's gild here, 4*d.* to St. Mary's light, 4*d.*

Francis Steward gent. 16 March, 1559.——Elizabeth, daughter of John Pigot, gent. 18 July, 1582.—Thomas, ſon of John Pigot, gent. 10 February, 1583.—Laurence Steward, gent. 24 March, 1605,–Gilbert Pigot, ſon of Thomas Pigot, gent. 23 February, 1609.–Mary, Daughter of Francis Pigot, gent. 1 November, 1611.–Thomas Pigot, gent. 8 October, 1612.–Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Pigot, gent. 30 December, 1614.–Suſan, daughter of Francis Picot, gent. 8 June, 1617.–Alice Pigot, widow, 6 November, 1620.——Mrs. Ann Vahon, 22 May, 1657.——John Gouldſmith, Eſq; 22 January, 1669.——Elizabeth, wife of Henry Chauncey, Eſq; 18 Auguſt, 1677.——Barbara, wife of John Thurſton, gent. 24 June, 1682.———Thomas Thurſton, gent. 9 November, 1683.——Mary, daughter of

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[e] Parkeri certificat.

[f] Regiſt. Paynot. Norw.

Thomas Thurſton, gent. 7 January, 1684.——Mrs. Elizabeth Thurſton, 3 January, 1728.——Mrs. Elizabeth Buxton, 17 October, 1729.

UPWELL and OUTWELL.

THE greateſt part of theſe towns with their lands, lie in Cambridgeſhire, or the iſle of Ely, but as the churches of both ſtand in Norfolk, I ſhall offer ſome particulars relating thereto. In the book of *Domeſday*, Outwell in Norfolk, belonged to the abby of Ramſey, is [a] ſaid to have 16 borderers there, with lands valued at 5*s. per ann.*——The capital manor of theſe towns belonged to that abby, and lay in Upwell, and extended into Outwell, called Wella, as having their ſcite on a river: Ailwin, a Saxon, duke of the Eaſt Angles, on his foundation of the ſaid abby in 969, granted it to that houſe; there belonged alſo to it 20 fiſhermen with their manſes and tofts, who were to find it with 60,000 eels yearly, &c. all which was confirmed by the Conqueror.

In the 4th of King John, Upwell was a town of ſuch account, that it appears from the pipe rolls, that the abbot had, as lord of it, a mercate.

In the 20th of Edward I. it was agreed between William de Luda, biſhop of Ely, and John de Sautrey, abbot of Ramſey, at Wiſelyngham, on Saturday before the feaſt of St. Mark, that the lete of Welle ſhould for the future be kept by the bayliff of the abbot, in the preſence of the biſhop's, bayliff, if he ſo thought fit, as it uſed to be peacefully kept till the 14th of Henry III. and that the biſhop ſhould have his court of his tenants without the hundred of Clackloſe, of all pleas belonging to a court baron.

King Henry VI. grants to the biſhop of Ely, and John, abbot of Ramſey, one common and open mercate weekly, and a fair yearly, on St. Peter and Paul's day, at Upwell, with all the profits; dated the 5th of April, *an.* 1. at Lincoln; and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey, in Upwell and Outwell, were valued at 19*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and their ſpiritualities here and Modeney priory in Helgey, at 2*l.* On its diſſolution it was granted, on 20 of July in the 38th of Henry VIII. to Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; on the payment of a fee farm rent of 1*l.* 9*s.* 4*d. per ann.* which payment was made in the firſt of Queen Mary, on the 16th of June; and by Dorothy, daughter and coheir of the ſaid Edmund, came by marriage to Sir Robert Bell.

BISHOP of ELY's MANOR.

THAT there was a lordſhip in Well, belonging to the church of Ely before the conqueſt, appears from antient records, [b] and ſeems to be part of the endowment of Ethelwold, biſhop of Wincheſter, on the founding the Benedictine monaſtery therein, who purchaſed, about the 10th year of King Edgar, the whole iſle of Ely free from all royal ſubjection, and gave it to that church; but on the erection of the ſee of Ely, it became part of the biſhop's endowment. In the reign of Edward I. it appears from a regiſter of the ſee of Ely, that the biſhop's manor here was in Cambridgeſhire, or iſle of Ely, in the hundred of Wichford, but extended into Norfolk; ſeveral tenants being in that county, and the hundred of Clackcloſe: the biſhop had foldage of his free tenants, weyf and ſtray, ſeveral fiſheries, and all royal fiſheries in the biſhop's liberty belonged to him, giving 4*d.* to the finder; and the patronage of the church of St. Clement in Outwell, was in that ſee; the demeſne was only 8 acres, called Hall-Croft. The lord may have a wind or a water-mill, but his tenants are not obliged to grind there; Sir Stephen de Mariſco,

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[a] Hundr. de Clacheſcoſa—Terr. S'ci. Benedicti de Rameſio—Utuuella xvi bord. val. v ſol. Spelman's Icenia. P. 139.—4 Joh. Rot. 10.—Madox Hiſt. of he Exch. p. 278.—Præclara quæd. de Cænob. Petrob. & Rameis. by Tho. Hearn, p. 187, ex Spott's chron.—Reg. Elienſ. in Bibl. Cotton. P. 340.

[b] Hiſt. Elienſ. Regr. El. p. 94. in Bibl. Cotton.

riſco, knight, held 4 meſſuages; the prior of Mirmound, 100 acres, which belonged to Henry de Alta Villa, at 2*s*. *per ann.* the prior of Molycourt, a croft which belonged to John Supereure, at 6*d*. *per ann.* the canons of Thrilling, 24 acres at 6*d*. *per ann.* John de Walpole 1 acre by knight's ſervice, which was Alen de Enemeth's.

In an account of Edward Pierpoint, receiver general of the revenues of this ſee, about 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary, the biſhop's revenues in Well, amounted to 2*l*. 5*s*. 2*d*. After this, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was veſted in the crown.

There being antiently ſeveral diſputes and conteſts between the biſhops of Ely, [*c*] and the abbots of Ramſey, there were boundaries ſettled to their mutual ſatiſfaction, which are ſtill upon record.

BEAUPRE HALL MANOR.

THE ſcite of this manor is in Outwell and in the county of Norfolk, and takes its name Beau-pré, or de Bello Prato, from the fine meadows that ſurround it. The firſt lord of this manor that I meet with on record, is Sir Thomas de St. Omer, knight, in an old deed about the end of the reign of Henry III. (but *ſans* date) in the court of the exchequer. In a bag of deeds of the county of Norfolk, it is recited, that whereas there had been difference between the prior of Lewes, and Sir Thomas, knight of St. Omer, Symon Le Curteis, and other parceners in Upwell marſh in Norfolk, in which the prior claimed common, and the others denied him; by this deed it was agreed that the prior ſhould have right of common for all his own cattle belonging to his manor of Weſt Walton, freely, but neither the prior, his tenants, or villains, &c. ſhould bring cattle out of his other manors to feed there, and that the prior ſhould be helping to them to maintain the liberty of common according to their quantity of their lands in Upwell.——Witneſſes, Adam de Hakebeche, [*d*] Walter de Denevere, knight, Joſceline, ſon of Nicholas de Walpole, &c.

This family of St. Omer, is on the roll, amongſt thoſe perſons of note and eminency who came over with William the conqueror, (Hugh de St. Omer, is mentioned as a baron of the realm by Mat. Paris,) and no doubt was ſeated here, nigh the time of the conqueſt; and mention is made by Sir Henry Spilman of John de St. Omer, of Well, who wrote an anſwer to a monk of Peterburgh, who in the reign of King John, wrote a lampoon in Latin againſt the country people of Norfolk, and Sir John de St. Omer was keeper of the wardrobe to King Henry III. *an.* 33.—In the fourth of Edward I. 1276, Everard, prior of Mulicourt, leaſed lands to Sir William de St. Omer. In 1274, he, with Thomas de St. Omer, and William de Rivers had the king's letters of protection, as proxies for him, then going to the council of Lyons; and in 1275, Sir Thomas was with Simon de Grey, juſtice itinerant in Cambridgeſhire. Sir William de St. Omer lived at Well in the 42d, and in the 53d of Henry III. was judge of the aſſiſe at Cambridge, - - - - - and living *an.* 14 Edward I.

Sir Thomas de St. Omer was his ſon, and had large poſſeſſions left him by his father, being lord of Brundal, Mulbarton, &c. in Norfolk.——In a north window of Mulbarton, was to be ſeen painted in the glaſs, an armed knight kneeling; behind him his lady kneeling, and behind her a young lady, her daughter, kneeling; on his armour and over his head, was his arms——Azure, a feſs between 6 croſs croſlets, or; on his lady's veſtments, and over his head, was gules, 3 ſiniſter hands couped, argent, under them, this French legend–*Priez pour les almes de Mounſieur Thomas Seutomeris et Dame Petrinelle ſa femme, qui fit faire ceſte feneſtre.* His lady Petronilla, was the daughter of † Nicholas de Malmains; this is to repreſent that Sir Thomas, who was living in the reign of Edward III.

It appears that Sir Thomas, aforeſaid, ſon of Sir William, left no iſſue male, and that this lordſhip became the inheritance of Chriſtian, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas St. Omer, who lived in the reign of Edward I. ſhe married John, ſon of Gilbert de Beaupre, whoſe anceſtors had conſiderable poſſeſſions in theſe townſhips. [e] This John Fitz Gilbert appears, by antient deeds, to have inherited alſo from them, a manor in Well; to this John, Nicholas Durdant rector of Lucham in Norfolk, for a certain ſum of money, granted ſeveral villains, *cum totâ ſequelâ*, and the lands they held of him by deed *ſans date*; witneſſes, John de Dunham, John de Arſicks, Ralph de Rothyngs, Kts. and to the ſaid John Henry de Hale, clerk, granted the advouſon of the priory of St. Mary de Mulicourt, by deed dated at Utwell, on Thurſday after the feaſt of St. Peter ad Vincula, in 1313, ſoon after which the ſaid John Fitz Gilbert died.

[*c*] Tho. Hearn's Edit. of Sprot's chron. p. 198. Oxfd.

[*d*] Matt. Par. p. 126.—Rymeri Fæd. V. 2. f. 23. —Adam de St. Omer, mayor of Lynn in 1275.

† A daughter and coheireſs of this Sir Thomas and Petronilla, his wife, (heireſs of Malmains) Alice, was married to Sir William Hoo; Elizabeth was another daughter and coheir, by a ſecond wife of Sir Thomas. —Blomfd. Hiſt. Norf. V. 2. p. 51.

Richard de Beaupre, ſon and heir of this John, was lord, and married Catherine, daughter of Oſbert Mundeford, Eſq:

Sir Thomas de Beaupre was his ſon and heir, who married Joan, daughter of Thomas Holbeach, Eſq; he lived in the reign of Edward III. and by a deed dated 1362, to which in his ſeal, it appears, that his arms were—on a bend, a pallet between two croſs croſlets, and the ſame were to be ſeen in the eaſt window of the chancel of Outwell.

Nicholas was his ſon and heir, who married ‡ Margaret, daughter of Richard Holdich of Didlington, in Norfolk, Eſq; this Nicholas, by his will dated the 1ſt of September 1380, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chapel of St. Mary in Outwell, to the repair of the church 11*s.* to the high altar 12*d.* to the repair of the church of Welyngham 11*s.* to the high altar 12*d.* and the reſidue of his moveable goods, to Margaret his wife and Thomas de Walton, prior of Molycourt, to diſpoſe of as they ſee good, for the honour of God and his ſoul's health. This Nicholas dyed in 1404.

The will of Joan, mother of Nicholas, and late wife of Sir Thomas, is dated on Sunday after the feaſt of St. Matthew, 1392, and bequeaths her body to be buried in the church yard of St. Clement in Outwell, to the lights of every altar in the ſaid church 12*d.* to the repair of it 13*s.* 4*d.* to the mending of two bridges 11*s.* and appoints Nicholas her ſon, and Thomas, rector of that church, executors.

This Nicholas had a ſon of his own name, who by his will dated 24th of September 1428, ordains his truſtees in the manor of Weſenham, &c. to keep the ſame for the raiſing of 200 marks to fullfil his laſt will, to be diſpoſed of in maſſes &c. for his ſoul, and thoſe of his anceſtours; bequeaths veſtments to the value of 20*l.* to the church of Outwell, to the prioreſs † of Blackberge 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* out of his lands, &c. in South Lenn; x*s.* to be given amongſt the poor of Outwell, to Elizabeth his daughter 10 marks, 10*l.* to be diſpoſed of for his burial, to the guild of Corpus Chriſti 40*d.* to that of St. Mary 6*s.* 8*d.* to that of St. Chriſtopher and St. John in Outwell 40*d.* to be equally divided; to Margaret, his ſon Thomas's wife, 40*s.* for her own uſe, to Alice, wife of Martin Capper, 13*s.* 4*d.* to each of his executors 40*s.* and to the monks of Mulicourt 20*s.* and to be buried in the church of Outwell, by Margaret his late wife; and proved by his ſon Thomas, the 9th of March 1429. *Regiſt. Surflete pt. 2. fol.* 52.

Thomas de Beaupre was his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of John Meers of Lincolnſhire, Eſq; ſhe, by her laſt will dated on Monday after the feaſt of Eaſter, 1439, bequeaths her body to be buried in St. Mary's chapel in the church of Outwell, before the image of St. John Baptiſt, gives to the guilds and church of Outwell, 8 marks, for a prieſt to pray one year for her ſoul, &c. and it was proved on the 6th of June following—In the year 1452, the will of Thomas de Beaupre, bears date on the feaſt of St. Dionyſius, bequeaths to Margaret his wife the manors of Frevyles and Southall in Welyngam, Norfolk, for life, and 40*s.* *per ann.* out of his manor in Outwell, and the ſaid manors to Robert his ſon (on the death of Margaret) if he ſhould ſo long live, and to his heirs male, and in default thereof, then to Thomas his ſon and heir, &c. to John Brigg, 10*l.* *per ann.* out of his manor in Weſynham, (which John married Elianore daughter of the ſaid Thomas) 'till he ſhould receive out of it the ſum of 50*l.* and then to his ſon

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(*e*) Evident. pen. Beaup. Bell, Armig.

† Elizab. Beaupre, prioreſs of Blackburgh in Norfolk, reſigned in Sept. 1434, probably ſiſter of this Nicholas.

‡ The will of Margaret was proved 29th of Sept. 1404, and ſhe was buried in the chapel of St. Mary in Outwell church.—*Regiſt. Harſyke, fol.* 313.

Thomas, *&c.* by this it appears he married a ſecond wiſe Margaret, who was, as I take it, daughter of Oſbert Mundeford, Eſq; ſenior, and by a deed dated 1448, the ſaid Oſbert delivered ſeiſin of the manors of Frevyles and Southall in Welyngham, to the ſaid Thomas and Margaret, which he had of the ſaid Thomas; which was moſt likely on a marriage ſettlement.

Thomas de Beaupre, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, who in 1459, his father being then alive, married Margaret daughter of Robert Aſhefeld, Eſq; of Stow-Longtoft in Suffolk.

Nicholas de Beaupre, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, who in 1493, married Margaret, daughter and coheir of Thomas Fodryngey, as will appear from this following covenant.

" This indenture made the 14th day of November, the 7th year of the reigne " of king Harry the VII. betwix Sir Robert Radclyff and dame Katherine his " wife, on the oon party, and Nicholas Beaupre on the other party, witneſſeth that " whereas the ſaid Sir Robert and dame Katherine, have in their kepyng and go- " vernaunce oon Margaret Fodringgey, oon of the daughters and heyres of Tho- " mas Fodrynggey, late of Brockley in Suffolk, gentilman, the ſaid Nicholas, be- " fore the feaſt of the nativity of St. John Baptiſt next comyng, by the aſſent, " help and favor of the ſaid Sir Robert and dame Katherine, and for the faithfull " love, that the ſaid Nicholas hath long time had to the ſaid Margaret, ſhall by " the grace of God, marry and take to wif the ſaid Margaret, and eſpowſells be- " tween them ſhall be ſolemmyniſed, for the which, *&c.* the ſaid Nicholas ſhall " be bound; and cauſe alſo with him, Thomas Beaupre, his father to be bound, " *&c.* to the ſaid Sir Robert and Katherine, *&c.* in the ſum of xl*l.* pay- " able, *&c.* and the ſame Sir Robert and Katherine, *&c.* graunteth by theſe pre- " ſents to delyver the ſaid Margaret, to the ſaid Nicholas, unaſſured to any " perſon, *&c.*"

The will of this Nicholas is dated on the feaſt of St. Thomas the apoſtle, 1513, wherein he bequeaths his body to be buried in the chapel of St. Mary [*f*] in the church of Outwell amongſt his anceſtors; to Henry his brother cc*s.* *per ann.* out of his manors of Beaupre, Southall, *&c.* and his ſon Edmund to enter in the ſaid manors, *&c.* when he comes to the age of 21 years, and to him and his heirs, and in default thereof, to Nicholas his ſon; to the ſaid Nicholas his manor of Northall in Weſingham; mentions his daughter Margery, couſin Fincham, and couſin Munford, proved the 24th of January 1514,—and the ſaid Margaret, died [*g*] the 20th of February, in the 6th year of Henry VIII. ſeiſed of Brockley in Suffolk, and Edmund was her ſon and heir, 13 years old, which Edmund married Margery, daughter of Sir John Wiſeman, of Great Thornham in Suffolk, and Elizabeth his wife, as appears from the will of the ſaid Elizabeth, (then his widow) dated the 4th of October, 1548, wherein mention is made of this Margery, and her four daughters, by the ſaid Edmund; Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary, and Ann, who were then all alive, and was proved the laſt day of October 1551—His 2d wife was Katherine, daughter of Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; This Edmund, dyed the 14th of February 1567, and by the marriage, (as 'tis ſaid) of Dorothy, another daughter and coheir, to Sir Robert Bell, this manor of Beaupre was veſted in that family. In the will of lady Wiſeman abovementioned, this Dorothy is not mentioned, the daughters of Edmund Beaupre there mentioned, I find from ſeveral antient pedigrees to be thus diſpoſed of, Catherine, married Edmund Wright, ------; Elizabeth dyed young; Mary married Richard Berwick; and Ann married Nicholas Wright. Spilman ſays that this Dorothy [*h*] was by the late wife of Winter, † but does not further explain himſelf. It appears that ſhe was married

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(*f*) Regr. Spirlinge, fol. 93. He alſo wills 2 candleſticks of Laton, with 2 wax candles of 2 pound to be ſet upon his grave, to burn every Sunday and holiday, at matins, hey maſs and even-ſong for the ſpace of a yere.

(*g*) Eſch. 6, Hen. VIII. N. 117.—Reg. Corant Norw.

(*h*) Spilm. Icen. p. 139.—Regiſt. Eccl. de Outwell.

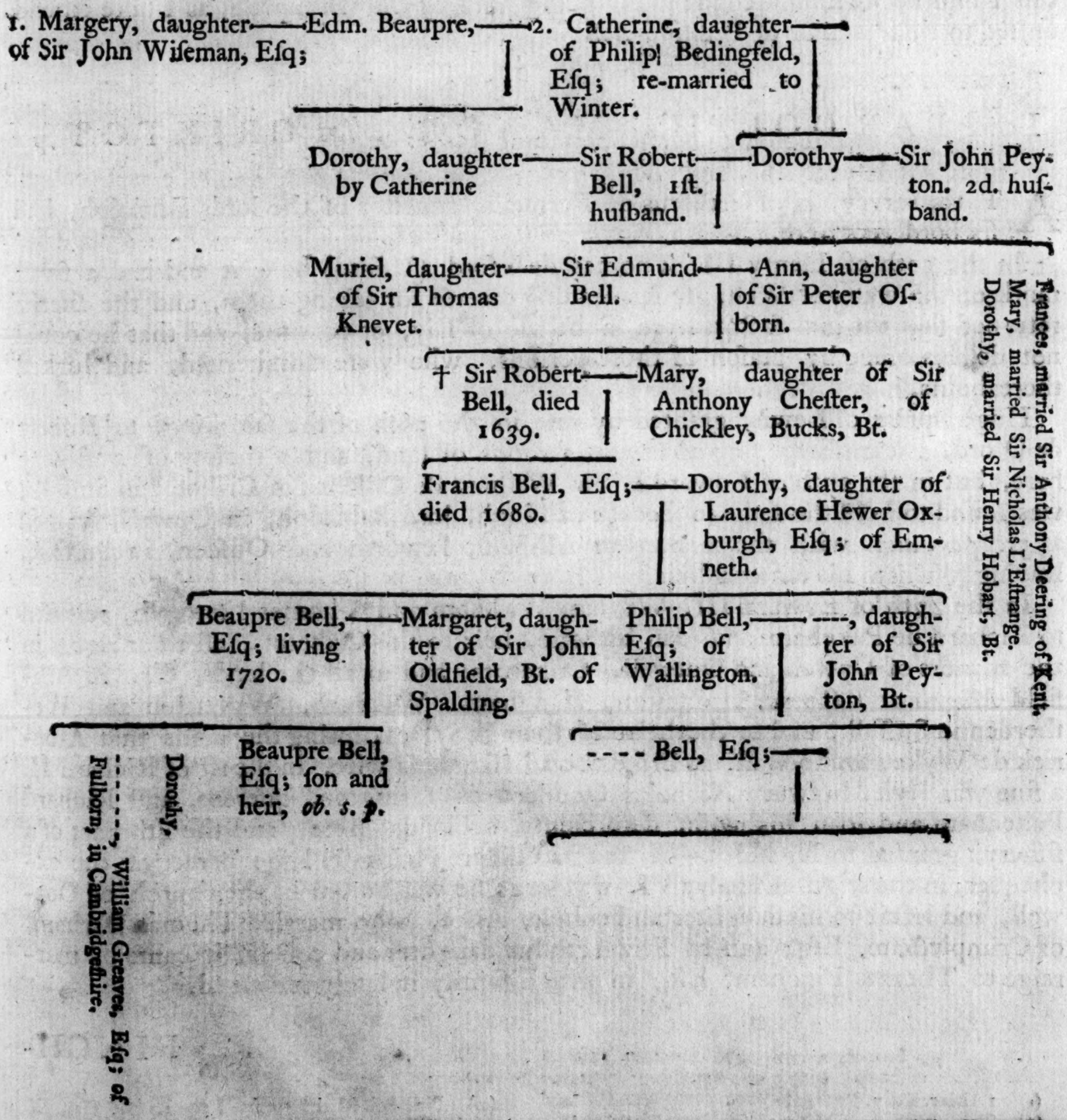
† Cath. Winter preſented to the church of Southacre, in 1578, ſo that I take it ſhe was relict of Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; (mother of Dorothy, who married Sir Rt. Bell.) and after remarried ---- Winter.

married to Bell on the 15th of October 1559, which is about eleven years after the date of the lady Wiſeman's will. Sir Robert Bell was ſpeaker of the houſe of commons *A°.* 14 Elizabeth, was chief baron of the exchequer, and dyed of the peſtilential vapour, at Oxford, at the aſſizes there in 1577, which deſtroyed alſo the high ſheriff, moſt of the grand jury, and above 300 more, and his widow was married to Sir John Peyton, lord lieutenant of the tower of London.

In this family the manor of Beaupre continued 'till the death of Beaupre Bell, Eſq; in 17--, who dying unmarried, gave it by will to his youngeſt ſiſter Elizabeth, who married William Greaves, Eſq; of Fulborne, in Cambridgeſhire, who in right of his wife is the preſent lord. See the pedigree following of Bell.

I find alſo from an old record, that on the death of Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; many of his lands came to Mary, late wife of Richard Berwick, Anne Wright, widow, Edward Wright, ſon and heir of Catherine Wright, and Chriſtian, daughters and coheirs of Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; but this lordſhip was given by the ſaid Edmund, to Dorothy, his daughter, by Catherine, daughter of Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; who married Sir Robert Bell, and afterwards Sir John Peyton, lieutenant of the tower of London.

The PEDIGREE of BEAUPRE, BELL, &c.


1. Margery, daughter of Sir John Wiſeman, Eſq;
Edm. Beaupre,
2. Catherine, daughter of Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; re-married to Winter.
Dorothy, daughter by Catherine
Sir Robert Bell, 1ſt. huſband.
Dorothy
Sir John Peyton. 2d. huſband.
Muriel, daughter of Sir Thomas Knevet.
Sir Edmund Bell.
Ann, daughter of Sir Peter Oſborn.
Frances, married Sir Anthony Deering of Kent.
Mary, married Sir Nicholas L'Eſtrange.
Dorothy, married Sir Henry Hobart, Bt.
† Sir Robert Bell, died 1639.
Mary, daughter of Sir Anthony Cheſter, of Chickley, Bucks, Bt.
Francis Bell, Eſq; died 1680.
Dorothy, daughter of Laurence Hewer Oxburgh, Eſq; of Emneth.
Beaupre Bell, Eſq; living 1720.
Margaret, daughter of Sir John Oldfield, Bt. of Spalding.
Philip Bell, Eſq; of Wallington.
----, daughter of Sir John Peyton, Bt.
-----, William Greaves, Eſq; of Fulborn, in Cambridgeſhire.
Dorothy.
Beaupre Bell, Eſq; ſon and heir, *ob. s. p.*
---- Bell, Eſq;

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† Sir Robert married a 2d wife, ----- the widow of Edward Anderſon, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Edmund Anderſon, lord chief juſtice; ſhe died *s. p.* by Sir Robert.

WEST DERHAM ABBY MANOR.

THIS conſiſted of parcels of lands, fiſheries, rents and ſervices, given by many perſons: the principal perſons were Thomas de Burgo, ſon of Walter, who in the reign of Henry III. gave to that abby a meſſuage and 50 acres of land in Upwell; Alan, the merchant of Well; William le Curteis, who in 1237, bequeathed his body to be buried there; Ralph, ſon of Stephen Ruch; John, ſon of Oſbert de Well, Albrict, ſon of Walter de Wells, *&c.* gave them lands here, *&c.* and in the 19th of Edward I. the abbot of Weſt Derham, was found to have a manor here, which extended into Outwell and Emneth. In 1428, the temporalities of the ſaid abbey here were valued at 10*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

On its diſſolution it came to the crown, and on the 16th of June in the firſt of queen Mary, [i] was given to Edmund Beaupre to be held by knight's ſervice, it being then farmed by him with lands thereto belonging in Outwell and Emneth, in the tenure of Nicholas Steward, and it paſſed (as is obſerved in Beaupre manor) from him to the Bells, *&c.*

William, earl Warren, [k] had at the ſurvey 6 borderers in Outwell.

In the 3d of Edward I. the earl Warren was found to hold a manor here, after this I find no further account of it; being held by the Beaupre's, as I take it, and united to their manor of Beaupre-hall.

Lord BARDOLPH's MANOR, *alias* CRIKTOTS.

AT the ſurvey, [l] Hermerus de Ferrariis, anceſtor of the lords Bardolph, had ſix borderers here.

In the 50th of Henry III. Thomas de Yford (Ufford) held it and had a ſwan mark on the water of Well, he impleading diverſe for taking them, and the ſheriff returned that the malefactors lived in the iſle of Ely, or confines, and that he could not do his office by reaſon of thoſe perſons, who were diſinherited, and lurked thereabouts.

Hugh, prior of Lewis, granted by fine in the 56th of the ſaid king, to Robert de Oford, one meſſuage, 55 acres and 3 roods of land, and a moiety of a fiſhery here, but in the 27th of Edward I. Sir William de Criketot of Criketot in Suffolk, was found to hold the ſame in ſoccage of Hugh, lord Bardolph, in Upwell, valued at 5*s.* *per ann.* with the manors of Aſhfield, Ixworth and Ouſden, in Suffolk, leaving William his ſon and heir.

In the 47th of Edward III. William Walſham and Thomas Ikeworth, releaſed to Richard de Pakeham and Joan his wife, heir to the Criketots, all their rights in the manors of Upwell and Outwell, Criketots, and in all the lands, *&c.* in Aſhfield *Magna* and *Parva*, Hunteſton, Langham, Walſham, Wyverſton and Wetherden in Suffolk, and to the heirs of their body, excepting the lands that Alberick de Wyke gave to William Criketot and Iſabel his wife. In the 1ſt of Richard II. a fine was levied between Nicholas Goddard of Tirington, querent, and Richard Pakenham and Joan his wife, deforcients, of lands here, and the 4th part of a fiſhery, granted to Nicholas.—After this Gilbert Haultoft, Eſq; baron of the exchequer, in the reign of Henry VI. was lord: he was buried in the church of Outwell, and left it to his daughter and coheir, Alice, who married Thomas Derham, of Crimpleſham, Eſq; and by Elizabeth his daughter and coheir, it came by marraige to Thomas Fincham, Eſq; in which family it lately remained.

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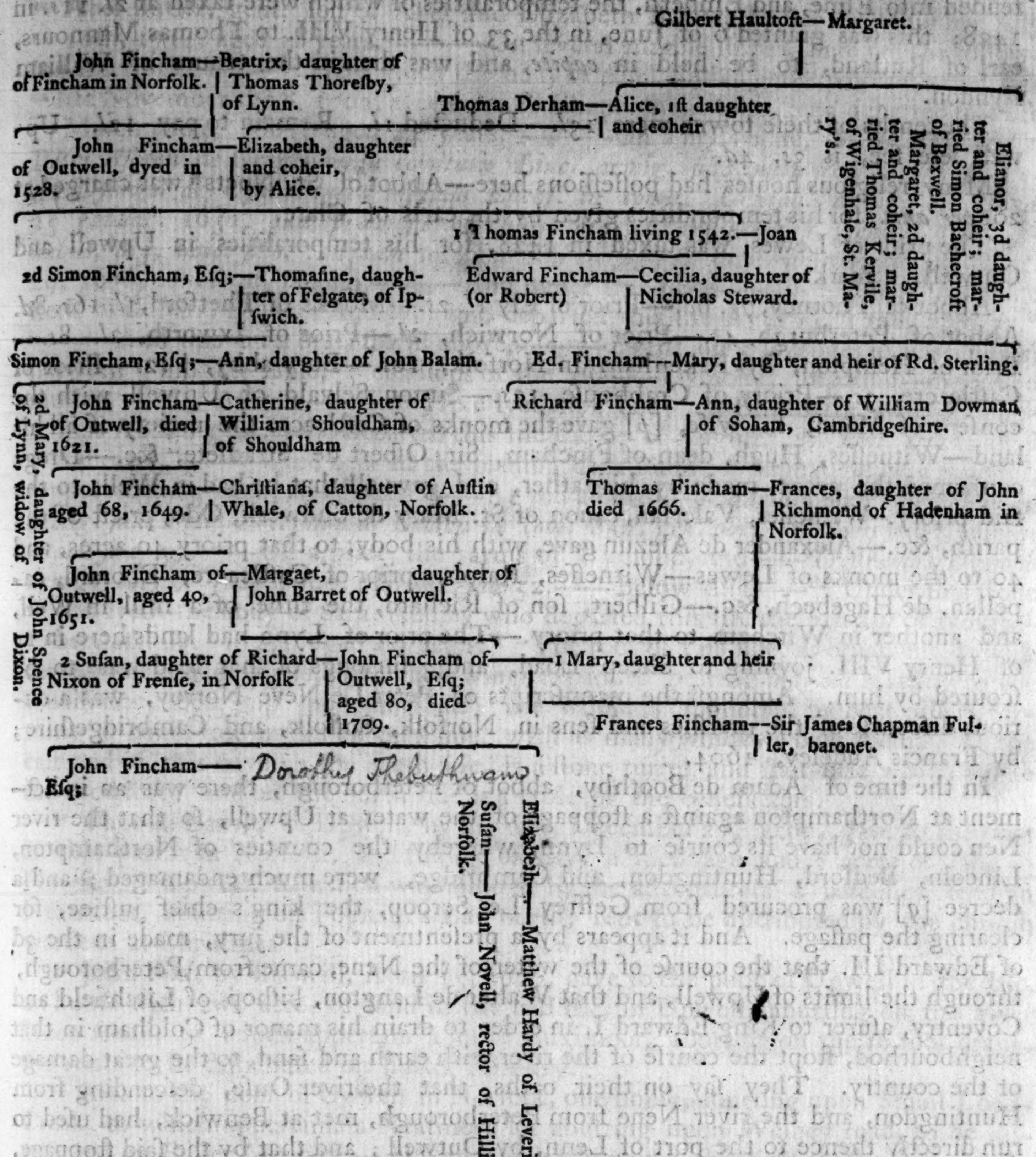
(*i*) 1. Mar. Pt. 7.

(*k*) Terr. Will. de Warrenna—In Utuuella 6 bord. Rot. Hund. Clackl. 3d. Ed. I. in cur. Recept. Sccij.

(*l*) Terr' Hermeri de Ferraijs.—In Wella, 6 bord.

(*m*) P'a. Sci. Mich. coram. Rege 50 *&c.* Hen. III. r. 3 d.—Fin. Norff. Lig. 10. N. 41, Nr. 68.—Eſch. 27 Ed. I. Nr. 47.—Claus. 47, Ed. III. M. 18 and 16,—Fin. 1 Rd. II. L. 1. N. 6.

FINCHAM's PEDIGREE, of OUTWELL.


Gilbert Haultoft—Margaret.
John Fincham—Beatrix, daughter of
of Fincham in Norfolk. Thomas Thoreſby, of Lynn.
Thomas Derham—Alice, 1ſt daughter and coheir
Elianor, 3d daughter and coheir; married Simon Bachecroft of Bexwell.
Margaret, 2d daughter and coheir; married Thomas Kervile, of Wigenhale, St. Mary's.
John Fincham—Elizabeth, daughter
of Outwell, dyed in 1528. and coheir, by Alice.
1 Thomas Fincham living 1542.—Joan
2d Simon Fincham, Eſq;—Thomaſine, daughter of Felgate, of Ipſwich.
Edward Fincham—Cecilia, daughter of
(or Robert) Nicholas Steward.
Simon Fincham, Eſq;—Ann, daughter of John Balam.
Ed. Fincham—Mary, daughter and heir of Rd. Sterling.
2d Mary, daughter of John Spence of Lynn, widow of Dixon.
John Fincham—Catherine, daughter of
of Outwell, died 1621. William Shouldham, of Shouldham
Richard Fincham—Ann, daughter of William Dowman of Soham, Cambridgeſhire.
John Fincham—Chriſtiana, daughter of Auſtin
aged 68, 1649. Whale, of Catton, Norfolk.
Thomas Fincham—Frances, daughter of John
died 1666. Richmond of Hadenham in Norfolk.
John Fincham of—Margaet, daughter of
Outwell, aged 40, 1651. John Barret of Outwell.
2 Suſan, daughter of Richard—John Fincham of—1 Mary, daughter and heir
Nixon of Frenſe, in Norfolk Outwell, Eſq; aged 80, died 1709.
Frances Fincham—Sir James Chapman Fuller, baronet.
John Fincham—Dorothy Thebuthwane
Eſq;
Elizabeth—Matthew Hardy of Leverington.
Suſan—John Novell, rector of Hillington, Norfolk.

Sautreys or Wells; Norton's manor and Hackebech in Upwell; theſe manors Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; was found to dye ſeiſed of; they came alſo to the Bells, and are now held by William Greaves Eſq;

Thurning manor in Upwell, with its appertenances, granted 28 July, in the 30 of Henry VIII. to Tho. Meggs to be held in *capite*.

WALSINGHAM MANOR.

WALTER DE BURGO releaſed by deed, *ſans* date, all his right in the homages, [n] reliefs, ſervices, &c. of the lands given by Roger Godlomb to the canons of Walſingham in Norfolk, and held by him in Upwell, oppoſite to Mullicourt, containing in all 380 acres with the tithes. Simon de Outwell, Jeffrey, his ſon, and Reginald, ſon of Jeffrey, gave them alſo ſeveral lands here; in 1428, the temporalities of this houſe were taxed at 1*l.* 10*s.*

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[r] Regiſt. Walſingh. fol. 126, 128. Pat. 18.

On the diſſolution, it was granted 12 September, in the 36th of Henry VIII. to John Eyre, Eſq;

The nunnery of Nun-Eaton in Warwickſhire, had alſo a manor here [*o*] that extended into Elme, and Emneth, the temporalities of which were taxed at 2*l.* 11*s.* in 1428; this was granted 6 of June, in the 33 of Henry VIII. to Thomas Mannours, earl of Rutland, to be held in *capite*, and was then in the tenure of William Fyndon.

The tenths of theſe towns were 13*l.* Deducted 1*l.* Remain to pay 12*l.* Upwell lete fee, is 3*s.* 4*d.*

Many religious houſes had poſſeſſions here—Abbot of St. Noets* was charged at 20*s per ann.* for his temporalities given by the earls of Clare.

The prior of Lewes, was taxed in 1428, for his temporalities in Upwell and Outwell, 2 marks.

Abbot of Thorney, 7*s.* 6*d.*—Prior of Ely 1*l.* 2*s.*—Monks of Thetford, 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Abbot of Peterburgh, 4*s.*—Prior of Norwich, 2*l.*—Prior of Ixworth, 2*l.* 8*s.*—Prior of Hempton, by Fakenham in Norfolk, 16*s.*—Bury abby, † 12*s*—Prior of Caſtleacre, 3*s.*—Priory of Crabhouſe, 12*s.*—Simon Selvald of Upwell, with the conſent of Maud, his wiſe, [*p*] gave the monks of Caſtleacre the moiety of all his land—Witneſſes, Hugh, dean of Fincham, Sir Oſbert de Stradſete, &c.—Droge confirmed the grants made by his father, and gave all that he had in Wells to the ſaid priory.—Witneſſes, Valerian, canon of St. Mary de Sudwerk, Odo, prieſt of the pariſh, &c.—Alexander de Alezun gave, with his body, to that priory 40 acres, and 40 to the monks of Lewes—Witneſſes, Ralph, prior of Caſtleacre, Eborard, capellan. de Hagebech, &c.—Gilbert, ſon of Richard, the tithe of a mill in Well, and another in Wircham to that priory.—The prior of Lynn had lands here in 15 of Henry VIII. joyning to Sheep Load, and 3 furlongs of that load was to be ſcoured by him. Amongſt the manuſcripts of Peter Le Neve Norroy, was a curious diſcourſe of the marſhes and fens in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeſhire; by Francis Audeley, 1604.

In the time of Adam de Boothby, abbot of Peterborough, there was an indictment at Northampton againſt a ſtoppage of the water at Upwell, ſo that the river Nen could not have its courſe to Lynn, whereby the counties of Northampton, Lincoln, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Cambridge, were much endamaged; and a decree [*q*] was procured from Geffrey Le Scroop, the king's chief juſtice, for clearing the paſſage. And it appears by a preſentment of the jury, made in the 3d of Edward III. that the courſe of the water of the Nene, came from Peterborough, through the limits of Upwell, and that Walter de Langton, biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry, aſurer to King Edward I. in order to drain his manor of Coldham in that neighbourhod, ſtopt the courſe of the river with earth and ſand, to the great damage of the country. They ſay on their oaths, that the river Ouſe, deſcending from Huntingdon, and the river Nene from Peterborough, met at Benwick, had uſed to run directly thence to the port of Lenn, by Outwell; and that by the ſaid ſtoppage, no navigible veſſels could afterwards paſs to and from Lenn, as they had wont to do. And Dugdale obſerves that the river Ouſe, whoſe current now diſcharges itſelf into the ſea by Lynn, paſſed in King John's time, under the town of Littleport in the iſle of Ely, and ſo on to Wellenhee, (Welney) and through the two towns of Upwell and Outwell, whence it had the name of Well Stream, and ſo under Walſoken ſea-bank, through the waſhes between Lincolnſhire and Marſhland, into the ſea; where the river Nene, that comes from Peterborough through Wiſbeach, runs through thoſe waſhes now, and ſlides into the ſea.

The church of Upwell, is dedicated to St. Peter, and is a large regular pile, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel, all of ſtone, embattled with brick, and covered with lead; the length of the nave is about 71 feet, and the breadth, including the iſles, about 51.——About the middle of the nave, lies a marble graveſtone, with this inſcription on a plate of braſs——*Orate p. aiab; Wilhelmi*

[*o*] Pat. 2.

† Sampſon, abbot of Bury in the reign of Richard I. at the inſtance of his good friend, Sir Stephen Ridell, granted to Gregory de Mariſcis, lands in Welle, held by Reginald Brun, paying 12*d. per ann.* to the abbot's manor of Suthrey.——Regr. Nig. Bur. p. 206.

* Regiſt. Sc'i Neoti in Bib. Cotton.

[*p*] Reg. Caſtleac. p. 72, 73, & 51.

[*q*] Gunton's Hiſt. of Peterb.—P'lita Coron. 3 Ed. III. Rot 70.—Dugd. Hiſt. of Imbank. &c. p. 256. 300.]

Wilhelmi Damet et Clariſie uxoris ej; qui quid' Wills. obt. ix *die Novemb. Ao. Dni.* M. cccccxxvii. *Quor a'iab; p'pit. Deus, Amen.* Near the deſk, on an old graveſtone, deprived of its old plate, is this modern inſcription——“ Here lieth the body of “ Abel Butler, gent. ſon of Abel and Elizabeth Butler, he departed this life July “ 10th, 1714, aged 38 years.”——On ſeveral marble ſtones, here are the following inſcriptions——“ Here lyeth the body of Abel Butler gent. who departed this “ life November the 8, 1702, aged 65, alſo Elizabeth his wife, who departed this life “ March the 5, 1683, aged 24 years.”——On a braſs plate, *M. S. Elizabetha, Petri Aſhton de Grantham in comitatu Linc. armig. filia, natu ſecunda, nupſit Petro Dymond de Upwell infra inſulam Elienſ. in comit. Cantab. armig. die Lunæ* 25 *Januar.* 1652, *quæ præmiſſis octo filijs, atq; unâ inſuper filiâ, relictis tribus filiabus, atq; unico filio, tanquam tot chariſſimi conjugij ſui pignoribus mortem obt. Sept.* 29, 1676, *An. ætat, ſuæ* 49.——And under this plate——“ Under this ſtone lieth alſo Mrs. Frances Audley, who departed this life April 15, 1728, aged 77.”——And this on a braſs ſhield above,——argent, on 5 lozenges in feſs, gules, between 3 mullets ſable, 5 eſcallops of the 1ſt——Dymond, impaling—argent, a mullet, ſable, Aſhton——“ Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Audley gent. who departed this life the 27 of Auguſt, *Ao. Dni.* 1722, aged “ 24 years.”——And near to the reading deſk ſtands a large eagle on a pedeſtal, ſupported by 3 lions, all of braſs.——As you aſcend——*Maria uxor Triſtr. Dymond armig. filia Petri Pretyman de Bacton in com. Suff. gen. obt,* 15 *Julij* 1663, *annoq; ætatis ſuæ* 57.——On a plate, the arms of Dymond, and——*Triſtramus Dymond armig. obt.* 6 *Julij* 1660, *Ao. Æt. ſuæ* 52.——Below this——“ Under this ſtone “ alſo lyeth the body of Sam. Audley who departed this life the 7th day of November. *Ao. D.* 1727, aged 66 years.” The roof of this nave is ornamented with carved work, and angels, with their wings expanded bearing *inſignia* relating to the crucifixion, bear up the principals; the whole is ſupported by neat pillars forming 6 handſome arches on each ſide, with as many windows over them. At the eaſt end of this nave on the ſouth ſide, is a ſtone turret and ſtair-caſe which led to the rood loft; and on the north ſide is a table of the benefactors.

“ Thomas Lamb, of Upwell, by his will, December 27, 1562, gave to the poor of this pariſh in Norfolk, and the iſle of Ely, a meſſuage and 3 acres of land in Plawfield, Upwell, to which was allotted by the adventurers a parcel of land in Neatmoor, abutting on Popham's Eau north; rent to be diſtributed by the church wardens at Chriſtmas”.

“ John Fox, by his will, April 15, 1626, gave to the poor of Upwell in the Iſle, an houſe with two acres of land in the ſaid Iſle, in Upwell, abutting on the river Neen ſouth, to which appertain a lot in Euximoor, abutting on the 16 foot drain; the rents to be diſtributed on Eaſter Monday.”

“ Alſo to the poor of Upwell in Norfolk, one houſe, abutting upon Small Load-Creak, to which appertains a Neatmore lot abutting upon Welney road, to be diſtributed on Eaſter Monday.—Alſo an houſe adjoyning, abutting on the ſaid Creak, with a lot in Neatmore abutting on the ſaid Welney road, and Mumbrede Drove; the rents of theſe to the repair of the church.”

“ There belong alſo to the poor of Upwell, 3 acres of land in or near Adcock's hill in High Fen, given to the Iſle.—Alſo 3 acres of land in a place called Shrewſneſt, abutting upon the old river, and river Neen given to the Iſle.”

“ John Boſs, gave by his will, 10*l.* to the poor in Norfolk, Upwell, the intereſt or rent of the ſame, to be diſtributed in bread, yearly, at the feaſt of St. Thomas.”

“ Thomas Dixon, 20*l.* to the poor on both ſides; to be diſtributed in money on Good Friday.”

“ Matthew Batman, gave by his laſt will, 5*l. per ann.* out of his eſtate, for ever, to be diſtributed amongſt the poor in the Iſle ſide, in cloaths, at Chriſtmas; the whole eſtate is ſecurity for this.”

“ JOHN BOND and JOHN RAPER, Church Wardens 1727.”

The north iſle has a neat oaken roof, with angels, &c. as the nave, and on the braces, are many ſwans carved.——At the eaſt end of this iſle has been a chapel and altar; on the pavement there lies a marble graveſtone, with the portraiture of a prieſt; and on a braſs plate—*Hic jacet D'ns. Willms. Whytemete quonda' rector de Yaxham, qui obt.* vii *die menſ. Septemb. Ao. Dom.* Millo. ccccxxxii. *cuj; a'e p'pit. Deus Amen.*———Whytemete was alſo rector of Oxburgh, which he reſigned; his will is dated 4 September, 1432; he thereby deſires [*r*] to be buried in the church of Upwell, before the altar of St. John the evangeliſt.

At the weſt end of this iſle ſtands a tower, the bottom part is four-ſquare, the upper octangular, of boulder, &c. embattled with brick; on this is a ſhaft or ſpire of wood covered with lead; in this tower hang 6 large bells, and here is a town clock; it has a porch of ſtone, covered with lead, and a room over it; on the old door are alſo ſeveral ſwans carved, as a rebus, likely, to ſome benefactor of that name, or as a compliment paid to King Henry IV. who had a ſwan for his badge or cogniſance.

The ſouth iſle has alſo a roof of the ſame work, &c. with the north, ornamented with ſwans; at the eaſt end of it has been an altar; on the pavement lies a marble graveſtone, with the portraiture of a prieſt in braſs, and on a plate—*Hic jacet D'ns. Henricus Martyn quond. rector eccles. de Yaxham, qui obt. primo die menſ. Januarij Ao. Dni.* Millo. cccc.xxxv. *cuj; &c.*

At the weſt end of this iſle lies a ſtone in form of a coffin, carved, &c. and adorned with croſſes pattee.

On the ſcreen that divides the chancel from the nave, has been painted, our Saviour bearing his croſs, his aſcenſion, the deſcent of the Holy Ghoſt on the apoſtles, the Trinity, an altar with the cup and wafer, ſupported by two biſhops, alſo ſeveral female ſaints now obſcure.——The chancel roof is alſo ſupported by angels, as the nave, but not of equal beauty; here alſo are the effigies of demons, grinning horribly, as offended with the work.———On the area of this chancel, which is in length about 44 feet, and about 20 in breadth, lies a marble ſtone, with a large portraiture of a prieſt in braſs; it has been ornamented with curious canopy work, a rim round it, ſhields, and a plate of braſs, but of theſe it is now deprived, and was, no doubt, in memory of a rector of this church, probably Mowbray.——Here alſo lies a marble graveſtone, with a large plate of braſs, and thereon the portraiture of a man and his wife, with a deſk between them; behind the man kneel 7 ſons, and behind her 4 daughters; and thus inſcribed——" Theſe following verſes are alluded to Jane Bell, deceaſed, the laſt wife of Sinolphus Bell, Eſq; who being aged " 62 years, departed this life on Munday, being the 26 of February, 1621.

Here lyeth buried of whome may be ſayd
For parentage equall with moſt in this land.
Noe wyves, maydes, or widdows more hartily pray'd,
Then ſhe in her cloſſet, whoſe liberal hand,
Was ever releeving the poor in their neede,
For they and diſeaſed of her did well ſpeede.
Her name was Jane Caltropp, as being a mayde,
Her mother a Rookwood of awncient diſcent,
She married a Bell, and never delayed
By deeds and good uſage to give him content.
Children ſhe had eleven, whereof daughters four,
Of whom remayne ſeven alive at this hower.

Againſt the ſouth wall is this atchievement, Bell with his quarterings——1 ſable, feſs ermin, between 3 bells argent,——Bell———2, argent, 3 piles wavy, gules, between 12 martlets ſable,—Col.——3, argent on bend, azure, a pallet between 2 croſslets, or, Beaupre.—4, azure, feſs between 6 croſs-croſslets, or, St. Omer.—5, argent, a maunch, gules, in a bordure, azure, Tony.—6, quarterly, or and gules, a croſs lozengy, ſable, in the 2d quarter, an eagle diſplayed of the 1ſt. Fotheringaye.—7, gules,

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[r] Regiſt. Surflete. p. 26.

—7 gules, eagle diſplayed, ſable, in bordure engrailed, or, Strange—8, ermin, on cheveron, ſable, 3 creſcents, or, † Dorward—9. argent a croſs between 4 eſcollops ſable, Coggeſhall—10. argent, lion rampant, gutté de ſangue, Fitz Symons—11. argent, a bend raguly ſable, - - - - - - - - —12. argent on cheveron ſable, 3 eſcallops of 1ſt. Hawkwood—13. or, a chief indented ſable, Harſike—14. argent on a bend, gules, 3 buckles maſculy, or, Watſhall—15. ermin, a maunch, gules, Geſtingthorpe—16. quarterly argent and ſable, on bend, gules, 3 mullets, or, Clipſby, impaling Calthrop and his quarterings—1. checque, or and azure, a feſs ermine, Calthrop—2. gules on chief argent, 2 mullets ſable, Bacon—3. argent, 3 eſcotcheons, gules, Davillars—4. azure, 3 griffins in pale, paſſant or, Wythe—5. gules, feſs dauncy between 10 billets or, Brett—6. azure, a croſs formy or, Mautby—7. St. Omer, as before—8. argent, lion rampant, ſable, Stapleton.—9. per pale, or and vert, a croſs moline, gules, Ingham, and this motto, *Guarde le Foy*.

Above the ſcreen fronting the chancel is a large piece of painting, in this the church of England is repreſented by a venerable matron, cloathed in white, crowned and ſeated on a throne, at her feet is wrote—*The church of England*; on her knees lye the bible and common prayer-book, book of homilies, and the 39 articles; in her left hand, ſhe holds a cup, by this is wrote—*Drink ye all of this*; her right hand points to a font, round which ſtand godfathers and godmothers, *&c.* and an infant in the arms of one, by this—*Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not*; over the head of the venerable matron—*Many daughters have done well, but thou exceedeſt them all*; by her is the communion table ſpread and communicants on their knees—under all, this [*s*] poem;

I joy dear mother, when I view,
Thy perfect lineaments and hue,
Both ſweet and bright.

Beauty in thee takes up her place,
And dates her letters from thy face,
When ſhe doth write.

A fine aſpect in fit array,
Neither too mean, nor yet too gay,
Shows who is beſt.

Outlandiſh looks may not compare,
For all they, either painted are,
Or elſe undreſt.

She on the hills, which wantonly
Allureth all in hope to be,
By her preferr'd,

Hath kiſſed ſo long her painted ſhrines
That e'en her face, by kiſſing ſhines
For her reward.

She in the valley, is ſo ſhie
Of dreſſing, that her hair doth lie,
About her ears.

While ſhe avoids her neighbours pride,
She wholly goes on th' other ſide,
And nothing wears.

But deareſt mother (what thoſe miſs)
The mean thy praiſe and glory is,
And long may be,

Bleſſed be God, whoſe love it was,
To double moat thee, with his grace,
And none but thee.

RECTORS.

King John, in his 15th year granted this church to Robert de Glouceſter [*t*] for life, with the appertenances.

John de Offenham occurs rector 1260, and, by deed, then granted to John de Burgo, leave to erect a chapel in his own grounds, ſaving the rights of his church. ——1303. John de Hadenham, deacon, preſented by the abbot of Ramſey.—— 1331. John de Sandale, by ditto——William de Uredale, had in 1335, licence not to reſide.——1351. William de Stratton, by *&c.*——John Benet, died in 1374.——1396. Peter Baker, by *&c.*

1396. The name in the inſtitution book is omitted. I take Thomas Tyrington, to be the perſon, by the king, the temporalities of the abby of Ramſey being then in his hands.

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† See in Southacre.

(*s*) Herbert's Poem called the Britiſh Church, p. 102.

(*t*) 15th. Joh.——Evid. B. Bell, Armig.——Lib. inſtit. Norw. Quere if this Robt. was not the famous old poet.

1412. William Mowbray, on the reſignation of Thomas Tyrington, by *&c* this was on an exchange for Fynchyngfeld in London dioceſe.——Mowbray, by his will [*u*] dated 9th of November 1428, and proved the 15th of November following, deſires to be buried in the chancel. Newcourt in his Repertor. has omitted this Thomas Tyrington.———John Blome ſucceeds William Mowbray, as he calls him, in the vicarage of Finchingfeld in Eſſex, v. 2. p. 264.

1428. John Martyn, by *&c.*———1446. John Harnham, *L. L. B.* by *&c.* on the death of Martyn; he was commiſſary to the biſhop of Ely.———1447. ‡ John Ewbank, on the reſignation of Harnham, preſented by John, abbot of Ramſey.———1466. Thomas Cooke, *L. L. B.* on the death of Ewbank, *&c.* prebend of Bedford major, in the church of Lincoln.———1493. Thomas Hutton, Decret. Dr. on the death of Cooke, by *&c.* rector of Gravely, and Wardeboys in 1495, archdeacon, as I take it, of Bedford, and of Lincoln, and prebend of Brampton in that church.———1494. Richard Skypton on Hutton's reſignation, by *&c.* ———1497. Thomas Hobbys, *S. T. B.* on Skypton's death, by *&c.* I take this Thomas Hobbys to be prebend of Strenſhall in the church of York.———1505. John Harrys, Decret. Bacc. on Hobby's reſignation, who had a penſion of 10 marks *per ann.* ſettled on him 'till he could get a benefice, or benefices of 40*l.* *per ann.* ———1517. Thomas Leſon, on Harrys' death, I take him to be prebend of Gaia Minor, in the church of Litchfield.———1539. John Badcocke, on Leſon's death, by Thomas Brakyn, Eſq; on a grant *hac vice*, from the abbot; after this the patronage came to Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; as an appendix to the abbot's manor, together with a penſion of 2 marks *per ann.* paid by the rector of old, to the ſacriſt of Ramſey, and which was confirmed by John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich. * *Preſbyter non conjugatus, S. T. P. ſatis doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in Cantabrigia.*

1562. † Richard Barton, by Thomas Barrow, Oſbert Mundford Eſq; and Edward Leeds, *A. M.* executors of the laſt will of Thomas Goodrick, late biſhop of Ely, on a grant of the preſentation *hac vice*, from Sir Edmund Montague, lord chief juſtice of the king's bench, to whom John, abbot of Ramſey, had granted the next preſentation. *Non p'dicat, nec licentiaus, null. aliud.*

1567. Henry Bedingfeld; by Edmund Beaupre, Eſq; rector alſo of Southacre. ———1582. Peter Fuller, on Bedingfeld's death, by John Peyton, Eſq;——1595. John Richardſon, *S. T. B.* by Sir John Peyton, and the lady Dorothy; he was afterwards regius profeſſor of divinity, at Cambridge, maſter of St. Peter's and of Trinity college, *&c.* In 1603, 525 communicants were returned to be in this pariſh.

1625. Thomas Reeve, on Richardſon's death, by Robert Bell.——1662. Nicodemus Parlett, *A. B.* on Reeve's death, by Edm. Bell, Eſq;—1666. Francis Goldwell, *A. M.* on Parlett's death, by ditto.———1691. Michael Griggs, *L. L. D.* on Goldwell's death, by the lady Suſan, wife to the lord Howard of Effingham, rector alſo of Creſſingham *Magna*.———1698. Talbot Hobart, *A. M.* on Grigg's death, by Beaupre Bell, Eſq;———1701. Hugh James, *A. M.* on Hobart's death, by ditto.———1740. Timothy Rutter, on James's death, by John Holmes, merchant.———1757. Richard Walker, *D. D.* late rector of Fakenham, by William Greaves, Eſq;———1765. Edward Pemberton, ditto.

This rectory is valued in the king's books at 16*l.*—tenths are 1*l.* 12*s.*—ſynoldals 3*s.*—procurat. 4*s.*—the old valor was 10 marks.

From ancient wills, [*w*] theſe altars appear to have been in this church—the Holy Trinity—St. Mary—St. John Baptiſt—St. Thomas the Martyr, and St. Edmund's.

And theſe lights—Corpus Chriſti—Holy Croſs—St. Mary, our lady of pity—St. Chriſtopher—that of the reſurrection—St. Gregory—St. Laurence.

Thomas Wellys of Upwell, advocate, by his will dated 14th of January, 1475, bequeaths his body to be buried in this church—to the light of Corpus Chriſti 13*s.* 4*d.*

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(*u*) Reg. Surflete, p. 31.

‡ Regiſt. Abb. de Ramſey.

* Parkeri Certificator.

† About this time the right of preſentation was in diſpute, ſee Dyer's Reports, p. 231.

(*w*) Reg. Doke, p. 33. Regr. Typp's. Regr. Gelour. Regr. Hurning, p. 6.

on condition, that light hanging in the chancel burn night and day for ever, and to the other lights according to the direction of his executors, a meadow piece of 30 acres, to find a chantrey prieſt (and a meadow called Sallow meadow, for the ſaid uſe) to pray for his and his wife Alice's ſoul, and Henry Wellys's late archdeacon of Lincoln, and William Whytmete, late rector of Yaxham, *&c.*

In this pariſh was alſo a chapel, dedicated to St. Botulf.

In this town and Outwell lived the ancient family of Wells.

Outwell church is dedicated to St. Clement, and is a large regular building of earr and boulder-ſtone, *&c.* conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, and a chancel, all embattled with copings of ſtone and brick, the roofs of oak, covered with lead; at the weſt end of the nave is a fourſquare tower of the aforeſaid materials, with quoins of free ſtone; on that is raiſed a neat ſpire of wood, covered with lead; in this tower is a ring of five bells, and a town clock, the length of the church from the weſt door to the chancel, is about 78 feet, and the breadth, including both the iſles, about 53 feet,

On a ſtone in the nave an inſcription, *In memory of Robert Meſures, Gent: who married Mary, daughter and heir of Thomas Spencely of South Lynn, Gent: who dyed* 27, *Dec.* 1666, *Æt.* 45.—Here alſo is a large braſs eagle.

The roof of the ſouth iſle is raiſed like that of the nave, ſupported by ſaints and angels bearing ſcrolls in their hands, and here is an anchor carved, the inſignia of St. Clement: the eaſt end of this iſle is incloſed with a ſcreen, and is the ancient chapel of St. Mary, the burial place of the Beaupre's, *&c.*

Againſt the ſouth eaſt wall of this is a large grey marble altar monument, with its wall-peice—on the ſummit is the ſhield of Beaupre, with his quarterings—1. Argent on a bend azure, a pallet between 2 croſs croſslets, or, Beaupre—2. Azure, a feſs between 6 croſs croſslets or, St. Omer—3. Quarterly, or and gules, a croſs lozengy ſable, and in the 2d quarter, an eagle diſplayed of the 1ſt. Fotringey—4. Gules, an eagle diſplayed, ſable, in a bordure, or, Strange of Suffolk—5, Ermin on a cheveron ſable, 3 creſcents, or, Dorward—6. Argent, a croſs between 4 eſcallops, ſable, Coggeſhall—7. Or, a chief indented ſable, Harſick.

Edmund de Beaupre, the ſonne and heyre of Nicholas de Beaupre and Margaret his wyfe, whyche Margaret was one of the daughters and heyreſs of Thomas Fodryngaye, Eſq; heyre to Syr John Dorward, Knyght, Syr William Coggeſhall, Knyght, and Syr John Harſyck, Knight—under this—*Hic jacet Edmundus de Beaupre, Armiger, filius et hæres Nich. de Beaupre, Armiger, et Margaretæ, uxoris ejus, unius filiarum et hæredum Tho. Fodryngaye, quondam de Brackley in comit. Suff. Armig. qui obt. quarto decimo die menſis Feb. A°. Dni. milleſimo, quingent°. ſexageſimo ſeptimo, cujus animæ p'pit. &c.*—under this, another ſhield, Beaupre and St. Omer, quarterly, impaling Fodryngaye, quartering Strange, Dorward, Coggeſhall and Harſyk.

Nycholas de Beaupre, married Margaret, one of the daughters and heyres of Thomas Fodryngaye, Eſq;—Hic jacent Nich. de Beaupre, Armiger et Margareta, uxor ejus, una filiar. et hæred. Tho. Fodryngaye, quond. de Brockley, in comit. Suffolc. Armig. et conſanguinea et heres Joh. Dorward militis, Joh. Harſyck, militis, et Will. Coggeſhall, militis, qui obt. duodecimo, die Febr. An. Dni. milleſimo, quingenteſimo, duodecimo, quor. animab. p'pitiet. &c.

The eaſt window of this chapel, contains ſeveral figures of ſaints painted on the glaſs, St. Edmund the king, St. Edward the confeſſor, St. Anthony, St. Laurence, *&c.* and on the ſummit is the profane repreſentation of the Deity (as in the time of popery) veſted in robes of blue, ſeated in a chair of gold, with an orb in his hand; but this will leſs ſurprize us, when we are told by Onuphrius [*a*] that "In the church of St. Latryn, at Rome, behynd the high altar, there ſtands a chair, which God ſat in, and who that ſitteth therein, hath the third part of alle hys ſynnes releſy'd."—The ſhield of the 5 wounds—gules, an heart, or, between a dexter and ſiniſter hand, and a dexter and ſiniſter foot couped, ſaltire ways, argent; and azure, a cup, or, with the wafer or panis, argent.

And

(*a*) Onuph. de 7 Sanct. Eccles. Urbis Romæ—See Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 164.

And in the ſouth window the figures of St. Peter, St. Bartholomew, St. Agnes, St. Margaret, St. Catherine, &c. within the ſouth wall is an old enarched monument, for the founder, without any date, arms or inſcription; againſt the wall hangs an atchievement, with the arms of Bell, ſable, a feſs ermine, between three bells argent, and the ſame is carved on the roof. The ſouth window aforeſaid ſeems to have been thus beautified by Margaret, wife of Thomas de Beaupre, who dyed in 1439, and therein is ſtill to be ſeen a lady on her knees.—This iſle has a porch, with a room over it.

About the middle of the north iſle, in the wall, is an arch, and paſſage to a chapel, which is in length about 18 feet, and about 15 feet in breadth, with a good oaken roof and painted, ſupported by angels, with the inſignia of the crucifixion in their hand, and wings expanded, covered with lead. Againſt the north wall of this chapel is an altar monument, but the braſs plate that was thereon, is gone; in the eaſt window are the broken remains of perſons on their knees, and this date, M. CCCCXX, and on the ſouth wall over the arch, is the ſalutation of the virgin Mary, painted; it is called Lynn chapel, and probably might belong to an ancient family of that name, of good account in Cambridgeſhire.—On the roof may be obſerved ſome chevrons, gules.

At the eaſt end † of this north iſle is a large chapel about 26 feet in length and 18 in breadth, covered with lead,—the windows of this chapel are beautiful.

On the ſummit of the eaſt window, are the figures of our Saviour, St. Michael, with the triangular emblem of the Trinity on his breaſt, and ſlaying the devil, St. George, with the red croſs on his breaſt, ſlaying the dragon, and that of St. Audrey, with a croſier ſtaff in her hand, and the arms of the ſee of Ely.

In a north window near to this—the figures of St. Edward the king and confeſſor, with the gold ring in one hand, and a ſceptre in the other, St. Edmund the king and martyr, with an arrow in one hand, and a ſceptre in the other, St. Ethelbert, king and martyr, with an orb and a ſceptre, all theſe well executed, as large almoſt as the life, in their robes and crowned.—Over St. Edward the king, are the arms of Fincham—argent, 3 bars ſable, over all a bend ermin—impaling, quarterly in the 1ſt. and 4th. argent, a feſs, gules, between 3 eagles diſplayed, ſable—Elmham, as I take it, and in the 2d. and 3d. argent, 3 bars wavy, azure, Wells. Over St. Edmund the king—gules, a bend between 6 croſs croſslets fitchée, argent, Howard, impaling azure, a feſs between 2 chevrons argent, Tendring of Suffolk. In a garter, over St. Ethelbert, Fincham impaling Tendring.—In the ſame window are theſe arms, Fincham, on the dexter ſide, or, on a croſs azure, a torteaux between 4 bezants, in a bordure ingrailed of 2d,—on the ſiniſter, - - - - - ſable, 3 lozenges, ermin, in a bordure, argent, Haultoft, azure, a buck's head caboſed, or, Derham.—In the loweſt north window, gules, a chevron or, between 3 leopards faces, argent,—Carvel, impaling Fincham and Haltoft, quarterly, argent on a chevron gules, 3 birds or, - - - - - - - - - -, impaling Fincham, Haltoft and Derham, argent, lion rampant, ſable,—Stapelton, impaling Fincham and Haltoft, quarterly.—Fincham impaling Derham and Haltoft, quarterly.—Fincham impaling argent, a feſs in chief, 3 martlets, and in baſe, a chevron azure, Tey of Eſſex.—In this window are the figures of the wiſe men, with their offerings, almoſt as large as in life, and the virgin teaching the child Jeſus.—On the area lys a marble graveſtone with a braſs plate—*Hic jacet Margareta Haultoft, quondam ux. Gilberti Haultoft uni. baronu. ſc'aij. nup. Dni. Henrici* VI. *reg. Ang. cuj. a'ie, p'pit. Deus. &c.*—It appears from the arms in the windows, and on the roof and ſtone work, that it was built by John Fincham, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Derham, Eſq; and Alice his wife, who was daughter and coheir of Gilbert Haultoft, and his wife Margaret, which Gilbert, is alſo here buried, and gave certain lands to find a chantry prieſt to ſay maſs in this church, for the ſouls of the ſaid Gilbert and his wife, and Sir Robert Hakbeach, &c.—On a marble graveſtone, *In memory of John Fincham, Eſq; who dyed March* 24, 1709,

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† Gilbert Haultoft, or Hiltoft, one of the barons of the exchequer is ſaid to have built this chapel, but John Fincham, Eſq: who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Derham, Eſq; by Alice, his wife, 1ſt. daughter and coheir of Gilbert, ſeems to be the founder by the arms.

in the 80 year of his age; here alſo lye his wiſes Mary and Suſan, by whom he had 2 ſons and 7 daughters, all here buried, Mary, Frances, Jno. Jane, Catherine, Chriſtian, the laſt Elizabeth, wife of Matt. Hardy gent. who departed, &c. *Auguſt* 2, 1731 *aged* 61; with the arms of Fincham.

The chancel is in length about 42 feet, and about 20 in breadth, and is covered with lead.——In the eaſt window are the arms of Beaupre, and St. Omer, and in a ſmall pannel tranſpoſed quarterly in 1ſt and 4th ſable, a chevron between 3 ſpear heads argent; in the 2d and 3d, argent on a bend, ſable, 3 roſes, argent; as I take it, Morgan, biſhop of Ely.

On a beam, *Orate p. ai'a. Robti. Bottler quond. hujus eccles. rectoris*; and on the roof, S. R. B. to ſhew it was repaired or erected at the ſaid rector's charge. Within the rails of the communion table, on a graveſtone——" Here lyeth the body of William Stanton, bach. in divinitye, and parſon of this church of Outwell, which " deceaſed xxi, 1580."

In the ſouth window of the chancel, there was formerly this antique piece of painting——A matron in a white robe and blue mantle, on her knees, between four men; at her feet, a fox hanging on a tree, wounded in the neck with two arrows, behind and before two monkies with bows, ſhooting at the fox.

In this church, there appears from old wills, to have been theſe guilds——*Corpus Chriſti*, St. Mary, St. Chriſtopher, St. John, and St. Clement.

And theſe lights——*Corpus Chriſti*——Holy Croſs,——Our lady in the chapel,——Lady of pity,——St. John baptiſt,——St. Chriſtopher,——St. Eraſmus,—St. Nicholas,—St. Thomas,—St. Margaret,—St. Elyn,——St. Ann,—St. Michael,——St. James,——St. Catherine and Holy Trinity,

The feaſt of the dedication of this church was kept on the 21ſt of November, and changed by Walter Heart, biſhop of Norwich, about 1470, and enjoyned to be kept on the 24th of September.

BURIALS.

Sinolphus, ſon of Sir Robert Bell, 25 November, 1628.—Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Bell, 2 Auguſt, 1629.—Anthony, ſon of Sir Robert Bell, 20 May, 1631.—Beaupre, ſon of Sir Robert Bell, and Mary his wife, 27 Auguſt, 1638.—Sir Robert Bell, 31 October, 1639.—Dorothy, daughter of Fr. Bell, Eſq; 14 April, 1682.—Mary, daughter of Sir Robert, 16 April, 1645.—Mary, daughter of Fr. Bell, and Dorothy, 20 May, 1685.—Lady Mary Bell, 10 September, 1656.—Catherine, daughter of Fr. Bell, and Dorothy, 14 September, 1685.—Elizabeth, daughter of Fr. Bell, Eſq; 5 Auguſt, 1673.—John, ſon of Beaupre Bell, Eſq; 9 February, 1704.—Dorothy, daughter of Fr, Bell, 4 September, 1676.—Mary, daughter of B. Bell, Eſq; 20 Auguſt, 1710.—Phill. Bell, Eſq; 3 March, 1677.—Dorothy, daughter of B. Bell, Eſq; 28 November, 1715.—Francis Bell, Eſq; 4 November, 1680.—Margaret, wife to B. Bell, Eſq; 20 October, 1720.

George Boteler, parſon of Melton, by will, in 1541, gave his houſe in Oughtwell, called Stonhams, after the deceaſe of Agnes his ſiſter, to this town, on condition that the pariſh clerk ſhall dwell in it for ever, at the aſſignment of the church wardens, and the clerk to give xiii*d*. to the poor people on Midlent Sunday.

RECTORS of OUTWELL,

St. CLEMENT.

In the DEANERY of FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

1216, (17 of John's reign) Robert de Glouceſter, preſented by the king, in the vacancy of the ſee of Ely; he was arch deacon of Stafford.——John Walerand, rector, *an.* 41 Henry III.——1252, John de Chiſhull, preſented by the king, the ſee void; he was afterwards biſhop of London.——1328, [b] Peter de Mortiniaco, collated by the biſhop of Ely; before this, in the beginning of the reign of King Edward I. the book called *Norwich Domeſday,* (which was wrote then, and is in the cuſtody of the dean and chapter thereof) acquaints us that the biſhop of Ely was then patron, and that the rector had at that time, neither houſe nor land.

1334, William Tothe, on the reſignation of Mortiniaco, collated *ut ſupra.*——1335, William de Heppeworth, on the reſignation of Tothe, collated, &c.——1337, Henry de Melburn, occurs in 1337, preſented by the king on February 1, in that year; the ſee of Ely void.——1337, Oliver de Schelton, on the reſignation of Melburn, collated *ut ſupra*; he was rector of Staundon in the dioceſe of Litchfield and Coventry, and exchanged with Melburn.——1349, Thomas Northern, preſented by John de Oo, vicar general to the biſhop of Ely, then in foreign parts.——1354, Edward Southward, on the reſignation of Northern, (he was vicar of Hinton in Cambridgeſhire, and exchanged with Northern) collated by the biſhop.——1366, Simon Knyght, on the reſignation of Southward; he was rector of Chelde in the dioceſe of Litchfield and Coventry, and preſented by King Edward III. the ſee being vacant.——1383, Thomas de Leverington, on the reſignation of Knyght (he was rector of Farnynho, and exchanged with Knyght) collated by the biſhop.

1400, Robert Newman, on the reſignation of Leverington, collated by the biſhop; he was perpetual curate or chantrey prieſt of one of the three chantreys in the church of St. James, Garlick-Hythe, London, and alſo at the guild hall, London, and exchanged with Leveryngton.——Robert Maſſingham, occurs in 1402, and 1414, buried in his own church; his will was proved 25 November, 1427.——*Regr. Surflete, p.* 13.——1433, John Mydewell, S. T. B. collated by the biſhop, &c.——1434, Ralph Rochford, on the reſignation of Mydewell, collated *ut ſupra.*——1427, William Freverdowe, L. L. B. collated *ut ſupra,*——William Cley, occurs in 1460.——1472, William Ryddyk, collated *ut ſupra*——1495, John Holme, on the death of Ryddyk, collated, &c.

1503, Robert Butler, on the reſignation of Holme.——1529, Robert Cliff, L.L.D. on the death of Butler; collated by the biſhop of Ely: he was alſo rector of Northwold.——William Harvie.——1552, Chriſtopher Barton, on the death of William Harvie, by the biſhop.——1554, James Hall, by the biſhop, &c.——1556, Adam Loftowſe or Loftus, chaplain to the earl of Suſſex, afterwards arch biſhop of Armagh, 1562, in Ireland, and chancellor; he was of Trinity College, Cambridge, and D. D.——1562, James Ingram, M. D. by the biſhop, &c.——1574, Daniel Bacon, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, by &c.——1578, William Stanton, on the promotion of Bacon; collated by the biſhop of Ely. About this time the rector is ſaid to have a parſonage houſe, &c. 3 acres of arable and 3 acres of paſture, adjoyning to his houſe; it is thought parſon Butler purchaſed the paſture and left it to the church.——1580, John Snowden.——1583, Thomas Weller, on the death of Snowden preſented by the queen.——1595, Richard Crowche, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, preſented by the queen.——1597, Andrew Bradenham, A. M. on the death of the laſt rector, by the queen; buried in his own church 22 January, 1618. In his anſwer to King James's queries, he ſays there were in 1603, 320 communicants in his pariſh.

1618, Sam. Calverley, A. M. by the king.——1654, John Leigh, A. M. admitted by the commiſſioners at White Hall, appointed for the approbation of publick preachers.

1709, Thomas Pyle, A. M. on the death of Leigh, by the biſhop of Ely.——1718, Simon Hamben, on Pyle's reſignation, by the biſhop, &c. rector alſo of Weſt Walton.——1758, Henry Southill, by the biſhop.——1760, Richard Oram, by the biſhop.

The church is valued in the king's books, at 16*l.* Tenths 1*l.* 12*s.* Synoldas, 4*s.* Procurations 4*s.* the old valor was 10 marks. Peter-pence, 8*d.*

In this pariſh was the hermitage of St. Chriſtopher. In the 22d of Edward III. a patent [c] was granted for building a chapel to it.

MULICOURT

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[b] Lib. Inſtitut. Norwic.

[c] 22 Ed. III. p. 2. M. 40.

MULICOURT PRIORY,

Called alſo the Chapel of St. MARY DE BELLO LOCO.

IN the pariſh of Outwell, and county of Norfolk, on the right hand of [d] Well-Creak, on the bank as you go from Downham to Outwell, ſtood this little old priory, founded in the time of the Saxons, (as is ſaid) of the order of St. Benedict. In the reign of Henry III. Adam, ſon and heir of Sir John de Brancaſtre, granted Robert de Hale, rector of Aylington, the patronage of this priory, of St. Mary of Moylicourt, with one acre of land in Brancaſtre, for 10 marks ſterling paid him in his urgent neceſſity.——Witneſſes, Martin de Suthmere, Gilbert de Titchwell, Philip de Bintre, John de Walpole, Walter de Denvere, John de Curpel, knights, &c.——*Sans* date. And Henry de Hale, clerk, by his deed, dated at Utwelle, on Thurſday after the feaſt of St. Peter *ad Vincula*, in the 7th of Edward II. granted it to John, ſon of Gilbert de Beaupre of Utwelle. After it became ſo poor, through the great inundations of water, freſh and ſalt, the ſterility of the lands on that account, the great expences and charges in repairing the lands and houſes, that there was not (as was repreſented) maintenance left, ſufficient to ſupport one monk; ſo that it was by licence of King Henry VI. united and appropriated to the priory of Ely.——" Henry by the grace of God, King of England, &c. know, &c. that we have granted and given licenſe to our beloved the prior and convent of Mullicourt, that they may give and grant to the prior and convent of Ely, one meſſuage and 24 acres of land in Wygnal, called Towtes, and 8 meſſuages in Outwell, Upwell and Downham, in Cambridgeſhire and Norfolk, and 7 acres of land in Emneth, and all other lands and tenements, rents and ſervices, which the aforeſaid prior and convent of Mullicourt now have in the towns of Outwell, Emnethe, Walſoken, Downham, and Lenne, in Norfolk, and in the towns of Outwell, Upwell, Wyſbeach, and Leveryngton in Cambridgeſhire, to have and to hold to the aforeſaid prior and convent of Ely, and their ſucceſſors for ever. And likewiſe we have granted &c. to the aforeſaid prior and convent of Ely, that they with the aſſent and conſent of thoſe that have intereſt, may unite, annex, incorporate and appropriate the priory of Mullicourt with all its rights, &c. to the ſaid church of the prior and convent of Ely, alſo licenſe to the prior of Ely to receive or purchaſe 10 marks *per ann.* in mortmain, ſo that the lands given or purchaſed, be not held in *capite* of the crown——Dated at Weſtminſter, 7 Auguſt, 24, *an. Regni.*——Witneſs, Myſelf at Weſtminſter, the 7th of Auguſt, in the 24 year of our reign." Accordingly it was appropriated by Walter Hart, biſhop of Norwich, 4 December, 1449, the church of Ely paying to the ſee of Norwich an yearly penſion of 3*s.* 4*d.* Before this, on 23 Feb. 1385, the biſhop of Ely granted 40 days of pardon to all benefactors to this priory, on account of its poverty.

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued at 100 ſhillings.

Edward, occurs prior in 1276.——Simon occurs prior 32 Henry III.——Robert, prior in the 25th of Edward I. as appears by a fine then levied.——Andrew, occurs prior 34 Edward I. [d]——6 October, 1316, William de Merſton, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, his election by the convent being [e] ſet aſide.——About this time, in the 13th of Edward II. the prior paid 18*s.* 4*d.* for his tenths in Outwell and Upwell.

1 May, 1320, John de Malteby admitted prior.——2 November, 1333, David de Weſt Derham, elected on the death of Malteby, confirmed and admitted by the biſhop.——10 April, 1369, John de Derham, elected on the death of David, admitted on the preſentation of Sir Thomas Beaupre; no election was made for the want of monks.——9 July, 1390, Thomas de Walton admitted, &c. by the biſhop, on the death of John de Derham, the election of the convent being ſet aſide.

3 June, 1427, Stephen Wyſe admitted on the death of Walton. It appears from the inſtitution books, that he was the only monk in the convent on the death of Walton;

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[d] Lib. Inſtitut. Norw. Nr. 8. & lib. 12.——Regr. Fordham.

[d] Fin. 25 Ed. I. L. 5. N. 50.

[e] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.——Rot. pip. 13 Ed. II.

Walton: ſo that the biſhop, (*gratioſè*) out of pure favour admitted him.

The ſcite of the priory and lands here, are in the dean and chapter of Ely, and now held by leaſe of that body; the laſt prior ſeems to be Robert de Temisford.

MIRMOUND PRIORY,

WAS in the pariſh of Upwell, but in the Iſle, and county of Cambridge, of the order of St. Gilbert of Sempringham, founded in the reign of King Richard I. with the leave of Euſtachius, biſhop of Ely, by Sir Ralph Hauvyle, or de Altâ Villâ, [f] who gave to this poor houſe 300 acres of fine paſture, lying in Upwell and Outwell, on both ſides of the water, to have the prayers of 3 prieſts in the ſaid houſe, the feeding of fixty ſmall beaſts in the ſaid paſture, and 5*s.* annual rent. Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir, confirmed the ſame, and granted liberty of paſture for four mares with their foals; alſo 4 couple of ſwans, paying 5*s.* rent *per ann.*. In the 11th of Edward II. Thomas de Hauvill, lord of Rainham *Parva*, Norfolk, gave the advouſon of that church to this priory, and *ao.* 10, the manor of Dunton in Norfolk.

In 1428, the temporalities of this houſe in Upwell and Outwell, were valued at 11*l.* 8*s.*——In the 21 of Henry VIII. Peter Church was prior.——I have by me a ſmall parchment roll, by time much obſcured, of the ſtate of this houſe in 1520, which manifeſts its meanneſs and poverty.

Status Domus Beat. Marie de M'mond in feſto Sti. Ambroſij Ep'i. Ao. Dni. M. CCCCC. *viceſimo quarto.*

	In Catallis cu. alijs p'tin.	
Debita Domus	*It. in Equ. in ſtabulo*	ij.
It. imp. Will. Demmet uj.	*It. in Vacc. et Vitul.*	viii.
It. Redib.	† *It. in Cymball.*	ij.
It. Dompu. Joh. Replyngham	*It. in magnis retibus & reticulis.*	xv.
It. Vicar. de Dunton.	‡ *It. in Naſſis.*	xvi.
It. in tent. apd. Well.	* *It. in Lupis & Lupill.*	xxx.
It. in tent. apd. Wallſokyn.	*It. in Anguillis.*	iij.

Penſions of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* were paid to ſome religious of this diſſolved houſe in the 1ſt year of Queen Mary, as appears from the auditor's account, John Eyre, Eſq;

At the ſuppreſſion, it was valued, according to Speed, at 13*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* ½. and 10*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* as Dugdale.

Roger Walker in 1555, is called late prior of this cell, and occurs prior 1539; he ſurrendered it with one canon or monk, and had a penſion of 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

On the 8th of April, in the 9th of King James I. meſſuages in Upwell and 5 acres in Plowfield, Upwell, of the priory of Mirmound in the county of Cambridge, were granted to John Eldred, and George Whitmore, Eſq;

John Eyre, Eſq; in the 36th of Henry VIII, had a great cloſe in Outwell, called Wadingſtowe, belonging lately to Walſingham abby, granted him by the king. *Pt.* 18.

In the 10th of Elizabeth, this priory was granted to Percival Bowes, and John Moſyer.

In this pariſh of Outwell, on the king's high way, was the hermitage of St. Chriſtopher, with a chapel thereto belonging, near to the church, as appears by a patent of King Edward III. in his 22d year.

WATLINGTON.

BRUSSYERD's MANOR, &c.

THIS town is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, or the Conqueror's grand ſurvey, being part of the townſhips of Shouldham, Wirmegay, and Weſtbrigg, whoſe lordſhips extended here; it takes its name from its ſcite, lying by the water, and a wet ſoil, thus Watton, Watford, &c.

Hermerus

[f] Ex. Mſs. Regiſt. olim p'tin. Coll. S. Trin. de Ponteſracto, nunc in Coll. Regin. Oxon. Dugd. Mon. V. 3. fol. 107. Fin. 11. Ed. II. Norf. L. 4. N. 33.— See in Dunton, Gallow hundred.

† Little fiſhing boats.

‡ Hoop nets, or gluts.

* Pikes and pickerells.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs was the capital lord of it, and of Wirmegay, *&c.* and from him it came to the lords Barldoph, barons of Wirmegay, and was held of them by a family that aſſumed their name from it.

Sir Robert de Watlington lived in the reign of King Stephen, and Sir Peter in that of Henry II.—William his ſon dying in the 17th of Henry III. left Robert, his ſon and heir, whoſe wardſhip was granted to Robert le Moyne, who gave the king 2 palfreys, *&c.* as a fine for it, and in the 34th of that king, he was of age, held a whole knight's fee, but was not a knight.

Of this family was Ralph, ſon of Baſilia de Wathelington, who by deed *ſans date*, granted, with the conſent of his heirs, and confirmed, to the infirm brethren of the hoſpital of St. Mary Magdalen, on the cauſey between Lynn and Geywode, lands here, to be held of him and his heirs, paying 8*d.* *per ann.* and for this, the ſaid brethren gave to him in Gerſumia (as a preſent) 3 marks of ſilver, and to his wife Baſilia 2*s.* to his eldeſt ſon 1*s.* *&c.*—Witneſſes, Dno. Robto. (Sir Robert) mayor of [*a*] Lenn, Ralph Kelloc, Robert Fitz David, John de Geywode, William Parlet, Ralph, miniſter of the hoſpital, *&c.*

In the 3d of Edward I. William de Watlington was lord, claimed the lete, had the aſſize of bread and beer, gallows, *&c.*—Robert de Watlington and Agnes his wife, ſettled it with lands in Thorpland, Holm, *&c.* in the 7th of Edward II. on their ſons George, Richard, and John, *&c.* in tail, and in the 1ſt of Edward III. Geffery de Bruſſyard and Agnes his wife, late wife of Robert de Watlington (as I take it) held it of the lord Bardolph.

The ſaid Geffery and Agnes his wife preſented to this church in the 15th of Edward II.

After this it was in the Bartholomews, and in the 20th of Edward III. John, ſon of Bartholomew, occurs lord of Tuſſard's, or Guſſard's manor, in Watlington, (ſo called corruptly for Bruſſyard, from Geffery de Bruſſyard aforeſaid) as appears from a roll of the honor of Wirmegay, with the appertenances in Totenhill, Sechithe, *&c.* the advouſon of the church of Watlington, liberty of a fold courſe, free bull and boar, doing ſuit to the three week court, and other ſervices. John Bartholomew, lord in the 33d of the ſaid king, ſealed with a bend, between 2 goats heads, and in 1392, Catherine, relict of John Bartolemew, preſented to the church of Watlington.

In the year 1407, 1412, 1413, and 1418, John Glemsford, Eſq; of Watlington, preſented, in right of his wife Margaret, daughter (as I take it) of John Bartholomew, to whom the manor called Barthelmews belongs (as the inſtitution regiſter has it) by right of inheritance. This Margaret had a ſiſter and coheir (as I take it) Catherine, the wife of Robert Drew, who had part of Bartholomew's inheritance here, *&c.*

In the 11th of Henry VI. it was found that Catharine, late wife of Robert Drew, [*d*] held 24 acres of land here, in tail, of the honor of Wirmegey, a meſſuage, 30 acres of land, 9 of meadow, and 10*s.* *per ann.* rent here, and in Rungton, Thorp and Seche, by the ſervice of the 40th part of a fee, with 40 acres of paſture in Sadlebow, and Seche in ſoccage; and Robert Drew, ſon of Richard, was her couſin and heir.

John de Glemsford, Eſq; out lived his wife Margaret, and held this lordſhip by the courteſy of England: he dyed in the 15th of Henry VI. leaving by Margaret, two daughters and coheirs, Agnes and Catherine; (and a ſon Charles, by a former wife, who had no intereſt here) Catherine the eldeſt was married to Thomas Hawdekyn, Eſq; who preſented in her right to this church, in 1425, and 1427, and after his death to William Bolton, and dyed *ſans* iſſue. Agnes, her ſiſter, married John Curteis, and dyed before her father Glemsford, leaving Catherine her daughter and ſole heir, aged at the death of her grandfather 6 years, and on the death of her aunt, Catherine, was found her heir, and proving her age in the 22d of Henry VI. had livery of this manor, and in 1451, preſented to this rectory.

(*a*) Robert London was mayor of Lynn, 1271.

(*d*) Eſch. 11th Hen. VI. N. 14, and 15, Hen. VI. N. 9.

Soon after this it was poſſeſſed by the Shouldhams, and Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; of this town, by his will dated Auguſt 30, 1467, bequeaths his body to be buried in this church: [*e*] he gave this manor to his wife Margaret for life, after her deceaſe, to his ſon Hugh, which deſcended to him by heirſhip, on the death of his father John Shouldham, proved April 30, 1468, which Hugh preſented to this church, as lord and patron, in 1487, and 1497.

Soon after it came to the Gawſels, Thomas Gawſell, by Catherine his wife, daughter and coheir of Humphry Kervile, of Wigenhale, St. German's, was father of Richard, who married Urſula, daughter of Robert Walbut, of Oxburgh, this Richard Gawſell, Eſq; held a court here on Fryday the feaſt of St. Hillary, in the 11th of Henry VIII. and preſented to the church in 1531. By an inquiſition at Lynn, poſt mortem, it appears that he dyed on May 31, in the 30th year of Henry VIII. that he held this manor and advouſon of the king, as of the honor of Wirmegey, by half a knight's fee, but the ſervice of caſtle guard, was unknown, and John was his ſon and heir, aged 6 years.

Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; dyed lord, January 2, 1600, and left by Suſan, daughter of Gregory Pratt, Eſq; 2 ſons, Gregory, and Edmund; Gregory died unmarried March 5, 1656, and this lordſhip came to Suſan, daughter and heir of Edmund, which Suſan, was married to Sir John Davis, of Berecourt, in Berkſhire, by whom ſhe had Gregory Davis, Eſq; lord, who dyed in 1706, leaving 2 ſons, by Bridget, daughter of Hatton Berners, Eſq; Gregory, who dyed a minor, in 1710, and John Davis, Eſq; the preſent lord, who married Suſan, daughter and coheir of Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; ſhe died *s. p.*

Another part or lordſhip in this town was held by Thomas de Watlington, and his parceners in [*f*] the reign of Henry III. by the fourth part of a fee, of the honor of Wirmegey, which was in the hands of William, ſon of Richard de Watlington, in the 3d of Edward I. In the 20th of Edward III. John, ſon of William de Watlington, held the ſame with his parceners. In the 37th of the ſaid king, John, † ſon of William, ſon of Thomas de Watlington, (probably of the ſame family) by his deed dated at South Lenne, on Sunday before the feaſt of St. Philip and St. James, conveyed all his right, *&c.* in a meſſuage, 140 acres of land and meadow, and the appertenances, lying in the marſh of South Lenne, and Weſt Wynch, on the eaſt of Sechythee, which he had of Alice, daughter of Matthew Herlewyne, of South Lenne, to William Duraunt of Sechythee, and John his ſon: witneſſes, Thomas Attelathe of Wygenhale, Edmund Kervile, and Thomas de Reynham of the ſame, *&c.*

From the family of the Watlingtons, it came to William Steward, by the marriage of Joan, daughter of William, and ſiſter of John de Watlington, who on Sunday before the feaſt of the circumciſion, in the 16th of Richard II. (being then a widow) conveyed the ſame to Laurence Truſsbutt, Eſq; and Nicholas his ſon, but in the 5th of Henry VI. Robert Kervile, was found to hold it, by the fourth part of a fee of the honor of Wirmegey.

In the year 1434, November 19, the ſaid Robert made his will and teſtament, which was proved in the following year, [*g*] by the name of Robert Kervile, of Watlyngton; he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Peter and St. Paul of this town, on the ſouth ſide; gives to Richard his ſon, this manor, formerly John, ſon of William, ſon of Thomas de Watlington; legacies to Geffrey, Katharine and Hawis his children, and Agnes his ſiſter, and appoints Elizabeth his wife and Richard his ſon executors. Richard died *s. p.* and Geffrey his brother, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Thomas Holditch, Eſq; had Thomas his ſon.

(*e*) Regiſt. Betyns, Nor. fol. 137.

(*f*) Rot. hundr. 3. Ed. I.

† The ſeal of this John, to his deed, is the ſide face or head of an old man, with a prolix beard, a thick cap, covering great part of his head and neck, his forehead bare, in his mouth he holds a ſprig or ſmall branch, with leaves, bending up to his forehead, the ſeal is round, of brown wax, about the bigneſs of a ſhilling, and the impreſs is rude and obſcure.

(*g*) Regiſt. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 178. 6.

The Kerviles or Carvills of this town, were (as I take it) a younger branch of a very ancient family, that had large poſſeſſions at Wigenhale St. Mary's (their ſeat) and other parts in this neighbourhood. In the 11th year of [h] king Edward III. it appears they held lands here, when Robert, ſon of Walter de Kervile and Agnes his wife, conveyed lands here to John, ſon of William of Clenchwarton.

Thomas Kervile, of Watlington, lord of this fee, made his will January 31, 1532; his body to be buried in this church, [i] his manor here to Robert his grandſon, ſon of Thomas deceaſed, with lands in Rungton, Holm, Seche, Wigenhale, and South Lynn, and one foldage and an half in this town, appoints his ſon Humphrey his executor; (Catharine his wife ſurvived him,) proved October 4, 1535.

Thomas his ſon, who dyed before him, made his will November 9, 1522: he held lands in the towns before mentioned and in Totinghill and Wallington, appoints his wife Joan and ſon Robert, [k] executors; it appears that he had 2 brothers, Humphrey, and Simeon a prieſt; ſiſters, Urſula Newon, and Ela Valenger.

From the Kerviles, it came to the Gawſells and ſo was united to the manor of Bartholomews, *&c.*

Thomas Gawſell of Watlington, Eſq; by Ellen his wife, had John his ſon and heir, living *A°.* 1504, father of Thomas, by Margaret his wife; he married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Humphrey Kervile, [l] of Wigenhale, St. German's. Richard his ſon, by Urſula his wife, was father of John Gawſell, Eſq; and the ſaid Urſula, was daughter of Walbut, as aboveſaid.—John had Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who by Suſan, daughter of Gregory Pratt, Eſq; had 2 ſons; 1ſt. Gregory, who died *s. p.* - - - -, and Edmund who by - - - - - -, daughter of - - - - - Gray, had Suſan his daughter and heir, married to Sir John Davis, whoſe grandſon, John Davis, Eſq; is the preſent lord.

The abbot of Weſt-Derham had a lordſhip here, which on its diſſolution was granted Auguſt 29, *A°.* 37, Henry VIII. to Richard Gawſell, Eſq; and ſo was united to the reſt.

The prior of Shouldham had a ſmall fee in this town; the temporalities of that houſe were valued here at 4*s.* *per ann.* in the year 1428.

This was given to it, on its foundation, by Jeffery Fitz Piers, Earl of Eſſex, who held it of the honor of Clare, and in the 3d of Henry IV. the earl of March (a deſcendant of the earls of Clare) held here, in Shouldham, Stradſet, Foſton, Wallington, Thorp, Stoke, Wretton and Wereham, one fee and a quarter in capite, but this at the diſſolution came to the Gawſells, and ſo to the Davis's.

The prior of Weſtacre had alſo lands in this town, valued in 1428, at 7*s.* *per ann.* Robert Smith held this (which was 54 acres) of the prior, and died ſeiſed thereof in the 9th of Henry VII.

Weſt Derham temporalities were valued at 3*l.* 4*s.* 1*b.* *ob.*

The abbot of Bury had lands here valued in 1428, at 6*s.* *per ann.*

The abbot of Ramſey had lands then valued at 5*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

And the prior of Petriſton lands then valued at 12*d.* *per ann.*—All which 'tis likely came, on the diſſolution of thoſe houſes, to the Gawſell's, *&c.*

In the reign of Henry III. Alexander le Moyne, and his parceners, held here, and in Wallington, Sechehith, Foſton, Hardwick, *&c.* a knight's fee of the lord Bardolph; this was held in the reign of Edward III. by Benedict Ruſſell, the prioreſs of Blackburgh, Edmund de Monpinzoun, *&c.* of this Alexander le Moyne, and Benedict Ruſſell, fee in Foſton, Shouldham, Thorp, *&c.*

Robert de Watlington [m] by deed *ſans date,* confirmed to the monks of Caſtleacre, all his tenements, lands, meadows, paſtures, *&c.* which his anceſtors and himſelf had given to them, *viz.* the land which Ulfketel Stoke held, the land which Richard, ſon of Godr. held, the land that Alfric Ruffus held, and a gara of land in the moor of Watlington, the new land which Alane his brother gave

them

(h) Fin. 11 Edw. III. N. 18 6.

(i) Regiſt. Haydon, Norw.

(k) Regiſt. Alablaſtre, Norw.

(l) Reg. Underwood, Norw. p. 44. and Reg Punting, p. 42,

(m) Regr. Caſtleacre penes. honorab. Edw. Come de Oxford, fol. 81. a.

them, and a meſſuage in Dierham, two toſts in Wretton, and the men who held the ſame, their children, *&c.* witneſſes, Reginald de Warren, the lady Alice his wife, William de Warren, maſter Clement, Ralph, the clerk, Peter de Wineberga, Robert de Stradeſet, Robert de Capravill, William de Waltona, Robert, ſon of Hugh de Nereburgh, John de Nereburgh, Alane de Watlington, Walter Tuſſard, Leverede de Marham, William de Binham, William de Wigenhall, Ebrard de Tomeſtan, † *&c.*—Reginald de Warren, at the requeſt of Sir Robert de Wallington, Kt. confirmed to the monks of Caſtleacre, all the grants which the aforeſaid Robert or his anceſtors had made to them; witneſſes, Alice his wife, William his ſon, Gilbert de Blevill, Ralph de Crakefeld, Robert de Hera, *&c.*—Ralph, ſon of Godefrey of Tilney, by deed *ſans date*, gave to the ſaid monks, the ſervice of William he Fodeſtun, and William his brother of Watlington, which they owed him, for land, which was Rein. their father's, and for half the land which was Walter their uncle's, and their homages, *&c.* witneſſes, Walter de Wirham, John, clerk of Watlington, Alan, clerk of Southacre, Godfrey de Tilney, *&c.*

The tenths of this town, were 10*l.* 14*s.*—deduct 1*l.*—remain 9*l.* 14*s.*

The lete was in the abbey of Ramſey, and at the diſſolution came to the Hares of Stow Bardolph, as appears from the antient rolls of the hundred.—Lete fee was 2*s* 8*d.*

The church of Watlington is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, it has a nave with a north and ſouth iſle annexed, all covered with lead, and built of carr ſtone and boulder, in length about 57 feet, in breadth, including the iſles, about 43 feet; at the weſt end of the nave is a fourſquare tower of the ſame materials, with quoins of free ſtone, embattled with brick but cop'd with ſtone, and 4 ſtone pinnacles, one at each corner, on this is a cap of wood, covered with lead, a weather cock thereon, and four bells are in the ſaid tower.

In the loweſt window of the north iſle, are the remains of the figures of St. John Baptiſt, St. John the Evangeliſt, and that of our Saviour, bnt their heads are broke off.—In the next or ſecond window as you aſcend is the figure of St. Paul, and under him is the pourtraiture of a woman, in a yellow gown, on her knees, her hands erect, and under her, in old characters, theſe remains of an inſcription;
- - - - - *et Cecilie uxor. ej.*

In the higheſt window of this iſle, in the upper pannels, are the remains of the figures of three women ſaints, but their heads, *&c.* are broken off; that in the middle ſeems to be the virgin Mary, underneath her is the buſt of a woman (the reſt of her being broke out) holding a chain of gold, or ſtring of beads in her right hand, in a blue gown, on her knees, and her hands erect, and in and old character, *Orate p. aiab; Galfridi de Bruſſeyard et Agnetis uxor. ej.* This window is edg'd with goats heads coup'd, argent, attir'd and barb'd or.

The eaſt window of the ſaid iſle has been finely illuminated, as all the reſt have been, by particular benefactors, and here are now, parrots and bunches of grapes, painted; at the eaſt end is an aſcent, and this iſle has been ſome chapel; on the pavement here lies a marble, the plate and label of braſs, wherewith it was ornamented, together with the pourtraiture, is reaved, but by the inciſion of the ſtone it was no doubt in memory of ſome prieſt that here officiated.

At the weſt end of the nave is an old curious ſtone font, on the baſon and pedeſtal are ſeveral nitches, wherein ſtood the apoſtles, *&c.* as appears by the remains; to this there is an handſome wooden cover with a pelican on the ſummit vuln'd, and this date, 1674, and as you aſcend the nave on the pavement, lies a large marble graveſtone, which had a ſtately croſs floral, with 4 ſhields and a rim of braſs round it, about which was the inſcription in French, the letters were of braſs, the ſtone being cut and fitted ſo as to receive them, all which are now ſacrilegiouſly reaved; by the inciſion, where the ſtone is not quite worn thro', this may be made out——

- DE ROSE - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - - - - - DE CHIVALERIE. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
S'AME. PRIE. - - - - - - - - DEV. DE. S'AME. - - - MERCI.

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† This was in the reign of Henry II.

This ſeems to be as old as King Edward I's. time, and is probably in memory of Sir Robert de Watlington, who lived in that reign.

About the middle of the nave lies a marble thus inſcribed,——*Here lie the bodies of Elizabeth and Suſan, all the daughters of Thomas and Mary Inglebright, Suſan died Janu. 1ſt. 1702, aged one year, Elizabeth died Sept. 25, 1717, aged 19.——Here lyeth the body of Thomas Inglebright of Watlington, grocer, who died Feb. 2d. 1702, aged 35; alſo the body of John his only ſon, who died May 23, 1716.*

To good for earth juſt God reaſſumes his own,
And calls her virtues to a heavenly throne.
In his ſhort life, he unto us hath ſhown,
All the great virtues that mankind could own.

On the back part of the pulpit—*Given by Henry Punting, and augmented by Elizabeth his wife,* 1616.—On a large marble ſtone, at the eaſt end of the nave—*Here lyeth the body of William Knipe, Gent: and Elizabeth his wife; he died April 25, 1654, aged 25; ſhe November 29, 1672, aged 44, who had iſſue Peter and Mary*—And againſt the wall, at the ſouth eaſt corner of this nave, hangs an atchievement, gules, 2 bars, and in chief, 3 griffins heads eraſed, argent, Knipe, [*Plate I. fig.* 28.] and thus inſcribed;—*Nere this place lyeth interr'd the body of William Knipe, ſon and heir of Peter Knipe, of Weſtwinch, in the county of Norfolk, Gent: and Elizabeth his wife daughter of Thomas Croſs, of this pariſh, who departed this life April* 25, 1654. The roof of this nave is ſupported by ſeveral octangular pillars, forming 8 arches, 4 on each ſide, and the like number of windows over them.—The upper part of the ſouth iſle, has been ſome chapel, part of the ſcreen which incloſed it is ſtill remaining, as alſo the place for the holy water: over this part is a handſome gallery-pew belonging to the lord of the manor, and thereon are the arms of Davis and Gawſell, quarterly, impaling Bernars—quarterly in 1ſt and 4th, vert, a griffin ſegreant, argent—Davis; in 2d and 3d, barry of 6, or and gules, a canton, ermin—Gawſell; impaling quarterly or and vert, Bernars, [*Plate I. fig.* 29.]——Againſt the north wall of this iſle, as you aſcend to this pew, is a little mural monument, with the effigies of a man in armour, with his wife, on their knees upon cuſhions; the monument is adorned with 2 fluted columns and a corniſh, and the ſhield of Gawſell as before, impaling argent, on a chevron, between 3 pellets, 2 in chief, charged with as many martlets, and one in baſe, with a trefoyl of the 1ſt, as many maſcles or, Pratt, [*Plate I. fig.* 30.] and this epitaph—*Here lyeth the body of Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; who married Suſan the 2d daughter of Gregory Pratt, of Ryſton, Eſq; and had iſſue ſyx ſons and ſeaven daughters, whereof there was two ſons and ſyx daughters living at his death, and the ſaid Thomas dy'd the ſecond of January, A. D.* 1600.—This monument was erected at the charge of Thomas Wolriche, of Cowling, in Suffolk, Eſq; and the above named Suſan his wife.—This ſhield is on the bottom—gules, a chevron argent, between 3 wild ducks, volant, proper, Wolriche, impaling Pratt, [*Plate I. fig.* 31.]

The chancel is of the ſame materials with the church, and is ſeparated from the nave by a ſcreen; it is in length about 46 feet, and 19 in breadth, is lofty and covered with reed.—On the area here, lye ſeveral graveſtones—at the weſt end, one with the arms of Davis and Gawſell, quarterly, impaling Berners.—*Here lyeth the body of Gregory Davis, Eſq; who dyed the 22d day of September* 1706, *in the* 35th *year of his age, leaving two ſons, Gregory and John.*—On the right hand of this lies another with the ſame arms—*Bridget, the wife of Gregory Davis, Eſq; eldeſt daughter of Hatton Berners, Eſq; of St. Mary's-Hall, dyed* 16, *of June* 1701, *aged* 27 *years, leaving two ſons, Gregory and John.*—On the left hand a third, thus inſcribed——*Jacent hoc ſub marmore reliquiæ Gregorij Gawſell, Arm. filij natu maximi Thomas Gawſell, Armig. cui cum patrimonium reliquit haud contemnendum, ipſe prudentj, induſtriâ auctius multo reddidit, dum vitam cælibem [ut qui nec conjugij curas expertus eſt, nec ſolatia] probè tranſegit, amplam fortunam, moriturus, fratris filiæ, et ſororum filijs diſpertivit, hic lucem primus vidit, hic clauſit oculos Martij 5to, An. Dom.* 1656, *Ætatis ſuæ* 70.—As you aſcend, lies a marble graveſtone with this ſhield—gules, a feſs checquered, argent and ſable, between 6 croſſes pattée ſitché of the ſecond, Boteler, impaling Gawſell, [*Plate I. fig.* 32.] and on a braſs plate—*Requieſcunt hoc ſub marmore reliquiæ Thomæ Boteler, Armigerj, antiquæ Botelorum familiæ in comitatu Hertfordiæ oriundj, auſpicatas contraxit nuptias cum Annâ Gawſell, filia ſecunda Thomæ Gawſell, Armig. quibus nati fuiſſent* 6 *filij et una filia, tandem plus octo et viginta annis cum illâ ſanctè, pièq; tranſactis, ſitomagj moriturus, ſacris hiſce penetralibus legavit corpus, ſuum Jeſum ad morandum, an. ſalutis* 1637, *Ætatis ſuæ* 67.—Adjoyning on the right hand, a graveſtone with the arms of Davis and Gawſell, quarterly.—*Here lyeth the body of Gregory Davis, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Gregory Davis, Eſq; and Bridget his wife, who dyed the* 9th *day of July* 1710, *in the* 12th *year of his age.*—And on the left, on a graveſtone of marble.—*Dormit hic in communis parentis gremio, Anna, Thomæ Boteler, Armigeri, dilecta conjux, cuj novendecim plus minus annos pudicè ſupervixit, ſex filiorum et unicæ filiæ* fæcunda mater, quæ conjugis, matriſq; officio piè, functa, defuncta eſt Watlingtoniæ, Martii* 11°. *An. Dom.* 1656, *Ætatis ſuæ* 68.—A little higher lies a marble ſtone with this ſhield, party per chevron, or and azure, in chief, two flower de lys, gules, and in baſe, on 5 lozenges in feſs of the 1ſt, as many eſcollops of the 3d, Edgar, impaling Spelman of Narburgh, [*Plate I. fig.* 33.]——*Here lyeth interred Elizabeth the wife of Steven Edgar, Gent: one of the daughters of John Spilman, Eſq; of Narburgh-Hall, who dyed the* 1ſt *day of March* 1679, *and left two children, John and Margaret, aged* 35 *years.*—At the eaſt end lye theſe graveſtones,—argent, 3 roſes, and a chief, gules, Sparrow, [*Plate I. fig.* 34.]——*Here lyeth the body of Robert Sparrow, Eſq; alderman, and twice mayor of the corporation of King's Lynn, one of the ſons of Robert Sparrow, B. D. late rector of this church, and of Jane his wife, he departed this life the* 13th *day of Dec.* 1716, *aged* 75.—On another, argent, a feſs gules, Burkin, [*Plate I. fig.* 35.]——*Here lyeth the body of Samuel Burkin, Eſq; who died July* 20, 1726, *aged* 57.—Adjoyning to this,—ſable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 ſpears heads, argent, embrued gules, Lewis, impaling azure, 3 griffins heads eraſed, in a bordure, or, Cutler, [*Plate I. fig.* 36.]——*Magdalena lectiſſima, conjux Henricj Lewis, rect. de Rungton-Holme, hoc ſub marmore quieſcit, heroina, proſapia, ac pietate perinde clara. She was ſecond daughter to Sir Gervaſe Cutler, (of Stainburg-Hall in Yorkſhire, Kt. and Bt. colonel for King Charles* I. *and ſlain at Pomfret caſtle, June* 25, 1645.] *by Magdalen* 5th *daughter to John earl of Bridgwater, by Frances* 2d *daughter of Ferdinando* 5th *earl of Derby, king in man, whoſe mother was daughter's daughter to Mary, ſecond daughter to King Henry* VII. *of England, and once queen to Lewis* XII. *King of France, ſhe dyed March* 8, 1682, *and left two daughters, Magdalen and Elizabeth, Ætatis ſuæ* 45.

If women all were like to thee,
We men for wives ſhould happy be.

Againſt the ſouth wall, near the weſt end, is a ſmall marble mural monument, with the effigies of a clergyman in his gown, as *A. M.* kneeling on a cuſhion, in an arch, ſupported by two pillaſters of the Ionick order, with their capitals gilt with gold, a deſk before him and hands erect—on the ſummit theſe arms, per pale, argent and azure, a feſs between 3 flowers de lys, counterchanged, Freak, [*Plate I. fig.* 37.] on the baſis—*Here lyeth John Freake, A. M. ſometime fellow of Trinity college, Cambridge, rector of this pariſh* 22 *years, the ſon of John Freak, D. B. and archdeacon of Norwich, and ſon of Edmund Freak, lord biſhop of Norwich, who married Margaret daughter of Edmund Waſtell, by whom he had iſſue one daughter only, which John dyed January* 20, 1628.—On the ſouth ſide, in the loweſt window, argent, 3 torteaux, Beſils, or Fitz-arms. [*Plate I. fig.* 38.]—Azure on a feſs, between 2 chevrons argent, a creſcent for diſtinction, gules, Tendring, [*Plate I. fig.* 39.]—and in the upper window on the ſame ſide, 3 covered cups, or, Butler, [*Plate I. fig.* 40.]—Here are 3 ſtone arches, where have been three ſtalls or ſeats in the wall and a fourth for the holy water, now all worked up and plaiſtered—on the north ſide, in the loweſt window, have been the effigies of the apoſtles, St. Paul, *&c.* with labels of the creed, now much defaced; on the ſummit of this window, vert, on a bend or, 3 maunches, gules; Tony, [*Plate I. fig.* 41.] and at the bottom of the window—*Orate p'Dno. Rogero Tony,* - - - -, which ſhows the antiquity of this window, he being rector of this church in the 9th of Edward III.—In the ſecond window—*Orate p'aiab; Rici. Gladdelſene et Alicie,* - - - -.—In the upper window, ſable, a bend ermin, between 2 goats heads coup'd argent, barb'd and attir'd, or, Bartholomew, [*Plate I. fig.* 42.]—and vert, on a bend, or, 3 leaves of the firſt, [*Plate I. fig.* 43.]——Near to the porch, which is againſt the ſouth iſle, lye two graveſtones in the church-yard, with croſſes pattée cut on them, reſembling thoſe of the knights templars, and one with a croſs flory.

The old valor was 25 marks,—peter pence 8*d.*

This rectory is valued in the king's books at 14*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* and pays tenths *&c.*

In the 41ſt. of [*n*] Henry III. Richard de Herlawe ſued Robert ſon of William de Watlington, for meſſuages, lands, and the advouſon of this church, in which family this advouſon and manor (as we've obſerved) continued 'till the beginning of the reign of king Edward I.

RECTORS.

Roger de Tony was inſtituted the 26th of September 1321, preſented by Geffrey de Bruſeyerd and Agnes his wife, and occurs rector in the 9th of Edward III. ——Peter ,† died rector 1392.——1392. William de Weſtacre, by Catherine, relict of John Bartolemew; his will is dated on Monday after the feaſt [*o*] of St. Michael, 1392, and proved 11th October in the ſaid year: he was archdeacon of Norfolk.

1407. Stephen Noble, preſented by John Glemsford of Watlington, Eſq; he was alſo rector of Northwold in Norfolk, *&c.*——1412. Thomas Banaſtre, on the reſignation of Noble, by John de Glemsford, Eſq;

1413. John Wadyn *alias* Aſheton, on the reſignation of Banaſtre, by John Glemsford, Eſq; he was rector of Teverſham in Cambridgeſhire, and exchanged with Banaſtre. Glemsford is here ſaid to be patron in right of his wife Margaret, to whom the manor called Bartholomews belongs by right of inheritance.

1418. John Bluntyſham, on the reſignation of Aſheton, by John Glemsford, Eſq; he was rector of Elleſworth in Cambridgeſhire, and exchanged with Aſheton.——1425. Edward Perys or Pery of Wygenhale, preſented by Thomas Hawdekyn of Watlington, by his will [*p*] dated on Tueſday after the feaſt of the conception of the bleſſed virgin, in 1427, he deſires to be buried at the nunnery of Crabhouſe in Norfolk.——1427. John Attehall on the death of Perys, by Thomas Hawdekyn, Eſq; *&c.*——1442. William Truſbut, *S. T. P.* by the king: by his will dated [*q*] 31ſt of December 1450, he deſires to be buried in the church of Crabhouſe; proved the 10th of December 1451; he was rector of Yaxham in Norfolk, and exchanged with Attehall.——1451. John Bulman, on the death of William Truſsbut, preſented by Catherine Curteys.

1487. Jeffrey Robynſon, on the reſignation of Bulman, preſented by Hugh Shouldham, Gent;——1497. Simeon Fincham, on the death of Robynſon, by Hugh: his will is dated [*r*] 19th of June 1512, and proved the 4th of October in the ſaid year.——1512. Thomas Hynde.

1531. Thomas Franceys, on the reſignation of Hynde, preſented by Richard Gawſell.——1547. Robert Swyft, by the aſſigns of William Butts and Urſula his wife.——1552. Henry Ramſhawe, on the death of Robert Swyft, by William Butts of Watlington and Urſula his wife, by virtue of her joynture in this manor, (her firſt huſband was Richard Gawſell.)——1556. Edmund Dennye, on the death of Ramſhawe, by William Butts and Urſula his wife. [*s*] *Dns. Edm. Dennye, preſbyter conjugatus ſatis doctus, non reſidet, non hoſpitalis, in rectoria ſua de Beeſtonne, non predicat nec licentiatus. Duo.*

1563.

(*o*) Plita. de Jur. et Aſſiſs. An°. 41, Hen. III. Rot. 7m°.

(*o*) Regr. Harſicke, p. 168.

(*p*) Regr. Surfleet, p. 15.

(*q*) Regr. Betyns, p. 66.

† Peter, wills to be buried in the church porch—Regr. Harſick.

(*r*) Regr. Johnſon, Norw.

(*s*) Parkeri Certificat.

1563. Martin Haryſon, on the death of Dennye, by William Butts and Urſula his wife.———1580. Robert Marſhall, on the reſignation of the laſt rector, preſented by Thomas Gawſell.———1583. Peter Tye, preſented (*hac vice*) by John Rowſe, on a grant from T. Gawſell: he was alſo rector of Barton St. Mary.

1592. William Raye, on the reſignation of Tye, by John Rowſe, *&c.* in his anſwer to King James's queries, he obſerves that there were 140 communicants here in 1603.——1606. John Freake, *A. M.* on the reſignation of Raye, preſented by Felix Mapleſden, Gent: aſſignee to Thomas Gawſell, Gent:———1629. Robert Sparrow, by G. Gawſell, Eſq;———1657. John Lane, *A. M.* admitted then by the commiſſioners, appointed for the approbation of publick preachers.

1670. James Davy, *A. M.* on the reſignation of Lane, by James Davy of Lynn, (*hac vice* patron.) aſſignee of Robert Gawſell, Eſq;

1710. Thomas Pile, *A. M.* on the death of the laſt rector, by Edmund Rolfe, Gent: he was rector of Outwell, and vicar of South Lynn, in Norfolk; preacher at St. Margaret's Lynn, and vicar of Gedney in Lincolnſhire, and prebend of Saliſbury and reſidentiary.

1726. Horatio Foſſet, *A. M.* on the ceſſion of Pile, by Mrs. Suſan Davis.

1765. Henry Robinſon, by John Davis, Eſq;

----. Jerem. Pratt, by ditto.

Thomas Demany, chaplain, by his will dated the 14th of May 1465, deſires to be buried near the font in the church of Watlington.

William Leek, by his will dated (*t*) the 3d of February 1468, bequeaths legacies to St. Peter's gild here, the light of the crucifix, St. Catherine's light, *&c.*

John Heyrip of Watlington, chaplain, by his will dated on Wedneſday after the feaſt (*u*) of St. Margaret the virgin, 1417, wills to be buried in the chapel of St. Thomas here, bequeaths legacies to the ſepulchre light, St. Mary's light before the baſyn, to St. Mary's light before geſyne, to the lepars of Sechy and of Hardwycdam.

Edmund Bekkes, (*w*) by will dated June 4th 1470, bequeaths legacies to the ſepulchre light, that of the crucifix, that of St. Catharine, to St. Mary's light in the percloſe, St. John the Baptiſt's light, St. Mary's light, St. Anthony's light, St. Thomas's light, and St. Nicholas's light in this church.—Beſides theſe perſons here buried,

Catherine Coo, widow, (*x*) of Watlington, by her will dated 1474, deſires to be buried in this church; and in 1505, John Reyns, by will, deſires to be buried before the image of our lady, without the percloſe, in the chancel here, and bequeaths to the prioreſs of Crabhouſe 6*s.* 8*d.* and to every lady there 8*d.*

The Kerviles of Watlington were, as I take it, a younger branch of the family of St. Mary Wigenhale, in Norfolk, Marſhland, and bore gules, 3 leopards heads, argent, jeſſant flowers de lys.

KER-

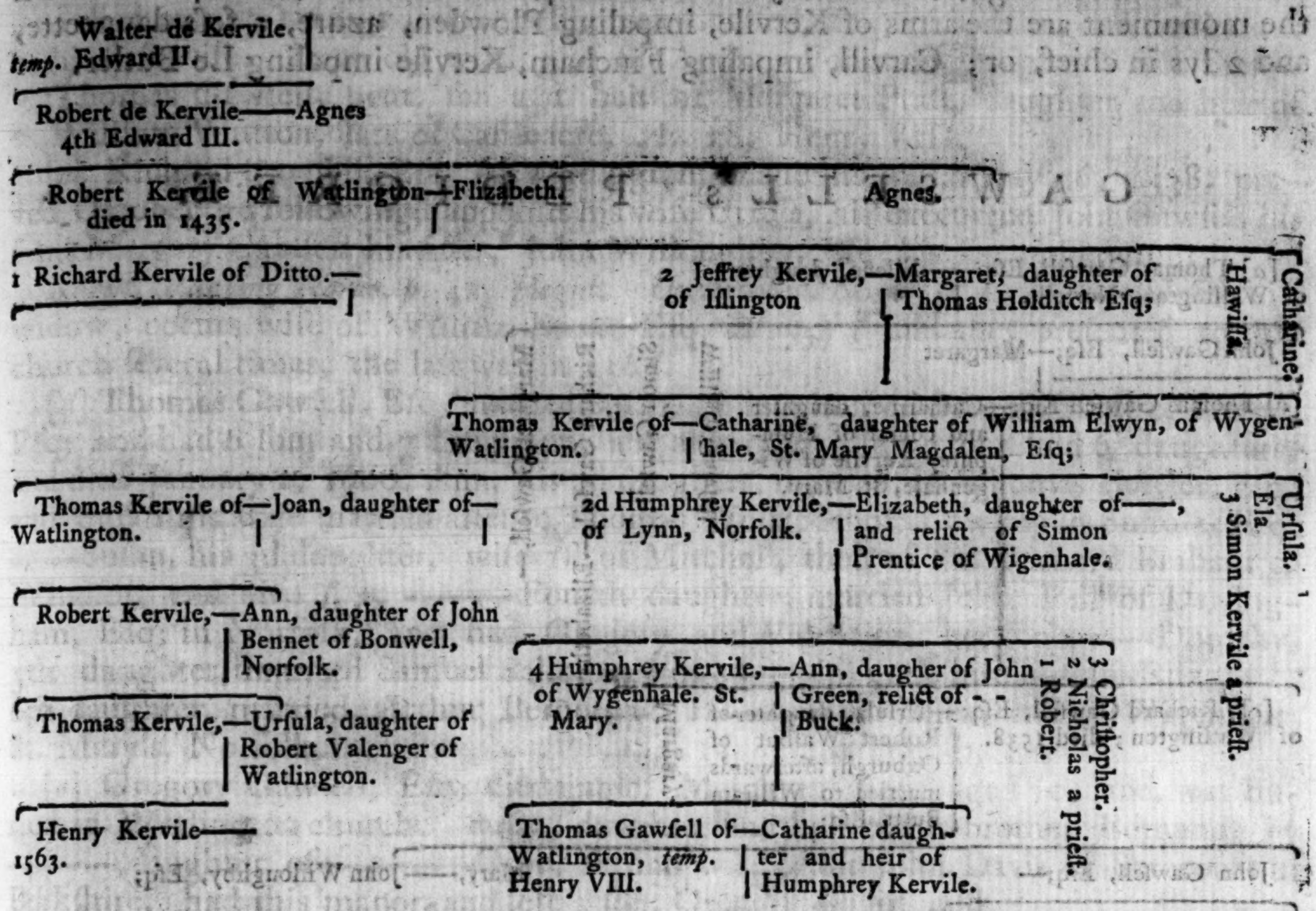
(*t*) Regr. Betyns, p. 126.

(*u*) Regr Hurning, p. 42.

(*w*) Regr. Betyns, p. 149.

(*x*) Reg. Gilbert, fol. 38.

KERVILE's PEDIGREE.


Walter de Kervile temp. Edward II.
Robert de Kervile——Agnes 4th Edward III.
Robert Kervile of Watlington—Elizabeth. died in 1435.
Agnes.
1 Richard Kervile of Ditto.—
2 Jeffrey Kervile,—Margaret, daughter of of Iſlington Thomas Holditch Eſq;
Hawiſſa.
Catharine.
Thomas Kervile of—Catharine, daughter of William Elwyn, of Wygen-Watlington. hale, St. Mary Magdalen, Eſq;
Thomas Kervile of—Joan, daughter of— Watlington.
2d Humphrey Kervile,—Elizabeth, daughter of——, of Lynn, Norfolk. and relict of Simon Prentice of Wigenhale.
Urſula.
Ela.
3 Simon Kervile a prieſt.
Robert Kervile,—Ann, daughter of John Bennet of Bonwell, Norfolk.
4 Humphrey Kervile,—Ann, daugher of John of Wygenhale. St. Mary. Green, relict of - - Buck.
3 Chriſtopher.
2 Nicholas a prieſt.
1 Robert.
Thomas Kervile,—Urſula, daughter of Robert Valenger of Watlington.
Henry Kervile—— 1563.
Thomas Gawſell of—Catharine daugh-Watlington, temp. Henry VIII. ter and heir of Humphrey Kervile.

Robert de Kervile, ſon of Walter, and Agnes his wife, conveyed lands in Watlington in the 11th year of Edward III. to John, ſon of William of Clenchwarton. *Fin. Norff.* 11 *Ed. III.*

Robert de Kervile's will is dated November 19, 1433, and proved in 1435; wills to be buried in the church of Watlington; to Richard, his ſon, a manor there; legacies to Jeffery, Catharine, and Hawis, his children, and Agnes his ſiſter; appoints Elizabeth his wife and his ſon Richard, executors.—*Regiſt. Surflete. at Norw. p.* 2. *fol.* 178. 6.

John Kervile of Wigenhale, witneſs to a deed, in 3 of Edward III.

Sir Robert Kervile, ſon of Edmund Kervile [a] of Wigenhale, is buried in the church of St. Mary's, Wigenhale, and was ſon of Edmund, as appears from the inſcription on his graveſtone.

In this church of St. Mary are ſeveral coats, painted in the glaſs, of Kervile; gules, a chevron, or, between 3 leopards faces with their impalements; Kervile impaling, argent, 3 bars and a bend, ermine—Fincham;—Kervill impaling, ſable, 3 covered cups———Le Butler, (as I take it)——Kervill, impaling ſable, 2 piles, argent.

Kervill, impaling, azure, an eagle diſplayed, or, Shouldham; quartering gules, a chief ermine, Narburgh.———Kervill, impaling argent, a feſs between 6 ogreſſes, in a bordure engrailed ſable.

Thomas Kervile, Eſq; married Margaret, daughter and coheir of Gilbert Haltoft, baron of the exchequer, *temp.* Henry VI. ſhe brought to him the manor of Richmond in Wiſbeach and Leverington, &c.

Henry Kervile, Eſq; married Winefrede, daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, by whom he had Sir Henry Kervill, who married Mary, daughter of Francis Plowdon, Eſq; and Mary Kervill, who died *ſ. p.* married to Robert Thorold, Eſq;

The ſaid Sir Henry, by Mary his wife, had a ſon, Gervaſe, and a daughter, Mary, who both died infants

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[a] I have ſeen a deed of Edmund Kervyle of Wigenhale, dated in the 41 of Edward III. his ſeal to it.—a chevron, checq; between 3 leopards heads.——Edmund Kervile of Wigenhale, witneſs to a deed of John de Watlyngton in 37 of Edward III.—His ſeal is of red wax, and round; a little bigger than a ſhilling.—"Legend, Sigillum: Edmundi: Kervile."

Sir Henry and his lady are buried in the aforeſaid church, under a ſtately monument with their effigies; he died June 26, 1624, ſhe March 6, 1624.——On the monument are the arms of Kervile, impaling Plowden, azure, a feſs dauncette, and 2 lys in chief, or; Carvill, impaling Fincham, Kervile impaling Le Butler.

GAWSELL's PEDIGREE.

[*a*] Thomas Gawſell, Eſq;——Ellene, daughter
of Wallington, Norfolk.

John Gawſell, Eſq;—Margaret
William Gawſell.
Simon Gawſell.
Richard Gawſell,—Elizabeth.
Margaret Gawſell,—

[*b*] Thomas Gawſell Eſq;—Catharine, daughter
and coheir of Humphrey Kervile of Wigenhale, St. Mary.

[*c*] Richard Gawſell, Eſq;—Urſula, daughter of
of Watlington; died 1538.
Robert Walbut of Oxburgh, afterwards married to William Butts, Eſq;
Margary.

John Gawſell, Eſq;—
Mary,——John Willoughby, Eſq;

[*d*] Thomas Gawſell, Eſq;—Suſan, 2d daughter of Gregory
died in 1600.
Prat, of Riſton, Eſq;

[*e*] 1 Gregory, Gawſell, Eſq;
obt. ſ. p.
2 Edmund Gawſell.—— - - - daughter of - - - Gray
Dorothy.
Suſan.
2 Ann—Thomas Boteler, Eſq; afterwards to Thomas Wolriche, Eſq;

Suſan, daughter and heir—Sir John Davis
of Berkſhire.

Gregory Davis, Eſq;—Bridget, daughter of
obt 1706.
Hatton Berners of St. Mary Wigenhale.
Suſan.——Elizabeth

1 Gregory Davis, Eſq;
died *ſ. p.*
2 John Davis, Eſq;——Suſan, daughter and coheir of
Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; of Teſterton, Norfolk.

[*a*] This Thomas wills in 1500, to be buried in the chapel of St. John in Derham-Abbey in Norfolk; dated September 14, and proved November 27, 1500. Ellene his wife, and Richard his ſon, executors.——The will of Ellene his wife of Watlington, gent; is dated on the feaſt of St. Clement, in 1504; ſhe deſires to be buried in the monaſtery of Derham, and gives to John Martin, abbot of Weſt Derham, an image of the ſalutation with a vernakill.—*Regiſter Rix. Norw. p.* 43. *and Regr. Cage.*——Quere, if this Ellene was not daughter and heir of William Kekill, lord of Wallington about the time of Edward IV. She gave to John Gawſell her eldeſt ſon, the manors of Wallington and Thorpland, and Woodleves in Fordham; her will proved June 3, 1507. Thomas, her huſband, held lands in Carboiſthorp, (that is Shouldam Thorp) Wimbotſham, Stow, Foſton, Eaſt Winch, Wigenhale, &c. Norfolk,—and gave to Richard, his ſon, lands in Fordham, Helgey, Denver, Riſton, Roxham, Upwell, Outwell, Tilney, &c. Norfolk, and Littleport in Cambridgeſhire. Her children mentioned as above.

[*b*] Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; (ſon of John) and Catharine his wife, ſold Wallington and Thorpland to William Coninſby, Eſq; (afterwards a judge) in the 16 of Henry VIII.——

VIII.——In the pedigree of the Derhams, I find that Dorothy, (daughter of Thomas Derham, Eſq; and Ela his wife, daughter of Sir John Audley, which Thomas died in 1531) was married to Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, and muſt be his firſt wife. In an old writing of Sir Andrew Fountain, knight, I find this— "Thomas Gawſell, gent. ſon and heir of Margaret Pratt, daughter and heir of "William Wutton, late of Caſtleacre, *Ao*. 28, Henry VIII."

[c] Richard Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, made his will, May 26, 1538, proved October 2d following; appoints his wife Urſula, his executrix; John Gawſell his ſon, Margery Gawſell his ſiſter, John Willoughby, Eſq; his ſon and law.

Regiſt. Punting Norw. p. 42. *Regiſt. Underwood. Norw. p.* 44.——Urſula his widow, occurs wife of William Butts, Eſq; in 1547; and they preſented to this church ſeveral times, the laſt was in 1563.

[d] Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; married Suſan, 2d daughter of Gregory Pratt of Riſton, Eſq; and had 6 ſons and 7 daughters, and at his death left 2 ſons and 6 daughters; and died January 2, 1600. Ann, his 2d daughter, married, 1ſt Thomas Boteler, Eſq; and Suſan his wife married after to Thomas Wolriche of Cowling in Suffolk, Eſq; ——Suſan, his 3d daughter, wife 1ſt of Mitchell, then of Sir Richard Braham of Windſor, and died *ſ. p.* ——Fourth daughter, married John Pell of Darſingham, Eſq; in Norfolk, and had Gregory and Valentine, her ſons.——Dorothy, 5th daughter, married Samuel Saltonſtall of——in Yorkſhire.——Elizabeth, 6th daughter, married Arthur Berners of H——, in Eſſex, and of Wigenhale, St. Mary's, Norfolk.

[e] Gregory Gawſell, Eſq; died ſingle, March 5, 1656, aged 70, and was buried in Watlington church. Suſan, daughter and heir of his brother Edmund, by ——, daughter of———Gray, ſecond wife of Sir John Davis of Berecourt in Berkſhire, had this manor, and left a ſon, Gregory Davis, and

Gregory Davis, Eſq; her ſon, married Bridget, eldeſt daughter of Hatton Berners, Eſq; of Wigenhale, St. Mary's-Hall, and dying in 1706, aged 34, left a ſon, Gregory, who died July 9, 1710, aged 12 years, and a ſon, John Davis, Eſq; who married———, daughter and coheir of Philip Bedingfeld, Eſq; ſhe died *ſ. p.* in 1749 at Bath.

WERMEGAY.

Hermerus De Ferrariis, a powerful Norman baron, had the grant of this lordſhip on the expulſion of Turchetill, who had large poſſeſſions before the conqueſt; Hermerus takes place in the ſurvey before the abbots, &c. and had manors given him in the following towns——Marham, Fincham, Barton, Weſtbrigg, Wallington, Foſton, Downham, Stow, Wimbotſham, Riſton, Derham, Fordham, Thorpland, Bexwell, Stradſet, and Well, in the hundred of Clackloſe;— Eaſt-Winch, Tilney, Iſlington, North Rungton, Weſt-Winch, Wigenhale, [a] Walton, Geyton, Thorp, and Lynn, (including what he had alſo ſeized on, and invaded) in the hundred of Freebridge;—Ellingham in Shropham hundred; Litcham, Longham and Rougham in Launditch hundred;——Whinburgh, Garveſton, Shipdam, Yaxham, North and Eaſt Tudenham, Reymerſton, Mateſhale, Letton, Torveſtuna, Bicherſton in Milford hundred;——Wreningham in Humbleyard hundred, including, as I have obſerved, what he had ſeized on, as the ſurvey ſets forth.

In Turchetil's time this lordſhip conſiſted of one carucate of land, 8 villains and 2 ſervi, with 8 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, the fourth part of a mill and 3 fiſheries, 3 cows, &c. 4 ſkeps of bees and a church; the whole valued at 60*s.* *per ann.* was 5 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 2*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

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[a] Terre Hermeri—Wermegai ten. Turchetel. p. man. i car. terre, ſemp. viii villi. et ii ſerv. et viii ac. p'ti. 7. i car. in d'nio. i car. hom'. quarta pars. molin. et iii piſcar. ſep. iii vac. 7. xviii porc. modo. xvi. ovs. tc. iiii vaſa apu. mo. ii. 7. 1 ecclia ſemp. lx ſol. et h't. v qr. in longo, 7 ii in lato. et reddit. iiid. de gelto regis de xx ſol.—Invas. Hermeri—In Wirmegay ii libi. ho'es. tenentes, iiii ac. ſed ſuus antec. habuit tot. conſuet.

Hermerus had alſo ſeized on 4 acres held by 2 freemen, and his predeceſſor had all cuſtomary dues from them.

Hermerus's deſcendents, according to the Norman cuſtom, took the name of De Wermegay, from this lordſhip, which was the head manor of a barony. The firſt that I meet with (and probably ſon of Hermerus) was Richard de Wermegay, father of William de Wermegay, who in the 7 or 8th year [*b*] of King Henry II. accounted for 20*l.* 10*s.* belonging to his barony, and in the 12th of that king, was found to hold 14 knights fees and a half in *capite*, alſo 2 knights fees of the old feoffment, of Hugh Bigot. Soon after this William died, *Ao.* 14, Henry II. (as I take it) in which year Reginald de Warren, ſecond ſon of William II. and brother of William III. Earls Warren and Surry, accounted for 9*l.* 10*s.* for this barony, (and had a good part of his ſcutage pardoned) on the marriage of Maud, the king's daughter, to Henry, duke of Saxony. This Reginald married Alice, daughter and heir of William de Wermegay, in the 14 and 15 of that king; he was a juſtice itinerant in Norfolk, Suffolk, Surry, &c. and in the 20th, one that was appointed to levy tallages in the king's demeans of England; and with the conſent of Alice his wife, gave to the canons of Southwark the church of Plumpton in Suſſex.

Reginald, by Alice, had William de Warren, who paid ſcutage for this barony in the 31 of Henry II. and in the 14 of Richard I. paid 14*l.* 5*s.* to the king's redemption. In the regiſter of Bury abby is an agreement between this William, and Sampſon, then abbot, who claimed 65*s.* rent, and 2000 eels, for the mills between Wermegay and Weſtbrigg, the gift of William's anceſtors, who on a grant of lands, here, in Totenhill, &c. releaſed the ſaid rent in the court of exchequer, before Richard, the king's treaſurer, Joceline, arch deacon of Chicheſter, Hubert Walter, Rt. de Ingleſham, Thomas de Haſſeburn, &c. barons of the exchequer, &c.

He married, firſt Beatrix, and ſecondly, Millecent, widow of Richard, Lord Montfitchet, and gave in the 5 of King John, 400 marks for licence to marry her, and dying *Ao.* 11 of that king, left Beatrix his daughter and heir, by his firſt wife, and then relict of Doun or Dodo Bardolf, ſon and heir of Thomas de Bardolf, by Roſe his wife, daughter and heir of Ralph Hanſeline, lord of Shelford in Nottinghamſhire, which Thomas was ſon of William Bardolf, ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, *Ao.* 16 Henry II.——The ſaid Beatrix, in the aforeſaid year, gave 3000 marks to have her dower of Bardolf's lands, and ſeiſin of her inheritance, and that ſhe might [*c*] not be diſtrained to marry again, and that the debts owing to the king from her father, ſhould be paid out of the goods and chattels belonging to her father, and of Miliſent his wife, which he died poſſeſſed of. William, her father, was a benefactor to the canons of Southwark, in which he was buried, for the ſouls of Reginald and Alice, his father and mother, and the ſouls of Beatrix his wife, and Reginald his ſon, and Iſabel his wife, and Beatrix his daughter.—Reginald his ſon dying before him, *ſ. p.*

In the 13th of King John, Beatrix, widow of Dodo, Lord Bardolf, was the wife Hubert de Burgh, the king's lord-chamberlain, and after earl of Kent, and in the 17, Hubert held it in right of his wife, lately deceaſed.

In the 27th of Henry III. William, Lord Bardolf, ſon and heir of Dodo and Beatrix, had livery of his honour, which the earl of Kent held late for life, and the ſheriff had authority to deliver it to him, and in the following year, the grant of a mercate every Monday, and a fair.

On the marriage of the king's daughter to the emperor, he anſwered for 14 knights fees and an half, belonging to his barony; in the 38 of that king, had a grant of free warren, for all the manors belonging to it, and in the 55 it was found that 700 acres of fen, marſh, &c. in this town, Tetenhill, &c. belonging to this lord, were drowned by the raiſing of a cauſeway. This ſeems to be now what is called Sechie cauſeway, and made about this time.

In the 3d of Edward I. he claimed the lete, aſſiſe, weyf, pillory, fair, trebuchet, and held 15 knights fees and a half in *capite*, and in the following year died, leaving

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[*b*] Rot. pip.—Lib. Nig. Sc'cij. v. 1. P. 288.

[*c*] Rot. Pip. Ao. ii Joh.

ing by Nichola his wiſe, William his ſon and heir, who married in his father's life, Juliana, daughter and heir of Hugh de Gourney, a baron of the realm; who bore paly of 6, or and azure; and in the 43d of Henry III. William Bardolph, junior, and Juliana his wife paid 184*l*. and 2 hogſheads of wine, for debts due to that king, and the manor was extended at his father's death at 45*l*. 11*s*. 10*d*. *per ann*.

This lord had ſeveral ſummons as a baron to ſerve that king *A*°. 5, and 10, *&c*, and in the 15th to a parliament at Glouceſter, by Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, during the king's abſence, and died in 1289; Juliana ſurvived him, and on her death, in the 23d of the ſaid king, Hugh was found to be her ſon and heir aged 40 years.

Hugh, lord Bardolf, took to wife Iſabella, daughter and heir of Robert Aguillon of Addington in Surry, a parliamentary baron: he was the 22d peer who ſubſcribed the letter to the pope in the 29th of Edward I. ſignifying that the kingdom of Scotland was not of his fee, and that the pope had no juriſdiction in temporal affairs; on his death, in the 32d of that king, it was found, that he paid 7*s*. monthly for caſtle guard to the caſtle of Norwich, and that Thomas was his ſon and heir, by Iſabel, aged 22. Iſabel ſurvived him, and in the 6th year of Edward II. releaſed by deed to Sir Michael de Ponyngs, Kt. and Margery his wife, all her right in the manor of Bures, in Suffolk, dated at Bercamp in Suſſex, on the feaſt of the annunciation; the ſeal is of red wax, the impreſs a cinqfoil, each leaf of it charged with a lys, the cinqfoils being her huſband's arms, and gules, a lys argent, her paternal arms.

The lord Bardolf, ſon and heir of Hugh, or, as ſome ſay, ſon of William lord Bardolf, ſon of Hugh, was created knight of the bath, in the 34th of Edward I. with the prince of wales; in the 15th of Edward II. *&c*. had, with Sir John de Thorp, and Sir John Haward, the guard of Norfolk and Suffolk, and of the ſea coaſts; he married Agnes, daughter of the lord Grandiſon, and dying in the 3d of Edward III. was buried in the priory of Shelford in Nottinghamſhire, leaving John his ſon and heir, aged 17, who, in the 10th of that king, married Elizabeth de Burgo or Burgh, 3d daughter and coheir of Gilbert, Earl of Glouceſter and Clare, by his wife Joan de Acres, ſiſter of Edward I. called de Burgh, from her firſt huſband, John de Burgo, lord of Connaught in Ireland.

This John, lord Bardolf, and his lady Elizabeth, appointed John de Laſceles, jun. to deliver, in their name, to the lady Avice, late wife of Sir Robert Conſtable of Halſham, ſeiſin of the fourth part of the manor of Kirkby under Knolle in Yorkſhire, by deed dated at Wirmegay *A*°. 13th of Edward III. to it are 2 ſeals, one of the lord Bardolf, azure, 3 cinqfoils, or; the other, a large and round ſeal,—in the centre the arms of Bardolf, in the ſummit and the baſe, or, a plain croſs, gules, in a bordure, ſable, the arms of her firſt huſband, Burgh; on the right ſide of theſe, are 3 ſhields of arms, 1ſt. ſable, a lion rampant, argent, the arms of Theobald de Verdon, her 2d huſband; the 2d or, 3 chevronells, gules; the arms of her grandfather, earl of Clare; the 3d a caſtle, tripple towered—on the left ſide is 1ſt. the ſaid caſtle—2d barry of 6, argent and gules, nebuly, a bend over all, azure—the arms of her 3d huſband, Roger Damorey, baron of Armoy in Ireland; and the 3d Verdon.

This lady ſtiled herſelf, in grants made in her widowhood, Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare, and dying in 1360, was buried in the nunnery of the Minorites, without Aldgate.

King Edward III. in his 19th year, ſent his writ, witneſſed by Lionel his ſon, then cuſtos of England, to this lord John, then a banneret, to attend him beyond ſea, with all his retinue, and in his 21ſt year, June 14th, he had a ſummons to repair immediately to the king, at the ſiege of Calais, not to ſtay 'till his horſes were ſhip'd, but to be there before the French raiſed the ſiege, which they daily threatened.

Several genealogiſts make Elizabeth, the wife of this John, Lord Bardolf, not to be the daughter, of Gilbert, Earl of Clare, by Joan of Acres, who married John de Burgo, but to be the daughter and heir of Roger D'Amory, an Iriſh lord, 3d huſband of Elizabeth de Burgo, daughter of the earl of Clare aforeſaid; and what ſeems to confirm this, is the grant of King Edward II. on December 1ſt *A°.* 12, at York, (in the parliament there) of divers manors, to this Roger and Elizabeth his wife, and niece to that king, and the heirs of her body, and after his death they went to Elizabeth, daughter of the ſaid Roger, who married John, lord Bardolf; as appears from the eſchaets rolls in the 3d of Henry VI. and this Elizabeth died in the 51ſt of Edward III. 1377.

In 1353, this lord had a grant from pope Clement, of a portable altar to perform maſs at, which, as a curioſity, I have here annexed; [*d*]

“ *Clemens Eps. ſ. ſ'vor. Dej dil'co filio nob'lj viro Jobi. Bardolf militi,*
“ *et dil'ce in Xto. filie nobili mulieri, Elizabethe ej; uxori Norwicen. dioc. ſal'm. et apli-*
“ *ca' bn. ſincere devotionis affect. qu. ad nos et Romanam geris ecc. n. i'digne*
“ *mer't. ut petic'o'ib; v'ris, &c. quas ex devoc'o'is fervore, p'dire conſpicim; qua'ta' cu.*
“ *D'o. poſſum; favorab'ter annuam. Hinc eſt q. nos v'ris devot. ſupplicat'o'ib; in-*
“ *clinatj, ut liceat vot. baber. altar. portabile c. reve'ncia et honore ſup' quod in locis ad*
“ *boc convenientib; et honeſt. poſſit qui'l't. veſtu. p. p'p'u. ſacerdote' ydoneu' miſſa'*
“ *et alia divina officia ſ'n juris alienj p'judic' in v'ra p'ſencia facere celebrarj, devo-*
“ *c'o'j v're, tenore p'ſent. indulgem; nulli vero o'i'o bo'i'u'. liceat banc paginam n're con-*
“ *ceſſion. i'fringere v'l ej; auſu temerar. cobibere ſi quis aut boc attemptar. p'ſumpſit*
“ *indignac'o'em o'ipotent. Dei et Beator. Petri et Paulj Ap'lor. ej; ſe nov'it incurſuru.*
“ *Dat. Av'ion.* VII. *Id. Auguſti Pont. n'ri. A°. undecimo.*”—Every Romiſh
prieſt has in England at preſent, ſuch an altar to carry about with him.

In the 28th of the ſaid king, [*e*] he was one of thoſe barons of parliament who ſigned the letters of proxy to Richard Wymondeſold, &*c.* to agree on their parts to what ſhould be accorded before the pope, between the envoys of England and France, about ſettling their differences, and in the 33d, he was appointed by the king to meet at Weſtminſter on Sunday next after the feaſt of St. Martin, to be of counſel to Thomas of Woodſtock his ſon, (Earl of Glouceſter) whom the king, being then at Sandwich in Kent, ready to embark for France, had named cuſtos of England. In the 45th of Edward III. on the 3d of Auguſt, this John, lord Bardolph, dyed, [*f*] when it appears that he held the manor of Wyrmegay, a water-mill there and a pool called Le Ley, with the appertenances, &*c.* together with the honor of Wyrmegay in capite by barony, paying to Norwich caſtle yearly 7*s.* for caſtle guard, and wait fee of the ſaid caſtle 40*d.* at St. Michael, and 40*d.* at Eaſter, to which manor and honor were belonging, about 20 knights fees, *viz.* 2 knights fees held of the earl marſhal, 8 knights fees and a quarter of the earl Warren, and 9 knights fees and an half of the biſhop of Norwich; thoſe held of the king in capite were Watlington, Bruſſard manor; Thorpland, Eſtow manor; Stradſete manor; Fordham, Prior's; Fyncham, Curpel; Derham Abbots; Fincham, Fareſwell, and Grancourt; Barton, Lovell; Dereham, Tymworth; Ruſſell Moyne in Foteſton, (Foſton) and other towns; Watlynton Moyne; Seche Moyne; Weſtwinch Moyne; Wreningham Moyne; Thurſton Wace; Geyton Thorp, Yaxham, Ellingham *Magna*, Grimſton, Eaſt Lexham-Rou's; Eaſt Tudenham-Cockfield; Tylney Chervyle; Tirington, Spalding; Tirington Sculham; Tirington Monk; Iſlyngton Chervyle, Clenchwarton Chervile; Wigenhale Chervile; Matſhall Chervyle; Hermitory of Downham and Hillington manors; alſo divers parcels of land in divers towns. The fees of the earl Mareſchall, were two knights fees, Narburgh and Rugham, thoſe of the earl Warren, the manors of Croxton, Klypſton, Hempton St. Martyn, Hempton Barſham, Hempton Waterden, Lyrling Gunvile, Ruſhworth Gunvile, Caſton, Griſton, Wicklewode, Reffley, and parcels of lands in ſeveral towns in Norfolk; Betourd or Botetourt manor in Cambridgeſhire, and Euſton Virley in Suffolk. The fees held of the biſhop of Norwich, were the ma-

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(*d*) Lib. Inſtit. Norw. 4. fol. 148.

(*e*) Rymer, vol. 5. p. 797.

(*f*) Rot. Hen. Wringay, pen. Camerar. Sccij, in Baga quo Warr. Com. Nor.

nors of Ringſted *Magna*, Holkham Wake, Cockthorp, Sniterle, Glanford, Sniterle Aſtley, Calthorp, Hungriſwanton *alias* Swanton-Morley, South Birlingham Rightwiſe, Boyton South Birlingham, (Hindringham Outlagh,) Field Dawling, Hindringham-Nowers, Hindringham Cantley, Langele, Mendham Foliot, North Elmham, North Rungton, Bekeſwell, Eaſt Winch Drewe, Middleton Howard, Thorp, Grymſton, Feltwell, Thorp Ruſſell, Thor Hyndrecle in Norfolk; and South Elmham and Ilketiſhall in Suffolk.—Beſides the poſſeſſions abovementioned he dyed ſeiſed of the manor of Clopton [g] in Suffolk, thoſe of Burgh, Hekinton, Cathorp, *&c.* in Lincolnſhire; Stoke Bardolph, *&c.* in Nottinghamſhire, as parcel of his barony of Shelford to which, as 'tis ſaid, there were 29 knights fees belonging, and William was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 14, and then in ward with Sir Michael Poynings, having purchaſed it of Queen Philippa.

This William, Lord Bardolph, married Agnes, daughter of the ſaid Sir Michael, and on the 13th of June, in the 8th of Richard II. was ſummoned by writ to meet the king, with his horſes and arms and whole ſervice, on the 14th of July following, to march into Scotland, againſt the Scots; he dyed in the following year, and was buried amongſt the carmelite friers at Lynn, in the quire; his will bears date at Cathorpe in Lincolnſhire, the 12th of September 1384, and on his death, Thomas was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 17 years; Agnes his wife ſurvived him, and was afterwards married to Sir Thomas Mortimer, Kt. and in the 21ſt of Richard II. he was found to hold this manor, *&c.* in her right. By her will, dated June 9, 1403, at the earl of Oxford's houſe in St. Auſtin's de Papey at London, (then a widow) ſhe deſires to be buried in the conventual church of the Holy Trinity, without Aldgate, London, which was proved October the 15th following.

Thomas, Lord Bardolph, ſon of William and Agnes, gave his vote with ſome other lords, for the ſafe cuſtody of the late king Richard II. in the 1ſt of Henry IV. his wife was Avice or Anne, daughter of Ralph, lord Cromwell of Tatſall in Lincolnſhire; being in arms againſt king Henry IV. in his 9th year, and wounded in an engagement at Bramham-moor in Yorkſhire, he was beheaded, and attainted in parliament; he left two daughters and coheirs, Anne and Joan; Anne married firſt Sir William Clifford, and after Sir Reginald Cobham. Joan was the wife of Sir William Phelip, ſon of Sir John Phelip of Denyngton in Suffolk, treaſurer of the houſhold and chamberlain to king Henry V. whom he attended in the wars of France, and had the chief conduct of that king's melancholy funeral. Sir William was knight of the garter; by his will dated December 1, 1438, he requires to be buried in the chapel of St. Margaret in Denyngham, where he founded a chauntrey for 2 prieſts, but by a codicil, orders his body to be buried in the church-yard, and died in the 19th of Henry VI.

On the attainder of the aforeſaid Thomas, lord Bardolph, *A°*. 9, of Henry IV. May 8, this lordſhip or barony was granted with all its knights fees to Thomas Beaufort, the king's brother, afterwards duke of Exeter, who dying *s. p.* in the 5th of Henry VI. the ſaid king, on the petition of Sir William Phelip, and Joan, afterwards gave it by patent to them, and he died lord Bardolph.

Anne, the other daughter and coheir of Thomas, lord Baldolph, dying without iſſue *A°*. 32 of the ſaid king, this honor deſcended to John, viſcount Beaumont, who married Elizabeth, only daughter and heir of William Phelips, lord Bardolph, and Joan his wife, whoſe arms were, quarterly, gules and argent, in the firſt quarter, an eagle diſplayed, or.

This John lord Beaumont was the firſt viſcount in England, and in great favour with the king, and for his continued ſervices had many privileges allowed him in this town, *&c.* with the grant of a capital meſſuage in St. Bennet's Paul's Wharf, (Thames Street London) called New Inn, in the 27th of Henry VI. and in the following year created (June the 8th) lord great chamberlain, but at the battle at Northampton on July 9, *A°*. 38, was ſlain, leaving William his ſon and heir, who married firſt Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Scroop, brother to the lord Scroop of Bolton in Yorkſhire, and after her death, Joan, daughter of Humphrey Stafford, duke of Buckingham, and being engaged in the ſame royal cauſe as his father

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(g) Eſch. 45, Ed. III. N. 7.

father, was taken priſoner at the bloody battle of Towton in 1460, but making an eſcape on the 14th of November in the 1ſt of Edward IV. was attainted, and this manor was granted in the 5th of this king, to John Nevill, marquiſs Mountacute, who being ſlain in the battle of Barnet, it was given to Anthony Woodvill, the queen's brother, who poſſeſſed it, till he was beheaded at Pomfret caſtle.

William, lord Beaumont abovementioned, on the acceſſion of Henry VII. to the crown, was reſtored in blood, and on December 11, 1495, John de Vere, earl of Oxford, had a grant, by letters patents, of the cuſtody of the perſon of this lord, honors, manors, *&c.* during his life.

This William, viſcount Beaumont, lord Comyn, Bardolph, Phelip, and Erpingham, (as he is ſtyled) dyed December 20, 1507, *ſans iſſue*, and lies buried under a noble monument at the eaſt end of the chancel of Wyvenho in Eſſex, with his effigies in armour, where alſo his ſecond lady, who remarried the earl of Oxford, was interred [*k*] on her death, June 16, 1537, when this manor came to the crown.

King Henry VIII. on July 3, in his 32d year, conveyed to John Dethick, Eſq; many paſtures, marſhes, and lands, with foldage, in the tenure of John Fincham, and a fiſhery in the water of Eye, in the tenure of the prior of Pentney; by which it appears that the river here was called the Eye, and not the Nar. The ſaid king, in his 36th year, May 5, grants to him, the park of Wormegay, lands called the Hall-yard, with the myll, part of the ſaid manor, and in the following year licenſe from him to alienate the ſcite of the manor called the Hall-yard, the Hall-croft, and the Hall-fen, to Bartholomew Plumſtede and his heirs.

On an inquiſition taken at Norwich, September 10, *A°*. 8, of Elizabeth, Edmund Dethick, ſon of John Dethick and Ann his wife, was found to dye April 6, 1565, ſeiſed of a capital meſſuage, park and lands, held of the king in capite, by the 20th part of a knight's fee; a meſſuage called le houſe at the oak, with lands and marſhes held by the 40th part of a fee; and Chriſtopher was his ſon and heir, by Elizabeth his wife.

In the 15th of Elizabeth, B. Plumſted alienated the ſite of the manor, *&c.* to Richard Wilcocks and William Guybon, but the manor was in the crown, till king Edward VI. granted it, November 16, *A°*. 5, to John, duke of Northumberland, who had licenſe to alienate it to Thomas Myldmay, Eſq; whoſe ſon, Sir Thomas, was lord in the 9th of Elizabeth, and conveyed it, in the 23d of that queen, to Francis Gawdy, afterwards chief juſtice of the common pleas, and ſo came to Sir Robert Rich, who conveyed it to Sir John Peyton, in which family it was in the 18th of king James I. After this it was purchaſed by Dr. John Warner, who died biſhop of Rocheſter in 1666, and was ſettled by his truſtees to pay certain annuities to 20 poor widows of the clergy in his hoſpital at Bromley, *&c.* John Lee Warner, *D. D.* archdeacon of Rocheſter, ſon of Thomas Lee of London, Gent: by Anne his wife, ſiſter to the biſhop, was his heir, and lord in 1630, and in that family it continues, Henry Lee Warner being the preſent lord.

Here is a good decoy belonging to this manor.

The tenths were 4*l*. 12*s*.—Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*, 8*d*.—The lete is in the lord of the hundred, fee with Totenhill 2*s*.

John Fincham, *&c.* in the 16th of Richard II. aliened to the prior of Ely [*l*] a meſſuage, 27 acres and one rood of land, 3 acres, *&c.* of meadow, and 6 of paſture, with liberty of a foldage here, in Foſton, and Garboiſthorp, and lands in Fincham, Wyrham and Shouldham.

THE PRIORY.

IN this town was a priory founded by William de Warren, in the reign of Richard I. who dyed in the 11th of king John, dedicated to the virgin Mary, the Holy Croſs, and St. John the Evangeliſt, for canons of the order of St. Auguſtin.

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(*k*) Regr. Dingley in Cur. prerog. Cant. (*l*) Eſchaet. N. 104, pt. 2.

No remains of it are viſible at this time; it was in a cloſe, oppoſite to the caſtle of Wirmegay on the left hand, as you enter into the town; the priory being on the north ſide, the caſtle on the ſouth.

PRIORS.

Ralph occurs prior *Ao.* 18, Henry III.——[m] Nicholas occurs prior 14 of Edward I.——[n] 1300, John de Boylound, canon of Wyrmyngey, was admitted prior; preſented by Hugh, Lord Bardolph.——1302, Nicholas de Elme, elected by the convent, but admitted by the biſhop, by lapſe.——1315, Robert de Craneworthe, canon, &c. admitted.——1330, John de Cauntely, canon, admitted on the death of Craneworthe.——1349, Simon de Leverington, on the death of Canteley.——Michael de Thornham.——1370, Robert de Fordham, on the reſignation of Michael de Thornham.——1383, Hugo de Fincham, canon of Wyrmegey, on the death of Fordham, appointed by the biſhop of Norwich, the election of the convent being ſet aſide, as inſufficient.

1416, Hugo Watlyngton.——1447, Robert Walſyngham, canon of St. Mary, Weſtacre, on the death of Watlyngton.——1461, John Methelwold on the reſignation of Walſyngham; this convent then granting licenſe to the biſhop of Norwich to preſent, and pleading great poverty; and in the year 1468, this priory was annexed, with all its members and appertenances, to that of Pentney, an adjoyning priory.

John Nevil, earl of Northumberland, and his counteſs, giving their conſent, to which earl King Edward IV. (on the attainder of William, Lord Viſcount Beaumont, lord of this manor and patron of this priory, as heir to the Lords Bardolph) had granted this manor, &c. the convent of Pentney engaging to pray (as that of Wirmegay had done) for ever, for the ſoul of this earl, &c. patrons of this priory.—On the diſſolution of Pentney priory, the lands, &c. of that houſe, came to the crown, and amongſt them, thoſe which belonged formerly to this priory; and in the 29 of Henry VIII. the ſcite of this priory, with the houſe, garden, &c. meadows, and paſtures belonging to it were leaſed out February 14, in the ſaid year, to Thomas, earl of Rutland, by the court of augmentations, &c. for 21 years, and were farmed under the ſaid earl by John Dethick, for 21*l.* *per ann.*——King Edward VI. † in his 4th year, 11 of April, gave the ſcite of this priory of Wirmegay, and manor, together with the rectory, which was appropriated thereto, to Thomas Thirlby, biſhop of Norwich; but Edmund Scambler, who was made biſhop of Norwich, in the 27 of Elizabeth, and doing, as Sir Henry Spelman obſerves, [o] as much as well he might to impoveriſh his church, made a leaſe of moſt of the manors and lands thereof, and amongſt them of the lands belonging to this priory of Wirmegay, and the nunnery of Blackburgh adjoyning, to Queen Elizabeth for 80 years, at the loweſt rent he might, which Biſhop Godwin, in like caſes, termeth ſacrilege; after this it came to the ſee of Norwich again.

The temporalities of the prior of Wirmegay, in the ſaid town, were, in 1428, taxed at 6*l.* 9*s.* His ſpiritualities for the church of Wirmegay at the ſaid time, taxed at 6 marks and an half. Peter-pence, 8*d.*

The ſum of the ſpiritualities of the ſaid prior, amounted then to 19*l.* excepting the rectory of Eaſt Tudenham in Norfolk.

The ſum of the temporalities of the ſaid prior, to 37*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

At the diſſolution, this priory annexed to (and together with) Pentney, was valued, as Speed, at 205*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*——The clear value 170*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* $\frac{1}{4}$. as Dugdale.

[p] Roger Curpell gave to the prior and convent here, the manor of Derham Curple in the reign of Edward III. which was confirmed to them by the Lords Bardolph, of whom it was held.——Gilbert Hethill, in the ſaid reign, gave to this priory, a meſſuage, 40 acres of land, 5 of paſture, and 5*s.* rent in Fordham and Riſton.

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[m] Richard, ſon of Prudence of Franſham, impleaded this Nicholas, *Ao.* 14, Ed. I. for a meſſuage, 20 acres of land, 8 of meadow, and 5*s.* rent in Secthythe, and Weſtwinch.

[n] Lib. Inſtit. Norwic.

† Pat. 4.

[o] Spelman's hiſt. of ſacril. p. 256.

[p] Rot. Hon. de Wirmegey.

John de Houlton, 9 Edward III. gave a manor in Weſt Derham.

[q] John de Cantele, the prior, &c. held 5 acres of land in Seche, of the manor of Hogh, in the 12 of Edward III.

In the 16 of Richard II. John Davy and others aliened to the prior of Wirmegey, [r] of Holy Croſs and the bleſſed Mary in Wirmegey, 17 acres of land and 13 acres of meadow in Totenhill, Weſtwynche, Eaſt-Tudenham and Sechithe Magna, together with tenements in Wyrham, Tofts, Wyrmegeye and Fordham.

The prior and convent held lands at Thorp in Suffolk, and were taxed for them (*temp.* Edward III.) at 20*s.* 10*d.* alſo lands then at Stow Langtoft, Suffolk, taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* and for their temporalities at Weſtwinch in Norfolk, in 1428, at 6*l.* 5*s.*

Theſe churches following were in this houſe.

Wermegay, appropriated to it (as I conceive) on the foundation of the priory.

[ſ] Eaſt-Tudenham in Norfolk, granted *Ao.* 15 King John, and appropriated to them in the year 1339; here was a vicarage then, ſettled in the patronage of the ſaid priory.

[t] A mediety of the church of Fordham in Norfolk, to which they preſented in 1306; this was appropriated to them the laſt day of February, 1346.

Weſtbrigg and Totenhill in Norfolk,——appropriated to this priory 18 July, 1416, given them by Thomas Beaufort, earl of Dorſet, on condition they ſupply it by one of their canons, or to find a ſufficient chaplain.

A modern author calls this [u] a cell to Pentney; and Stephens ſays that neither the Monaſticon nor any other that he hath met with, gives us the leaſt account of this monaſtery, whoſe name he only met with in Sir Henry Spelman's Hiſtory of ſacrilege.

The church of Wirmegey is dedicated to St. Michael, as appears from the will of John [w] Martyn, dated 16 December, 1488. It is an antient ſingle building, of car-ſtone, flint, &c. covered with reed; at the weſt end of the nave is an antient font; on the baſons are 8 ſhields, now defaced; at the end of the ſouth wall near to the ſcreen, has been an altar; the baſon for the holy water is ſtill remaining. The tower, at the weſt end of the nave, is chiefly of car-ſtone, in which hangs one bell; the chancel is divided from the nave by a wooden ſcreen, and is covered with Holland gutter-tiles.

This church ſtands near a mile eaſt of the preſent village, (which is now a very mean one) in the fields by itſelf. It was (as has been obſerved) appropriated to the priory, and afterwards to that of Pentney on the union of the two priories; at the diſſolution it came to the crown, and was given by King Edward VI. in his 4th year, to the biſhop of Norwich and his ſucceſſors for ever, and is leaſed out at this time by the ſaid biſhop.

In 1603, we find, [x] from the account of Robert Gayton, then curate, that there were 107 communicants; and the ſtipend was 6*l.* *per ann.* but Biſhop Reynolds, [y] upon the renewal of the leaſe of the impropriate rectory, expreſsly reſerved an augmentation for the curate of 20*l.* *per ann.*

In the 13th of Queen Elizabeth, 40*s.* *per ann.* was paid to the ſerving curate here, out of the lands belonging to the priory of Pentney, by the queen's receiver general, from the augmentation office, and is ſaid to be a perpetual grant.

Wermegay is environed with water and low grounds, fens and marſhes; the chief and moſt ſafe entrance, is by a cauſey on the weſt ſide, where, on the right hand, ſtood formerly a caſtle. Here the Bardolfs lived and reſided at times, being the head, or ſcite of the barony of Wermegay. Wire, is the name of a river in Lancaſhire; hence Werhale in Cheſhire, Werlingham in Suffolk and Surry, and Wermelai, now called Wormley, in Hertfordſhire, alſo Wermenhala, now Wormhale, in Bucks.

WIREHAM, or WEREHAM.

IN the book of *Domeſday*, called Wigreham, taking its name from a ſtream or run of water, iſſuing out of a pond in the midſt of the town. In the reign of the Confeſſor, Toli was lord, who being deprived at the conqueſt, King William granted it to Rainold, ſon of Ivo, one of his Norman adventurers, with many other lordſhips in this county; when Toli was lord, there were 2 carucates of land, [a] 15 villains, 8 bordarers, and 6 ſervi, with 20 acres of meadow, and paunage for 12 ſwine, two carucates in demean, with one and an half among the tenants, the moiety of a mill and a fiſhery, one runcus, 28 mares with 25 foals, 2 cows, &c. 90 ſheep, at the ſurvey, 260, valued at 100*s*. It was half a leuca long, and the ſame in breadth, (and paid ſix pence half penny to a 20*s*. gelt;) it had paid 8*l*. with all cuſtomary dues, and 4 freemen belonged to it with 12 acres.

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[q] Collect. Le Neve Norroy.

[r] Eſch. N. 120.

[ſ] Rot. fin. 15. Joh.

[t] Lib. Inſtit. Norw.

[u] Mag. Brit. v. 3. Norff. p. 418. Steph: addit. to Monaſt. Ang. v. i. p. 505.

[w] Regr. Sayve. Norw. p. 1. 6.

[x] Anſwers of the parſons to the king.

[y] Kennet of impropriat. P. 278.

The great poſſeſſions of Rainold, came to the noble family of the Earls of Clare, who were the capital lords of the town.

CAVENHAM MANOR.

JEFFREY FITZ-PIERS, earl of Eſſex, held it in the reign of King John, of the earl of Clare, and on his founding the priory of Shouldham, gave a moiety of this town to the ſaid priory; in the 33 of Henry III. the prior had a charter for free warren; by an old parchment roll, *ſans* date, it appears that he had a moiety of the town, with ſeveral free tenants, villains, &c. held by the fourth part of a fee of the honor of Clare, one carucate of arable land, 10 acres of wood, free bull and boar, was patron of the church which was appropriated to the priory, with 5 acres of glebe land; had the amercements of brewers and bakers in his homage, and owed once a year, ſuit of court at Clare. He had alſo 3 carucates of arable land, 10 of meadow, in pure alms, and freely of the gift of the aforeſaid Jeffrey, with free tenants and villains, &c. and there belonged to him 2 windmills, the moiety of a watermill, alſo a meſſuage, with 30 acres of arable land, formerly of the fee of William Say, who held in *capite*.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior was found to have the lete, a gallows, &c. After the diſſolution, it was granted, March 2, in the 36th of Henry VIII. to Sir Edmund Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, knight, and Grace his wife, by the name of the manor and grange of Cavenham, with the great tithes of Wereham and Stoke, to be held by the 40th part of a fee, and the payment of 3*l*. 17*s*. 11*d*. rent *per ann*. and in this family it remained till about the year 1718, when Sir Henry Bedingfeld conveyed it to Edward Nightingale, Eſq; of Kneeſworth in Cambridgeſhire, and Edward Nightingale, Eſq; his grandſon, is the preſent lord.

Cavenham grange is about a mile north eaſt of the town of Werham, and in the ſaid pariſh; in 1570, the rent of aſſiſe of the free tenants, was 4*l*. 4*s*. 10*d*. of the cuſtomary ones, 10*l*. 16*s*. 10*d*. *ob*. *q*.

The temporalities of the priory of Shouldham, in 1428, for this manor here, and extending into Stoke and Wretton, were 32*l*. 4*s*. 9*d*. *ob*.

WEREHAM-HALL MANOR,

WAS antiently in ſeparate tenures. In the 20 of Henry III. Robert Bardolf and Thomas Rede, held the fourth part of a fee, of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare; Robert married Avice, (or, as ſome ſay, Lora) daughter and heir of John de Lound, ſon and heir of Anſelm de Lound, lord of this manor, and by Avice, daughter and heir of Bardolf, it came by marriage to Sir Ingelram Belet, knight of the bath, who died in the reign of Edward I. and it deſcended to Robert his ſon.

In the 31 of that king, John de Bures and Clementia his wife, Ralph de Alemania, and Ann his wife, conveyed lands by fine in this town, Crimpleſham, Stoke, Weſt Derham, Boketon, &c. to Robert Bardolf.

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[a] Tre. Rainaldi fil. Ivonis.——In Wigreham ii car. tre. ten. Toli. lib. ho. t. r. e. tc. xv villi. p. vii. 7 mo. ſep. viii. bor. tc. vi ſer. mo. iiii. 7. xx. ac. p'ti. ſilva xii por. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. tc. i car. 7 dim. ho'um mo. i. ſemp. dim. mol. 7. i piſc. ſemp. i r. 7. xxviii. eque 7. xxv. pulli 7. ii. an. tc. xv por. mo. vii. tc. lxxxx. ovs. mo. cclx. et val. c. ſol. reddidit viii. lib. ad omne' conſuetud. Huic man. jacent iiii libi. ho'es de xii ac. Totum Wigreham ht. dim. leug. in long. 7 in lato, 7 reddit vid. 7. i obolu' de xx ſol. de gelto regis.

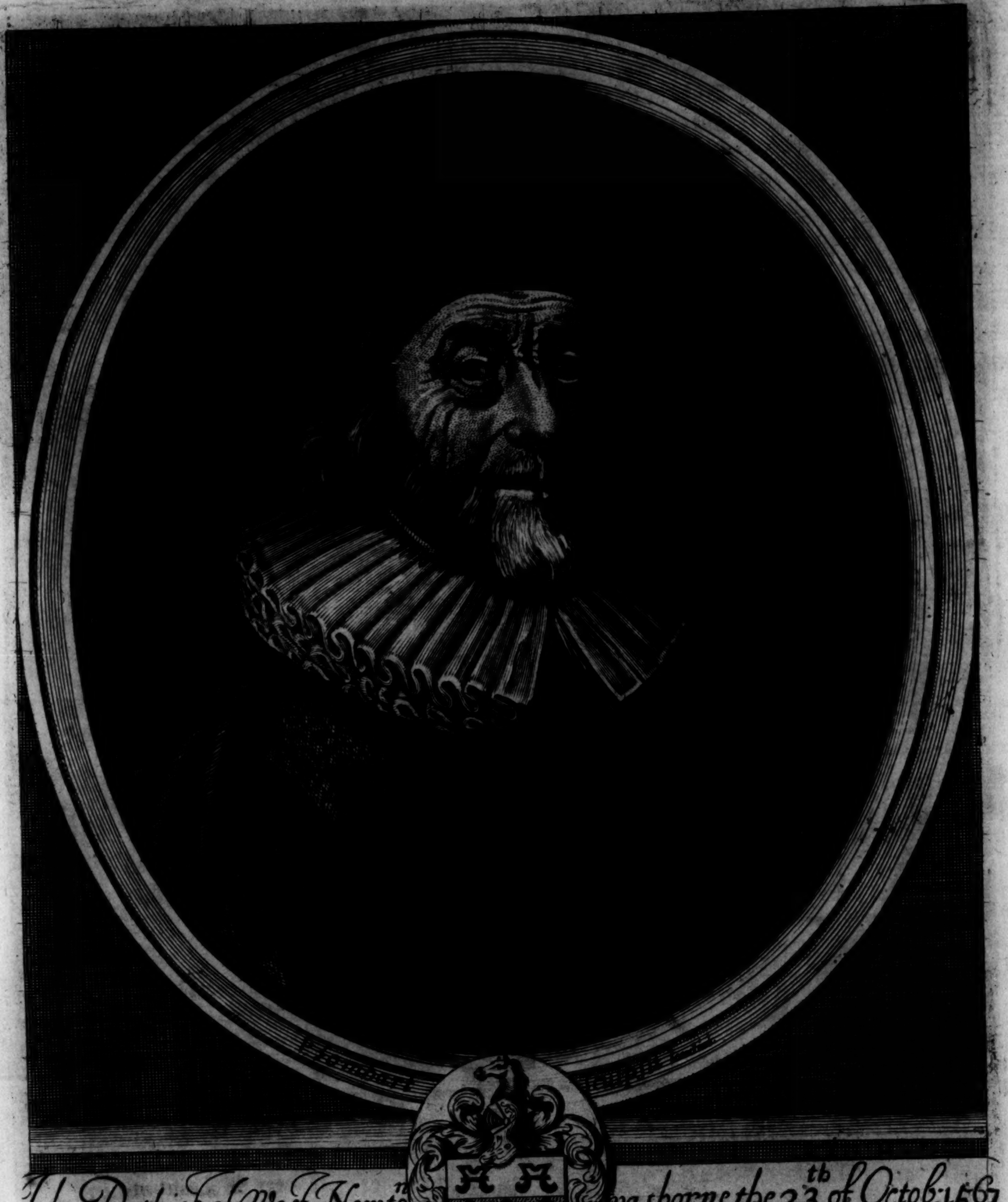
William, ſon of Theodore de Wyrham, paſſed by fine, meſſuages and lands in the ſaid towns, &c. in the 7th of Edward II. to John of the Hall at Frenge, and Mary his wife, and in the following year, Robert Belet was found to die ſeiſed of a fee and an half held of the honor of Clare, in the ſaid towns, &c. This William was probably deſcended from Walter, and Ralph de Wyrham, who had a lordſhip in Henry III's. time. In the 15 of Edward I. Robert de Long was lord.

In the 23 of Edward III. John de Benſted, and Maud his wife, conveyed a moiety of this manor to John de Weſenham, and in the 31ſt Ralph de Hinton, and Beatrix his wife, ſold to Richard Tooth 2 meſſuages, 100 acres of land, 16 of meadow, with 7*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town and Stoke, from the heirs of Beatrix.

Sir Richard Walkfare held it in the 40 year of the ſaid reign, for life, as part of the inheritance of John de Denham, ſon and heir of Avice Walkfare, daughter, probably, and heir of Belet, married, firſt to Denham's father, and in the 50 of that king, this part was conveyed on Wedneſday after the feaſt of St. Faith, by the truſtees of John de Denham, to Richard Tooth and Mary his wife, together with the manor of Wyron Hall in Wretton, &c. and before this, John de Denham and Maud his wife, granted in the 44 year, to Robert de Franſham, clerk, &c. in truſt, a moiety of this lordſhip.

From Tooth it came to Roger Davy, and Alice his wife, and from them (as in Boughton Overhall manor) to Sir Lewes Orrell, who with Elizabeth his mother, convey this lordſhip with that of Wyron-Hall, to Sir Thomas Lovell, knight of the garter; and in or about 1615, Sir Francis Lovell of Eaſt-Herling, conveyed it to Sir Thomas Derham: from that family it came to Stephen Edgar, gent. of Watlington in 1652; his ſon Thomas, ſold it to Benjamin Dethick, Eſq; in 1682, whoſe ſon John Dethick, Eſq; conveyed the manor and demean lands in 1751, (but not the hall) to John Heaton, Eſq; of London.

The family of Dethick, was originally of Dethick-Hall in the hundred of Winkſworth in Derbyſhire,



John Dethick of West Newton in the County of Norff. Esq. was borne the 23th of Octob: 1567 & deceased ye 31th of Octob: 1657

DETHICK's PEDIGREE.

Sir Geffrey de Dethick—

Robert Dethick, living in the 4th year of Ed. I.—Hetten, daughter of Simon Whittington, by a daughter of Roger Oſberton.

Sir Geffrey Dethick—Joan, ſiſter of Mabel, lady of Cadington.

William Dethicks Eſq; *temp.* Edward II.—Eleanore, daughter and heir of - - - Atteſtrey, of Staffordſhire.

Geffrey Dethick, Eſq; *Ao.* 25, Edward III.—Emma, daughter and heir of - - - Stafford.

John Dethick, 3d ſon of Jeffrey.—Margery.

Sir William Dethick— - - - daughter of Frankville.

[b] 1 Robert Dethick, Eſq;— 2 Roger Dethick—

Philip Dethick, Eſq;—Joan, daughter of - - - Audley.

John Dethick, Eſq;—daughter of Thomas Whatton, of Whatton, Derbyſhire.

John Dethick, Eſq; of Wermegay in Norfolk, *temp.* Henry VIII.—Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Chamberlain, Eſq;

1 Edmund Dethick, Eſq; of Wirmegay, 1580.—Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Chriſtopher Spelman, of Stow Beccles.

2 Edward Dethick of Middleton in Norfolk.—Ann, daughter of Bridges.

Chriſtopher. Edmund. Thomas.

[c] John Dethick of West Newton, Eſq; Norfolk.—Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Methwold.

Edmund, of Harpley, in Norfolk. Sir John Dethick [d]—Martha, daughter of Edmund Travers of London.

(*e*) Benjamin Dethick, Eſq; of Werham.—Mary, daughter of John Harriſon of London, merchant.

Catherine, daughter of Edward Swift, Eſq; of Methwold.—John Dethick, Eſq;—Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Hare, Eſq; of Harpham, in Norfolk; died March 16, 1764.

Mary *ſ. p.*—Captain . . . Stephens of Henley, on the Thames.

Elizabeth—Morgan Powell, vicar of West Barſham.

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[b] Robert was ſlain with his ſon Thomas, on Palm Sunday, 1460, in Towton-Field battle in Yorkſhire; his

The arms of Dethick are——argent, a feſs vairy, or and gules, between 3 water budgets, ſable;——Whittington, gules, a feſs checque, or and azure;——Atteſtrey, argent, on a bend, azure, 3 eſcutcheons, gules, and a chief of the third;——Stafford, or, a chevron gules, and a canton ermin;——Frankville, argent, a dolphin embowed, ſable, a chief bendy of ſix, or and gules;——Audley, gules, a frett, or;——Whatton, argent, a lion rampant, gules, ſurmounted with a bend, ſable, charged with 3 croſier ſtaffs, or;——Chamberlain, gules, a chevron between 3 creſcents, or;——Bridges, ſable, fretty ermin, a chief componee, or, and of the firſt;——Swift, per pale, or and vert, 3 bucks paſſant counterchanged;——Hare, gules, two bars, and a chief indented, or.

WYRUN-HALL,

STOOD in a cloſe at the eaſtern part of Werham, on the weſt ſide of the lane that leads to Wretton, commonly called Stoneaks Cloſe, but more probably Stokes-Cloſe; it takes its name from a run or ſtream of water, here ariſing, and the manor extends into Wretton and Stoke. In the 16 of Henry III. Stephen de Stokes and Baſilia his wife held it, and granted, by fine, the advouſon of the church of Wretton, to Angerius, abbot of Weſt Derham, who had a moiety only, as it ſeems. Warine Goſeman and his barons, held alſo, about the ſame time, another moiety: Stokes held his by a quarter of a fee, and Goſeman his, by the 40 part of a fee, the capital lord being the earl of Glouceſter and Clare; John de Stokes, ſon of Roger de Stokes, held it in the reign of Henry III. of Peter de Narford, and he of the honour of Clare, by a quarter of a fee.

In the 15 of Edward II. Robert de Sale had an intereſt herein, and in the 8 of Edward III. Walter, parſon of Dodington, as truſtee, granted by fine, to Nicholas Gamage, and Alianore his wife, a moiety of this manor, which Guy de St. Clare, and Margery his wife, held in dower.

John Fynn, in the 20 of Edward III. was lord of the part which John de Stokes formerly held, and paid 4*s.* towards the making that king's eldeſt ſon a knight: in the 24 of the ſaid king, John Bray, and Catharine his wife, daughter of John Fynn, and Chriſtian, ſiſter of Catharine, paſſed it, by fine, to John de Weſenham, citizen of London; after this, the truſtees of John de Denham, &c. convey it to Richard Tooth, of Wyrham, and Mary his wife; from Tooth it came to Davy, &c. (as in Wereham Hall) and John Heaton, Eſq; is the preſent lord.

The lete is in the lord of the hundred, and with Wretton and Stoke, is 2*s.* 6*d.*

The tenths were 6*l.* 16*s.* deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Margaret, has a nave that is camerated, plaiſtered, and covered with reed, with a ſouth iſle covered with lead, a four-ſquare low tower, with 4 pinnacles of free ſtone, and one bell; it is about 40 feet long and 40 bread; at the weſt end of the nave lie ſeveral graveſtones in memory of the Adamſons; and at the eaſt end, 2 graveſtones, on which have been the effigies, on braſs plates, of perſons in their winding ſheets, now reaved; at the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle, is a mural monument of marble, &c. with the arms of Adamſon, argent, 3 croſs croſslets, fitchee, gules, impaling Clark, or, a bend ingrailed, vert.——"In a vault, near this "place, lies interred the body of Chriſtopher Adamſon, of this pariſh, gent. who "died September 25, 1744, aged 71 years."

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daughter and heir, brought Dethick Hall to the Babingtons.

[*c*] John's firſt wife was Alice, daughter of Edmund Chattreſs of Weſt Newton in Norfolk, gent; by her he had no iſſue; Chattreſs bore——ſable, a feſs ingrailed, ermine, between 3 quarter foils, argent, pierced gules;—Methwold, azure, 6 eſcallops, or.

[*d*] Sir John Dethick was lord mayor of London in 1656, and mercer; his firſt wife was Ann, daughter of Francis Smallpiece of Norwich, relict of Thomas Anguiſh, gent.—Martha was his 2d wife, and Anne, daughter of Thomas Jolliff, of Leek in Staffordſhire, Eſq; his 3d, by whom, and by his firſt wife, he had no iſſue ſurviving; he died at Totenham in Middleſex, where he had a country ſeat, in 1671, and was buried in the church of St. Andrew, Underſhaft, London.—Smallpiece bore, ſable, a chevron between 3 cinqfoils, argent; Travers, argent, a ſaltire between 4 butterflies, ſable.—Sir John had by Martha, 2 daughters,—Elizabeth, married to Sir John Banks,—and Suſan to Edward Rudge of London, merchant.

[*e*] Ben. Dethick, Eſq; had a daughter, Martha, married to - - - - Clarke, of London, linen draper.—Harriſon bore p. feſs, ſable and or, in chief, 3 eagles diſplaid of the firſt.

“ In the ſame vault lies the body of Martha, the wife of John Heaton of London, gent. and daughter of the above-named Chriſtopher Adamſon, and Martha his wife, who died 15 December, 1743, aged 33 years.——In the ſame vault lies alſo the body of Suſannah Adamſon, the daughter of Mr. John Crutchfield, citizen of London, and Suſannah his wife, and wife of Benjamin Adamſon, one of the ſons of the abovementioned Chriſtopher Adamſon, and Martha his wife, who died March 25, 1742, aged 27 years.” On this are alſo the arms of Heaton, argent, on a bend ingrailed, ſable, 3 bucks heads caboſhed, of the firſt, impaling Adamſon; and Adamſon impaling, azure, a croſs checque, gules and or, between 4 plates, Crutchfield.

The chancel is about 26 feet long, and 17 broad, covered with reed; on the pavement lies a ſtone in memory of John D' Artigues, curate of this church, who died in 1744.

The rectory, with the manſe and 4 acres of land, were valued at 10 marks. Peter-pence, 13*d.*

Gilbert, earl of Clare, lord of this town, gave the tithe of his demean lands in the reign of King Stephen to the priory of Clare in Suffolk; this portion was valued in [*f*] 1428, at 40*s. per ann.* Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, lord, on his founding the priory of Shouldham, gave the advouſon of the church (then a rectory) to the ſaid priory, which being alſo at that time appropriated thereto, became a curacy, ſerved by a canon of that convent. On the diſſolution, the great tithes were granted, with the manor of Cavenham, to Sir Edmund Bedingfield of Oxburgh, from which family they paſſed to Edward Nightingale, Eſq; as is above obſerved. The ſmall tithes continued in the crown, till granted September 14, in the 18th of Elizabeth, to Adam Bland, &c. whoſe ſon conveyed his right to Francis Mundeford, Eſq; In the reign of King James I. 43 communicants were returned to be in the pariſh. Lionel Life held theſe vicarial tithes in the reign of King William III. after him, Mr. Warren, who conveyed them to Roger Prat, Eſq; of Riſton, who names the curate.

William de Say, and Beatrix his wife, father and mother of Beatrix, wife of Jeffrey Fitz-Piers, earl of Eſſex, in whoſe right he was lord of this town, gave lands here, to Caſtleacre priory, and the rent of 5*s.* out of a mill; Simon, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the ſaid priory, the 3d part of the tithes of Arnold de Meyſey, and Philip Engleys [*g*] in 1265, and the prior of Shouldham paid for this, 4*l.* 13*s* 4*d.* but in the 4th of Edward IV. a compoſition was ſettled at 4*l. per ann.*

In the 16 of Richard II. John Davy aliened lands and a meſſuage to the priory of Wirmegey, and John Fincham, lands to the prior of Ely.

William Wigenhale in the 6 of Edward II. aliened 300 acres of land with a meſſuage to Shouldham priory; and in 1428, the ſpiritualities of the abbot of Weſtminſter, were valued at 13*s.* 4*d.*

In the church was the guild of St. Margaret, and by the town pond is a well dedicated to that ſaint. *Wi* or *wye*, is a Britiſh word, ſignifying water, in Wales, and in Derbyſhire, &c. are rivers of that name, alſo a conſiderable town in Kent.

The Priory and Manor of WINWALOE.

IT was founded by the family of the earls of Clare, and ſtood about a mile north eaſt of Wereham town. He was a Britiſh ſaint [*h*] and flouriſhed about the year 550, an abbot, and canonized. The firſt account I meet with of it, is in the 7th year of King John, when the earls of Clare and Glouceſter were found to hold a court here, *(apud Scu' Wynewalum)* and in the reign of King Henry III. Margaret de Strageſet, daughter of Robert de Strageſet, gave (as appears) [*i*] and releaſed to Weſt Derham abby, all the lands which were her father's, lying in the fields, ſurrounding the church of St. Winwaloch, comperting on the common of Werham; it was a cell to the abby of Mounſtroll, or Muſterol in the dioceſe of Amiens, in France, of the order of St. Bennet: the patronage of this cell was in the earls of Clare; and the prior, about this time, held 60 acres of land here, in pure alms, of the gift of the earls of Glouceſter and Clare.

[*f*] Monaſt. Angl. P. 1006.

[*g*] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 51, 82, 138.

[*h*] Lobineaux Hiſtor. de Britain. Tom. 1. . . Commentar. Doctor Smith in Bed. Martyrol. P. 362.

[*i*] Weſt Derham ledger book—Abbat S'ci Saluti in Monſteroſe ſup. Mare.

The earls of Clare had a priſon in their lordſhip here, for the honor of Clare; many actions and ſuits were here tried, and was looked on as a grievance; and the jury in the 3d of Edward I. preſented it, being to the prejudice of the king, and county of Norfolk. The abbot and convent of Muſtrol, ſold and conveyed it, in 1321, to Hugh Scarlet of Lincoln, and he conveyed it to the Lady Elizabeth de Burgo.

King Edward III. granted licenſe April 9, *Ao.* 10, to the Lady Elizabeth de Burgo, [*k*] ſiſter and coheir of Gilbert, earl of Clare, to give and aſſign 7 meſſuages, 112 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 10 of paſture, with 10*s.* 8*d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. rent, in Wyrham, Boketon, Stoke, Weſt Derham, Berton and Narford, the fair of St. Wynewalc in Norfolk, to the abbot and convent of Weſt Derham, to find a chaplain to celebrate divine ſervice in the chapel of Winewaloe, for the ſoul of Gilbert, earl of Clare, and the ſouls of Elizabeth, and her anceſtors, daily, for ever. The deed of the ſaid Elizabeth bears date on Sunday before the feaſt of St. Gregory the martyr, in the ſaid year; witneſſed by Sir John Bardolf, Sir Robert de Scales, Sir John Howard, Robert de Well, Peter Talbot, Peter de Wells, and Robert de Derſingham.

Edmund de Mortimer, earl of March, &c. confirmed the ſaid grant, with this proviſo, That the chaplain aforeſaid be a ſecular chaplain, and not a regular, and that the ſervice in the abby of Weſt Derham, be ſtill continued, and not ſet aſide on account of this ſervice in the chantrey of the chapel of St. Winwaloe, for the ſouls of Gilbert, &c. dated *Ao.* 45, Edward III.——John Lynge, abbot of Weſt Derham, kept a court here, in the 17 of Henry VI. and 2d of Edward IV.

At the general diſſolution of religious houſes, it came to the crown, and on the 13 of September, in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary, was granted with all its appertenances to Thomas Guybon, Eſq; and William Mynn, to be held in free ſoccage of the honor of Eaſt Greenwich. William Guybon, gent. conveyed it in the 9 of Elizabeth, to Francis Mundeford, Eſq; of Werham.———Thomas Methwold of Thomſon-College, gent. ſold it, in 1633, to Sir John Hare, who kept a court here, in the ſaid year, and Sir George Hare, baronet, his immediate heir, died lord.

What remains of this antient priory, is a building, chiefly of free ſtone, about 35 feet long, and 30 broad, and from its ſcite (ſtanding eaſt and weſt) ſeems to be the old chapel; in a writing about 1570, I find it wrote Wynhold Capella; it is now a farm houſe, and here is annually a fair kept on the 3d of March, St. Winwaloe's day, of note for the ſale of many horſes, cows, &c. and this being generally a cold, and courſe ſeaſon of the year, the ſtorms at this time are commonly called—Whinwall-ſtorms—and this old rhime becomes frequently quoted in the neighbourhood:

Firſt comes David, next comes Chad,
Then comes Whinwall, as if he was mad.

The temporalities of Weſt Derham, with this priory, in Wyrham, Wretton and Stoke, were valued at 7*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* for lands and a mill, &c. in 1428.

A little to the weſt of the church of Wyrham, is a well called St. Margaret's Well; in time of popery, on the day of that Saint, people diverted themſelves with cakes and ale, muſick and dancing; alms and offerings were brought, and vows made at ſuch like ſainted wells, and called, well-worſhip.

WRETTON,

OR Wireton, from a ſtream of water running through it. This town is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, being accounted for under the manor of Cavenham; Wyron-Hall, &c. in Wereham, which were in, and had their ſcite in Wereham, and there being no capital lordſhip that had its ſcite in this town, is the cauſe of that omiſſion.

[*k*] Evident. Dni. Tho. Hare, baron.

In the 24 of Henry III. there was a ſuit carried on by the prior of Shouldham, whoſe manor of Cavenham extended therein, the prior claiming merchettam (for a marriage) from William de la Ferte of this town, who proving himſelf a freeman, and no villain, was acquitted.——Merchetta was the fine of a mark, paid to be free from a ſavage cuſtom in many manors, for the lord to lie the firſt night with the bride of his tenant. The lord of Cavenham, and the lord of Wyron-Hall and Wereham-Hall, are lords here.

The tenths of this town, and of Stoke Ferry, were 5*l.* 11*s.* Deducted 11*s.*

The church is dedicated to All Saints, has a nave and a ſouth iſle, the nave covered with reed, and is about 54 feet long, the iſle with lead, and together are about 28 feet broad; at the weſt end of the nave is a low four-ſquare tower, and a ſmall ſhaft; herein are 2 bells, on one——*Hæc ſit Sanctorum Campan'la Laude Bonorum.*——on the other——*Celi Regina - - - - - - Semper ſis Medicina.*

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle, lies a marble graveſtone, with part of a braſs plate, ——*Orate p. a'ia. Johs. Bl.* - - - ——The chancel is about 23 feet long, and 17 broad, covered with reed; againſt the eaſt wall, a large pedeſtal of ſtone, for *imago principalis.*

A moiety of the patronage of this church was in the lord of Wyrun Hall, and given by Peter de Narford, by deed, *ſans* date, to Weſt Derham abbey; the other moiety was granted to the ſaid abbey, by Gilbert Buxi of Boketon, (Boughton) and Hugh Buxi, and appropriated to the convent by Simon de Wanton, biſhop of Norwich, in his ſixth year, 1263; the laſt rector was Roger de Holkham.

On this appropriation, it was ſerved by one of the canons of that abbey; on the diſſolution it came to the crown, and was granted with the rectory-houſe and glebe lands, &c. September 14, *ao.* 18 Elizabeth, to Adam Bland. In the reign of Edward I. here was a rectory-houſe, and 10 acres of glebe. From Bland it came to Mundeford, Life, and Warren, and ſo to Roger Prat, Eſq; the preſent impropriator, who by ſettling certain lands on this church, and that of Werham, has procured Queen Ann's bounty, ſo that both theſe curacies are now, together, worth 70*l.* *per ann.* and he is patron.

The ſpiritualities of Weſt Derham, for this church, were 6 marks *per ann.*

Nicholas Lovel, Eſq; of Wrotton, buried in this church, 1453.——Richard Cowell, buried in the church yard, 1515, gives legacies to the guilds of our Lady, Trinity, St. James, and St. John's.

Mrs. Forby, widow, about 1710, gave in land 4*l.* 10*s.* *per. ann.* for the poor; and there is other land for the ſaid uſe, of 1*l.* 6*s.* *per ann.* alſo 5*s.* *per ann.*

[*l*] The learned Roger Gale, Eſq; concludes, that as there are an infinite number of antient villages, whoſe names are not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, "That only thoſe are mentioned who held either of the king, or of the church, "who alſo held of the king in *capite*; and that thoſe lands which were held by the "Engliſh, who were not in arms, or by their council acted againſt King William, "were not accounted for, or aſſeſſed in that book."

But, I take this not to be the real caſe; thoſe townſhips which are not mentioned, or accounted for in the aforeſaid ſurvey, ſtand charged in ſome manor, held of the king, or other lord, in ſome adjoyning town, and ſo extending into theſe towns that are not mentioned. As for example; this townſhip of Wretton, having the ſite of no manor in it, is not mentioned, but ſtands charged and aſſeſſed, under the manors of Wereham-Hall, and Wiron-Hall, the ſite of both theſe lordſhips being in Wereham, and alſo under Cavenham manor, in Wireham. It is certain, that all lands, both of the laity and clergy, were at the ſurvey held of the king, directly in *capite*; and no land whatever, or townſhip, was excepted, from the account then taken; and from the aſſeſſment then made, all were held under the Conqueror by military ſervices, agreeable to its quantity, and quality; and ſince thoſe towns that are not mentioned in *Domeſday*, (not having any manor in them) are yet accounted

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[*l*] Append. Regiſt. Honores de Richmond. p. 227.

for in the towns where their manors ſtood, and there aſſeſſed: it would have been improper to repeat, and charge again, what had been ſo properly and juſtly accounted for, where their ſite was.

WESTBRIGGS.

THIS little, and now almoſt depopulated village, adjoyns to Wirmegay; in the ſurvey it was wrote Weſtbruge. Turchetill was lord in the Confeſſor's time, [a] but the Conqueror gave it to Hermerus de Ferrers. Turchetill had two carucates of land; there were always 9 villains and 7 borderers, and 4 ſervi, with 2 carucates in demeſne, and half a carucate amongſt the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, and half an acre of wood, with one mill, &c. In the Confeſſor's time, there were 2 beaſts of burden, at the ſurvey, one; then 10 cows, at the ſurvey 13; always paunage for 6 hogs, one church with 5 acres of land, then 120 ſheep, at the ſurvey 60; it was always valued at 60*s*. This village is 5 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and pays 2*d*. to the gelt, when the hundred is aſſeſſed at 20*s*.——Under the invaſions of Hermerus, we find that in Weſtbruge, he had ſeized on three free men, who had half a carucate, valued at 5*s*. of theſe [b] his predeceſſors had only the protection; and St. Benedict (of Ramſey) had the ſoc; alſo in the ſame village, on 8 free men who were under protection, the ſoc, and foldage of the lord, with 10 acres, valued at 9*s*.

This town, after the ſaid Hermerus, was held by William de Wirmegay, Reginald de Warren, and the lords Bardolphs, of whom ſee in Wirmegay, of which barony it was a member. In the 38 of Henry III. William, Lord Bardolph, had a grant of free warren here, &c. and in Wormegay. On the attainder of Thomas, Lord Bardolph, King Henry IV. in his 9th year, gave it, with the barony of Wirmegay, to Thomas Beaufort, his brother; after the death of this Thomas, (duke of Exeter) it deſcended, as is related in Wirmegay; when on the death of William, Viſcount Beaumont, who died *ſans* iſſue, and his lady, it came to the crown, and King Edward VI. gave it in his firſt year, to John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, who in the 6 year of the ſaid king, had licenſe to alienate it to Thomas Mildmay and to his heirs; his ſon Thomas was lord, 9 Elizabeth, and ſold it *ao*. 23 of the ſaid queen, to Francis Gawdy, Eſq; afterwards lord chief juſtice of the common pleas.

In the 16 of Elizabeth, [c] concealed lands and tenements in the tenure of H. Patrick, W. Butts, I. Drake, and William Portler, in this town, Seche, Row, Totenhill, Foſton, and Shouldham Thorp, were granted to Ed. Dyer, and H. Creſſiner.

The church of Weſtbriggs is dedicated to St. Botulph; it is a ſmall edifice, with a nave and chancel; the nave is covered with lead, the chancel with tile; at the weſt end of the nave is a little four-ſquare tower of rag-ſtone, &c. embattled with free-ſtone, a ſhaft covered with lead, but here is no bell; over the door, on the ſouth ſide, as you enter the church, is a croſs like that of a knight templar. In the chancel, on the pavement, within the communion rails, lies a marble graveſtone, with this ſhield;——[*Plate I, Fig*. 44.] Ermine, on a chief, ſable, a ducal coronet, or, between 2 eſcallops, argent, Taylor——impaling, or, a feſs, checque, azure and argent, Stewart,——quartering, in the 2d quarter, vert, 3 boars heads couped, argent, Burley——in the 3d, argent, a lion rampant, ſable, on his ſhoulder a mullet, of the firſt, Walkfar;——and in the fourth quarter, Stuart, as in the firſt;——Over all, in an eſcutcheon of pretence, argent, a lion rampant, gules, bruiſed with a ſtaff regulé, or, Stuart.—"In memory of Mary, wife of Samuel Tayler, Eſq; of King's "Lynn, the youngeſt daughter of Sir Robert and Dame Elizabeth Steward, mother "of eleven children, four of them died before her, and are buried in St. Margaret's "church, King's Lynn; Sarah, the youngeſt, living but 5 days, was buried with "her in this grave, ſhe died 11 March, 1709, in the 40 year of her age."——Adjoyning

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[a] Terre. Hermeri de Ferrer.
Weſtbruge ii car. terre ten. ide' T'chetel, t. r. e. ſemp. ix vill. et vii bord. 7. iiii ſerv. et ii car. in d'nio dim. car. hom. et vi acr. p'ti. et dim. ac. ſilve et i molin. tc. ii runc. mo. i. tc. x. an. mo. xiii. ſemp. vi. porc. i ecclia de v ac. tc. cxx. ov. mo. lx. ſemp. val lx. ſol. H. villa ht. in long. v qr. et in lat. iii. et reddit ii*d*. de gelto de xx ſol.

[b] Invas. Hermeri de Ferrer.——In Weſtbruge iii libi. ho'es. dim car. 7. val. v ſol. 7. de his hab. ſuus anteceſſor com'end. tant. 7. Sc'i. Be'd. ſocam. In ead' viii lib. com'end. 7 ſoc. falde de x acr. val. ix ſol.

[c] 16 Elizab. Pt. 10. Teſt. 10 Apr.

joyning to this, lies another marble graveſtone, with the quartered coat of Steward, as before, in a lozenge, and——*Elizabetha, viri ornatiſſimi Roberti Stuarti, equitis aurati, dotaria, et antiquiſſimâ et clariſſimâ Stuartarum proſapia, ſtirpe verè regiâ, Inſula Elienſi oriunda, obt.* 19 *Nov. An. Salut.* 1692.——On the right ſide of this, another marble graveſtone with the quartered coat of Stuart in a lozenge,——"In memory of Sarah, eldeſt daughter of Sir Robert and Dame Elizabeth Steward, "who died September 23, 1710, aged 58 years."—On the pavement of the chancel lies a ſtone "In memory of Richard, ſon of Samuel Tayler, Eſq; of King's-Lynn, "and Mary, his wife, who died 25 March, 1712, in the 12 year of his age." Another "In memory of Edward Miller, ſteward to the Lady Steward 45 years, who "died 12 November, 1715."——On the pavement of the ſaid chancel, lie alſo two marble graveſtones; one thus inſcribed:

Hic jacet
Samuel Tayler armiger
Simonis equitis aurati
Filius,
Ævi prioris exemplar,
Per totum vitæ tenorem
Emicuit,
Primaria illa naturæ lex
Univerſalis benevolentia,
Mira erat in ſermone
Mira in ore ipſo, vultuq; ſua vitas ſplendidè munifica,
Menſa ſicut mens obvia, et ſemper patens.
Religionis obſervantiſſimus,
In parentes eximiè pius,
Amicitias coluit
Summâ fide, pari conſtantiâ.
Has viri verè magni dotes,
Nec parcus invidiæ ſermo,
Nec propria modeſtia,
Nec mortis umbræ poſſint celare.
Deſideratiſſimus obt. . . . . ſepult. 10. . . .
Ao. ætat 59, *Dni* 1727.
—*Andreas, primogenitus parenti.*

On the other:

H. S. E.
Simon Tayler generoſ.
(Samuelis juxta depoſiti)
Filius natu ſecundus;
Qui ingenium eruditione excultum,
Eximiâ quâdam ſimplicitate,
Miro animi candore
Honeſtavit.
Cui
Poſt regiones exteras aditus,
Nec patria diſplicuit, nec fides.
Studio in amicos perpetuò ſpectabilis
Triſte ſui deſiderium
Omnibus quibuſcunq; innotuerat,
Reliquit.
Illi vero longe triſtiſſimum
Qui
Conſuetudinis perjucundæ,
Diuturnæ officiorum conjunctionis
Memor,
Fratri ſuo, uſq; et uſq; deflendo,
Hoc
Ingentis amoris monumentum exiguum
Poſuit.
Obt. Jul. 12. *ao. ætat.* 38. *Dom.* 1735.

William de Wirmegay [d] who lived in the reigns of king Stephen and Henry II. *&c.* gave, by deed *ſans date*, to the monks of Caſtleacre the rent of 20*s.* for an anniverſary, *&c.* 7*s.* 6*d.* of the tenure of William ſon of Rein. de Sculdeham, and 7*s.* 6*d.* out of Hadduna mill, and 5*s.* out of Bauſey mill, and being willing to do ſomething more for the good of the ſoul of his father, mother, wife, *&c.* further gave to them the church of Weſtbrigge, with the liberties and appertenances;——witneſſes, Herem. ſon of Robert de Stradeſete, Alan, the ſewer, Walter de Capravill, Robert, his ſon, William Perchehart, Cop. de Fonte, John de Nereburn, *&c.*

William de Warren, lord of Wirmegay, (ſon of Reginald de Warren) who lived in the reigns of king Richard I. and king John, *&c.* by deed *ſans date*, gave to the church of St. Botulph of Weſtbrigg, 3 acres and half a rood of land, in a field called Fordhille Wong, of that part which lies next the ſouth, in exchange for 3 acres and half a rood, which did belong to the aforeſaid church, lying in a field called Lange lond Wong; witneſſes, Herlewine, ſon of William, Roger St. Dionniſio (Dennis) William Ruſſell, Roger de Stradeſſett, Oſbert, his ſon, Gilbert de Lirling, Ralph de Elingham, Alan Campion, *&c.*

RECTORS.

Richer de Fulius, rector about 1190, preſented by Hugh, prior of [e] Caſtleacre.——Sebaſtian de Florentino, (nephew *Dni. Jacobi Romani Decan. de Hout.*) about 1230, preſented by the prior, *&c.*

A°. 13th of Edward I. an exchange was made, on William, lord Bardolf's grant of the church of North Birlingham, St. Peter's, to the prior, and this advouſon was given to that lord.

1300. William de Spectesſhale, preſented by Hugh, Lord Baldolph.

1313. Ponwardus de Mountmartin, preſented by Alice de Hannonia, counteſs of Norfolk.——1314. Peter de Monte Martini (Mountmartin) by Thomas, Lord Bardolph.——1316. John de Blakeſhale, by ditto.——1321. Nicholas Cannard, by Thomas, Lord Bardolph of Wirmegaye——1323. Thomas de Cailly of Wroxham, by Thomas, Lord Bardolph, to whom he was chaplain.——1327. Gilbert Quintin de Hethille, on the reſignation of Cailly, by Thomas, Lord Bardolph: of this Gilbert ſee in Totinghill, he dyed the 9th of Edward III.—— ----. William de Culchith.——1339. John de Weſtacre, on the reſignation of Culchith, by the lord John Bardolph.——1349. Simon Norreys, by John, Lord Bardolph.——1349. Laurence Mareſhall of Tyrington, by John, Lord Bardolph.——1367. Robert de Barrowe, by Queen Philippa, by grant from the king, as guardian to William, ſon and heir of John, Lord Bardolph; taxed at 17 marks.——1368. Thomas Stoner, on the reſignation of Barrowe, by Queen Philippa, *&c.*——1371. John de Weſton, (he was rector of Geldeſton, in Norfolk,) on an exchange with Stoner, by the king, on account of the minority of William, Lord Bardolph.——1397. John Walton, (he was rector of Blakenham, and exchanged with Weſton) by Sir Thomas Mortimer.——1403. Roger Baret, (he was vicar of Barton by Bury,) on an exchange with Walton, by the lord Thomas Bardolph.——1411. William Alyngton, on the reſignation of Baret, by Thomas Beaufort, Kt. admiral and chancellor of England; this Alyngton held the church of the Holy Trinity of Blatherwyk, in Lincolnſhire dioceſe, and exchanged with Baret.

On the 18th of July 1416, this church was appropriated to the priory of the holy croſs and St. Mary of Wirmegay, on the gift of Thomas, Earl of Dorcheſter, on condition they ſupply the cure by one of their canons, or find a ſufficient chaplain; and a yearly penſion of 20*d.* was paid by the prior, *&c.* out of it, to the prior, *&c.* of Norwich. In 1468, when the priory of Wirmegay was united to the priory of Pentney, on account of the fires, inundations, wars, peſtilences, poverty of the land, and repairs of the banks, this church, as part of the poſſeſſions of the priory of Wirmegay, came to that of Pentney, and a penſion of 10*s.* *per ann*, was granted to the biſhop of Norwich.—On the diſſolution of Pentney, this rectory came to the crown, and ſo continued 'till the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when it was granted to the biſhop of Ely and his ſucceſſors, on an exchange of lands, *&c.* between that queen and the ſee of Ely, of which ſee in Stanford, and is held of the ſaid biſhop by leave; Andrew Taylor, Eſq; of Beacham-well, being the late impropriator.

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[d] Regr, Caſtleacre, fol. 81. b.

[e] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 18, 121.

The temporalities of the prior of Wirmegay here, were valued at 19*s.* 2*d.* in 1428;—the ſpiritualities of the ſaid prior at 17 marks.

1557. Robert Morley was collated by the biſhop of Norwich to the church of Weſtbrigg cum Totenhelle.

1639. Richard Urmeſton was preſented by the king, by lapſe, to the church and rectory of Weſtbriggs cum Totenhill: how theſe preſentations happened I cannot account for; at preſent it is, as obſerved, an impropriation, and ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate. Robert Gayton, curate, returned 110 communicants in 1603.

WIMBOTSHAM.

AT the general ſurvey [*a*] called Wineboteſham and Winebodeſham, from its ſcite, a dwelling by the water.

ABBOT OF RAMSEY's MANOR.

KING EDGAR [*b*] gave this manor, with one in Downham, into which it extended, to this abby; in the Conqueror's time it conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, to which there belonged 13 borderers, 2 carucates alſo in domain, *&c.* valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* but at the [*c*] ſurvey at 3*l.*

In the 35th of Henry III. [*d*] the abbot had a charter for free warren in all his demeſne lands. At this town the goal for the hundred of Clackloſe, which belonged to the abbot as lord of the hundred, was kept; and in 1258, William Brito, one of the king's judges, held by the king's writ a goal delivery of many robbers, *&c.* taken in and without the abbot's liberty. In the 3d of Edward I. this manor, with that of Helgey, the market of Dunham, and the hundred and half of Clackloſe were found to be of 10 marks *per ann.* value to the abbot, and afterwards this manor alone was valued at 20 marks *per ann.*

In the reign of Henry V. John Bekeſwell, ſteward † to Thomas Botterwick, abbot of Ramſey, accounted for 14*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* *per ann.* the iſſues thereof. On the diſſolution of abbies it came to the crown, and king Henry VIII. in his 36th year, [*e*] gave it, with the advouſon of the rectory of Downham, to Robert Miller, Gent: and Elianor his wife, to be held by the 40th part of a knight's fee; and in the firſt of Queen Mary, Miller had licenſe to alienate it to John Walpole of Colkirk in Norſolk, afterwards ſerjeant at law; and on May 16, *A°.* 16 of Elizabeth, William Walpole (of Fittleworth in Suſſex, and of Grays-Inn, London) and Mary his wife convey it to Francis Gawdy and Elizabeth his wife, which Francis was afterwards a knight, and chief judge of the common pleas, whoſe daughter and heir, Elizabeth, being married to Sir William Newport, *alias* Hatton, had by him Frances, daughter and heir, married to Sir Robert Rich, (afterwards earl of Warwick) from whom it came by purchaſe to Sir Ralph Hare of Stow Bardolph, in or about the 9th of King James I. in which family it remains, Sir George Hare, Bt. being the late lord.

(*a*) Wy, Win, *&c.* ſignifies water.

(*b*) Dugd. Mon. Angl. v. 1. p. 237, *&c.*

(*c*) Terr. abbat. ſci Bened. de Rameſeia.—Wineboteſham, ten. ſcs b. ii car. tre. ſemp. xiii bord. 7 ii car. in dnio. 7 xii acr. pti. paſt. de xviii*d.* iiii por. xvi ov. tc. val. iiii*l.* m°. iii.—*Domeſd.*

(*d*) Cart. 35, Hen, III. n. 3.—Plac. Coron. 41, Hen. III. r. 12.—Rot. hund. Clackl. in cur. recept. ſccij. Sprot's Chron. a Tho. Hearne, Ox. p. 200.

† The abbot's ſteward here was antiently ſtiled, Præpoſitus villæ.

(*e*) Pat. 19, *A°.* 36, Hen. VIII.

INGALDESTHORP's MANOR.

WILLIAM, Earl Warren [*f*] had on the conqueſt, one carucate and an half of land, alſo one carucate and an half with 10 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* which 24 freemen held in the Confeſſor's time, by ſoccage, of the abbey of Ramſey, and conſtituted this manor here and in Downham.

About the reign of Henry II. Baldwin appears to have an intereſt herein, and payed one mark *per ann.* rent, for lands of Richard de Balliol. [*g*] In the 13th of Henry III. a fine was levied between Roger de Frevil and Hamon Lanveſe, of one carucate of land here, conveyed to Roger; after this, in the 41ſt of the ſaid king, it appears to be in the family of Ingaldeſthorp, Iſabella, widow of Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, being then found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the earl Warren. In the 11th of Edward I. John de Ingaldeſthorp died ſeiſed of it, as did Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, in the 1ſt of Edward III. and his widow Beatrix held it in the 20th of the ſaid king; and in the 46th of Edward III. Sir William de Ingaldeſthorp died poſſeſſed of it, valued then at 10*l.* *per ann.* and in the 3d of Henry IV. it was held by the lady Eleanor Ingaldeſthorp.

Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp was by the laſt heir male of that family, who was lord, and on his death it came to Iſabell his daughter and heir, who was married firſt to John Nevill, [*h*] marquiſs Montacute, and after to Sir William Norris, Kt. and in the 2d year of King Henry VII. mandamus's were awarded to find out the lands whereof the aforeſaid Iſabell died ſeiſed in the 16th of Edward IV. when her 5 daughters, by the marquiſs, were her heirs; Ann, married to Sir William Stoner, Elizabeth, to the lord Scroop of Upſall, Margaret, to Sir John Mortimer, Lucy, to Sir William Fitz Williams, earl of Southampton, and after to Sir Anthony Brown, and Iſabell, to Sir William Hudleſton, of Sawſton in Cambridgeſhire, who in her right was lord of this manor; and in the 22d of Henry VIII. Sir John Hudleſton died lord.

In 1574, Nicholas Hare, Eſq; was poſſeſſed of it, and preſented to the church; and in this family it continues, united with Ramſey manor.

TONWELL MANOR.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS, [*i*] on the conqueſt, ſeized on 40 acres of land here, held by 3 freemen, in the time of the confeſſor, which conſtituted this lordſhip; this town with Stow, are ſaid to be one leuca in length, and half a one in breadth, and to pay 16*d.* at a 20*s.* gelt. The poſſeſſions of Hermerus deſcended to the lords Bardolph of Wormegey, and became part of that honor or barony, and William, Lord Bardolph, in the 38th of Henry III. had a grant of free warren here. In the reign of Henry VI. John Tonwell, ſenior, was lord, and held it of the aforeſaid honor, and payed a quit rent for lands which he held here of the abbot of Ramſey. In 1500, Peter Blake died poſſeſſed of it, and by his will, dated 21ſt of October, bequeaths it to his nephew Jaſper Blake; Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Blake, Eſq; William Skypwith, Eſq; executors. Jaſper died lord, as appears by his will dated 17th of July 1547. In the 18th of James I. Roger Pratt, Gent: held it; after this I meet with no further account of it, being ſoon after (as I conceive) joyned to the above mentioned lordſhip.

The temporalities of the abbot of Ramſey were, in the reign of Henry VI. valued here at 18*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* the ſpiritualities of the ſaid abbot at 20*s.* being a portion out of the rectory; this was given September 15, in the 3d of Elizabeth, to Edward Warner and Ralph Shelton.

The church of Wimbotſham is dedicated to St. Mary, is a ſingle pile of rag-ſtone and bolder, covered with reed, with a broad ſquare tower of the aforeſaid materials, embattled

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(*f*) Terr. W. de Warrenna.——In Winebotesham i car. tre. 7 dim. 7 i car. 7 dim. 7, 10 ac. pti. 7 val. xL ſol. hanc terram tenuere xxiiii lib. hoes. ad ſoca' ſcj Bened.—*Domeſd.* and lib. Rames. ſect. 107.—Spelman's Gloſſar. p. 517.

(*g*) Ricard. de Balliol, omnib; ho'nib, &c. ſciatis me confirmaſſe Will. de B. filio meo, &c. Una, merc. reddit. in Winebodeſham, qua' Baldw. de Frevill, tenet de me.—Teſt. Regin. de Warren, Rob. de Wenuall, &c.

(*h*) Fin. Norff. 13, Hen. III. l. 3. n. 2.—Teſta. de Nevil, &c.—Eſch. 11 Ed. I. N. 19.—Eſch. 1. Ed. III.—Eſch. 46, Ed. III. n. 33.

(*i*) Invaſion. Hermeri de Ferrarijs —In Winebodeſham ten. iii lib. xL ac. t. r. e. *Domeſd.*——Regiſt. abbat de Ramſey pen. dom. Tho. Hare, R. 68.—Reg. Cage, Norw.

embattled and coped with free ſtone, with a carved pinnacle at each corner, in which hang three bells; round the crown of the firſt is the name of the virgin Mary in a cypher, with this motto, *Ora pro nobis*;—on the 2d, *Cæleſti: Manna: Tua: Proles: Nos: cibat: Anna.* It is in length about 52 feet, and about 22 in breadth, the roof is camerated and impanelled with oak, on the mitres of which are ſeveral ſmall antique heads of ſaints, kings, *&c.* and at the eaſt end the buſt (as it ſeems) of the virgin, with a legend.

On the head of an old ſeat of oak are the arms of Spelman, of Narburgh, impaled by Blake; ermin, on a pile indented ſable, bezanty, between 2 lions gambs erect and eraſed, gules, and an orle of eſcollops of the 2d, a bendlet over all, vert.

In the church were formerly the arms of Inglethorp, gules, a croſs ingrailed, argent, impaling ſable, a feſs dauncy, and 3 mullets in chief, pierced, argent.

The chancel is about 25 feet long, and 17 broad, the communion table is railed in, the whole is covered with reed.

RECTORS.

1313. Ralph Swyer, preſented by Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, Kt.——1314. Luke de Brews, by Sir Thomas Ingaldeſthorp.——1318. John de Cortone, by ditto.—— ----. William Coupere.——1351. Robert Palmer, on the reſignation of Coupere, by Beatrix, relict of Sir Thomas Ingaldeſthorp.——1361. Nicholas de Teſterton, by Sir William Ingaldeſthorp.——1387. John Snath, by Elianor, relict of Sir William Ingaldeſthorp.——1422. Edmund Haſteyns de Wygenhale, by Sir William Aſhenhull, Nicholas Parys, John Burgoyne, Nicholas Caldecote, and John Bateman, clerk.——1473. William Hogeſton, by Sir William Norys; this church at this time was valued at 10 marks.——1488. William Modrake, on the reſignation of Hogeſton, by ditto.——1504. Richard Johnſon, on the death of Modrake, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, by *lapſe*.——1541. Thomas Fretwell, *A. M.* on the death of the laſt rector, by John Hudleſton of Sawſton in Cambridgeſhire. [k] Thomas Fretwell, *A. M. preſbyter, non conjugatus, doctus, reſidet, hoſpitalis, ibidem, non prædicat, nec licentiatus, duo.*

1569. John Tryndell, on the reſignation of Fretwell, by Thomas Fretwell, patron, *hac vice*, by a grant from John L'Eſtrange, Gent:——1574. Peter Tye, on the death of Tryndell, by Nicholas Hare, Eſq;——1575. George Longe, on the reſignation of Tye, by N. Hare, Eſq; ſee in Southrey and Stow Bardolph.

1577. John Weſton, on the death of Longe, by Nicholas Hare, Eſq; vicar alſo of Stow.——1582. John Thompſon, on the death of Weſton, by ditto, vicar alſo of Stow; in 1603, he certified that there were 134 communicants here.——1606. William Ray, on the death of the laſt rector, by Sir Ralph Hare, rector alſo of Watlington.——1616. Thomas Willis, *A. M.* by ditto, on the reſignation of the laſt rector.—— ----. Thomas Stevens.——1662. John Hickman, *A. M.* on the reſignation of Stevens, by Sir R. Hare, Bt. rector alſo of Bexwell.——1671. Edmund Parlett, *A. M.* on the death of the laſt rector, by Sir R. Hare; vicar alſo of Stow.——1674. Walter Drury, *A. M.* on the death of Parlet, by the lord Townſend, *&c.* vicar alſo of Stow.

1722. Charles Lake, on the death of Drury, by Sir R. Hare, Bt.——1764. Rev. Mr. Thomas Moor, rector and patron.

This rectory is valued in the king's books at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8. and being accounted in clear value 39*l. per ann.* is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths; the ſynodals are 2*s.* procurations 16*d.*—Old valor was 10 marks, peter pence 13*d.*

William, chamberlain to William, the 2d earl Warren, gave the tithe [l] of his land here, to the abbey of Caſtleacre; Roger, ſon of Wimer the ſewer, a dependant of the ſaid earl, gave and confirmed his tithe in this town, which his father and his mother Gilla had given to the ſaid abby.

Thomas Bilney, by his will, dated [m] the 8th of September 1480, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Mary, Wimbotſham.

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(k) Parkeri, certificat.

(l) Dugd. Mon. Angl. v. 3. p. 626, and 627.

(m) Regr. Awbrey, Norw. p. 21.

Peter Blake, Gent: of Wimbotſham, buried here in 1500.

Jaſper Blake, by his will [n] dated the 17th of July 1547, and proved the 22d of Auguſt following, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Mary, Wimbotſham, by the ſepulchre of his wife; his ſecond wife, Ann, mentioned therein, widow of John Baſtard, and his eldeſt ſon Peter, and Richard Bachecroft executors; Thomas Towneſend and Oſbert Mundeford, Gent: ſupervisors.

(n) Regr. Wymer, Norw. p. 51.

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CLAVERING HUNDRED.

IN Domeſday Book called Clavelinga, from Clay (as Clay by the ſea coaſt, and Clackloſe hundred, of which ſee there) and Linga, lying or being ſeated by the water and low meadows. It was in the crown and united to the hundred of Loddon, and farmed together, by Sir John de Clavering, in the reign of Edward I. as in Loddon hundred. This family might take their name from the town of Clavering, ſituated near the riſe of the river Stort, in the hundred of Clavering in Eſſex, of which town Sir John de Clavering, a nobleman, being lord, in the reign of king Edward I. was by that king's appointment called De Clavering.

ALDBY, or ALDEBURGH.

RALPH DE BEAUFOE had a grant of this lordſhip from the conqueror, and poſſeſſed it at the ſurvey; a freeman of arch-biſhop Stigand was lord in king Edward's reign, [a] and there belonged to it 2 carucates of land, one villain and 5 borderers, with 3 ſervi, there were 2 carucates in demean and one among the tenants, 15 acres of meadow, paunage for 20 ſwine, with one runcus. Fifteen freemen were under his protection, and belonged to his fold, with 40 acres, and 3 carucates of meadow valued at 40*s.* and there was a church, with 12 acres, valued at 2*s.* eleven freemen alſo belonged to it with 2 carucates and a half of land, and 30 acres, of 7 of theſe his predeceſſor had the protection in king Edwards time, and Stigand had it of the other 4; and his predeceſſor had the livery of it with the land; there were 12 borderers, with 5 carucates and a half, and 19 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 33*s.* but at the ſurvey, at 6*l.* 10*s.*—The whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 2*s.* and 1*d.* *ob.* gelt, whoever poſſeſs it.

Ralph de Beaufoe was a near relation, or ſon to William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, chancellor to the conqueror, and left at his death an only daughter, Agnes, who brought it by marriage to Hubert de Rye, caſtellan of Norwich caſtle, ſon of Hubert de Rye, a truſty ſervant to William the Conqueror, when duke of

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(*a*) Terra R. de Bellofago.——Aldeburg ten. 1 lib. ho. Stigandi, ii car. tre. ſep. i vills. 7, v. bor. tc. iii ſer. m°. ii 7. ſep. ii car. in dnio. tc, i car. ho'um. xv ac. pti. ſilv. xx por. 7 ſep. i r. 7, xv. lib. hoes. ſoca falde 7 comd. xl. ac. tc. iii car. m°. ii, 7, ii ac. pti. 7 val. xl. ſol. i eccla. xii ac. 7. val. ii ſol. huic manerio jacent xi lib. hoes. ii car. tre. 7 dim. 7, xxx ac. de vii. habuit ſuus anteceſs. comd. t. r. e. 7 de iiii Stigand. 7 fuit anteceſſori lib'atu. p'trw. ſep. xii bor. 7, v car. dim. 7, xviiii ac. pti. ſilv. vi. por. tc. val. xxxiii. ſol. m°. vi lib. 7 x ſol. totu. ht i leug in long. dim. in lato. 7, ii ſol. 7, iii. obol. de g. q'cq. tenet.

Normandy; this Agnes, at the requeſt of Herbert, biſhop of Norwich, granted great part of this lordſhip to the priory of Norwich, founded by that biſhop, with the patronage of the church, which the ſaid biſhop appropriated to the ſaid priory; and a ſmall priory was erected here, as a cell to that priory, dedicated to St. Mary, conſiſting of a prior and 3 black monks.

King Henry I. by his præiſpe commands that the church, all the land and men, *&c.* which Agnes de Belſo gave to the monks of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, in Aldebi, be held by them in perpetual alms, and that no injury *&c.* be offered them—witneſſes, Roger Fitz-Richard, William de Tankerdville; dated at Rockingham. The ſaid king confirmed the grant of Hubert de Rie, ‡ of tithes in Swanton, Hockering, Deepham, *&c.* with the church and manor of Aldeby, which Agnes de Belſo, his wife, had granted to the ſaid priory, with Richard her ſon, and Anthony her chaplain, whom they had taken into their ſociety, the tithe of the whole village and hall, 100 acres of arable land, an 100 ſheep, a marſh with paſture for 100 ſheep, alſo common of paſture, a carucate of land with 6 ſocmen, † 6 lancheches, and 40*s.* rent in Thurketeliart, on the petition of Henry de Rye, ſon and heir of Hubert and Agnes;—witneſſes, William de Tancardiville, Richard Baſſet; dated at London.

Henry de Rye granted two parts of the tithe of all the lands which his father, or he himſelf ever held in demean, to the priory of Norwich, (for the health of his [*b*] own, his father's and mother's ſouls,) as his father and mother had granted, when they laid the ſecond ſtone, on the foundation of the priory church in Aldebi.

In the 14th of Edward I. William Roſcelyne gave the king 10*l.* for a licence, to purchaſe of William, prior of Norwich, and the convent, the lordſhip of this town, [*c*] called in the record, Audeby, excepting 30 meſſuages, 500 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 300 of marſh, 40 of wood, a mill, 10 marks rent *per ann.* and the advouſon of the church, all which the prior reſerved to the convent, and was called the prior's manor, diſtinct from the other. This ſhews that manors have been erected within time of preſcription, tho' ſome lawyers ſay otherwiſe; and what is another proof, in a pleading *A*°. 6°. Edward II. the jury for the hundred of Middleton, in Kent, preſent, that in the time of King Richard I. Stephen de Northwode purchaſed ſome aſſarted land, which land was at the time of the preſentment called the manor of Northwode Caſteneys. In the 14th alſo of the ſaid king, the prior claimed the aſſiſe, view of frank pledge, *&c.* of his tenants, and in the 35th year, had a grant of free warren;—witneſſes, John, biſhop of Carliſle, Adomar. de Valentia, Henry de Percy, *&c.*

Laurence, prior of Norwich, vicar general to Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, appoints John de Bedingfeld, prior of this cell, to take the confeſſions, to abſolve and to enjoyn the penances of the prioreſs, and nuns of Bungeye; dated at Norwich, May 27, 1355.

The temporalities of the priory were valued in 1428, at 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* in the 6th of Edward IV. the lady Iſabel Morley died patroneſs, as heir to the founders, Hubert and Agneſs de Rye: and in the 21ſt of that king, I find Edmund Salle, Roger Framingham, and William Spink, to be monks in this cell.

William Bexwell occurs prior in 1505, and had the lete; Edmund Drake, *alias* Norwich, a monk there, was prior, and in 1538, made prebend of the 4th ſtall in the church of Norwich.—Richard de Eye, prior, *A*°. 1ſt of Henry VI.—Thomas Hethyll *A*°. 2d Edward IV. On the diſſolution it came to the crown, and on the foundation of a dean and chapter at Norwich, by King Henry VIII. in 1538, was granted to them, and ſo continues.

In 1376, Sir Thomas Savage, Kt. was buried by the ſouth porch in the churchyard of the priory church: all the monks except two, are at the diſſolution ſaid to be deſirous of being diſcharged.

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‡ Tanner in his Notit. Monaſt. p. 345, calls him by miſtake, Robert de Ria.

† Landcheap, or Lancheches, an ancient cuſtomary fine, paid on the ſale, *&c.* of land.

[*b*] Reg. Eccles. Cath. Norw. 5. fol, 7.

[*c*] Fin. 14, Ed. I. l. 3. n 131.—Plita de Jurat. et aſſis. apud Norw. in octav. ſci Hillar. *A*°. 13, Ed. I. —Plita Coron. Kanc. *A*°. 6°. Ed. II. Rot, 57, Dorſo,

The family of De Roſceline, had an intereſt in this town. William de Roſceline held here and in Whetacre a quarter of a fee, *A°.* 20 of Henry III. of John de Marſhal, (baron of Rye, in right of Alice his wife, daughter and coheir of Hubert de Rye, the laſt heir male of that family) by Lætitia his wife; he was father of Sir Thomas de Roſceline, who in the 53d of the ſaid king, was querent in a fine, and William, ſon of Adam de Audeley, deforciant of a meſſuage and 40 acres of land here and in Whetacre, granted to Sir Thomas, who covenants to grant to William, for life, competent maintenance in eating and drinking, as one of his Eſqs; and the like for his boy; to pay him beſides yearly at Michaelmas, *ad Jocalia ſua emenda,* with 2 robes, one of a mark price for William, and one of half a mark for the boy, and if Sir Thomas ſhould die during William's life, then his heirs ſhould pay 5 marks *per ann.* in full for the ſame; with a clauſe of diſtreſs in this lordſhip, and that of Northton; at this time the lord's bayliff would not ſuffer the king's bayliff to enter into this lordſhip; and in the 55th year had a grant of free warren and a weekly mercate and fair in this town.

In the 14th of Edward I. William Roſceline claimed the aſſiſe of his tenants, view of frank pledge, a gallows, and free warren; in the 26, he and Joan his wife, ſettled it on themſelves and their heirs, having purchaſed a lordſhip of the prior of Norwich, in this town, *A°.* 14; there being certain differences between the prior and Sir William, about the rights of common, the prior was allowed by Sir William, to take marle out of the great common of Aldeby, called Mekylheyth to marle his lands, by agreement, [*d*] dated 1310; to which Sir Robert Baynard, Walter de Bernham, Simon de Dalling, John de Ingloſe, were witneſſes. This I mention to prove that this method and way of improving lands in this county of Norfolk, was then (ſo many years paſt) made uſe of.

Sir William Roſceline and Joan his wife in the 4th of Edward II. ſettled it on themſelves for life; the remainder to William Marſhall, baron of Rye, and his heirs, by fine; and John le Marſhall, his ſon, died lord, whoſe ſiſter and heir, Hawiſe, brought it by marriage to Sir Robert Morley, who was lord in 1330; in this family it remained till Alianore, daughter and heir of Robert, Lord Morley, (the laſt heir male of that family) being married to William, younger ſon of William, Lord Lovell of Tichmarſh, was baron of Rye, and lord of this manor in her right, and died lord in 1475. Henry his ſon dying *s. p.* Alice, his only ſiſter, wife of Sir William Parker, inherited it, and was baron of Rye, whoſe deſcendant, Edward Parker, lord Morley, Baron of Rye, was lord in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and conveyed it to his 2d ſon, Henry Parker of Hornby caſtle in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; After this it came to the Calthorps, and by an inquiſition taken in 1637, Sir Henry Calthorp of Ampton in Suffolk, 2d ſon of Sir James Calthorp of Cockthorp in Norfolk, Kt. died ſeiſed of it, he was recorder of London, *&c.* and James was his ſon and heir, who poſſeſſed it in 1660, and James Calthorp, Eſq; his ſon, in 1698; in the ſaid family it remained in 1742.—This was called Alby-hall.

The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s*.—Deducted 2*l.* 4*s*

The church was dedicated to St. Mary, and appropriated by biſhop Herbert, to the priory of Norwich, being valued at 16 marks.

On a graveſtone in the chancel—*In memory of Margaret, wife of Edmund Bendiſh, Gent: who died Sept.* 26, 1681.—One *In memory of William Wall, eldeſt ſon of Franc. Wall of Aldeby, Gent: he married Sybil, one of the daughters of Robert Davy of Ditchingham, and died June* 23, 1685.——*Here lyeth the body of John Denny, Gent: buried Feb.* 11. 1680, *in the grave of Sydrach Denny, Gent: his father, and Elizabeth his mother, and left John his only ſon.*

John Baſpole, Gent: buried in the church 1530, and Thomas Baſpole in the ſouth iſle, by his parents, *A°.* 1551.—This family had a leaſe of the priory manor.

The family of London lived here, and had a leaſe of it.—Robert London, Gent; by Anne his wife, daughter of Henry Pay of Earſham, was father of Robert London, Eſq; a juſtice of the peace, who by Margaret his wife, daughter of Nathaniel Knyvet, of Denver, Gent: was father of Robert London, who married Anne, daughter

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(*d*) Reg. 1. Eccl. Cath. Norw. fol. 274.

daughter of - - - - - Philpot of London, and died *ſ. p.* his 2d ſon was Nathaniel, who married Catherine, daughter of Richard Wytlie of Brocdiſh in Norfolk, Gent: by whom he had Nathaniel, living in 1698.—Their arms were, argent, 3 croſs croſſlets in bend, between 2 cottiſes, gules.

In the church was a chapel dedicated to St. Furceus; offerings were made to this ſaint, and certain tithes belonged to it.

At the ſurvey, we meet with a town, of which Ralph de Beaufoe was lord, called Thurketeliart, [*e*] of which a freeman of Stigand was deprived; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 12 borderers and 3 ſervi, and 2 carucates in demean, 2 among the tenants, 15 acres of meadow, a mill, *&c.* 120 ſheep, 5 ſkeps of bees, and a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 40*d.* 15 freemen belonged alſo to the lord and were under his protection, with 6 carucates and 6 acres of meadow, valued at 4*l.* before, and the ſame at the ſurvey.

This conſiderable village, as it appears to have been at the ſurvey, is now quite deſtroyed, and, as I take it, the lands being near to Aldeburgh, are included therein, and are made part of the priory lands there, in the reign of Henry I. as is above obſerved.

ELLINGHAM.

MANY towns begin with El; as Elford, Elleſmere, Eling, Elſton, Elwick, from their ſite near the water, or a wet ſoil: Elwe is the name of a river in Wales. This lordſhip was part of archbiſhop Stigand's manor of Stockton, and on the conqueſt was ſeized on, by the king. At the ſurvey we find [*a*] William de Noiers to be the king's ſteward of both, and this was valued, and accounted for in Stockton; at the ſame time 'tis ſaid, that there were five ſocmen alſo in Ellingham who had half a carucate and 15 acres of land, which William de Noiers had the care of for the king, belonging formerly to Stigand, and a church endowed with 24 acres.

King Stephen granted it with Stockton, to Hugh Bigot, Earl of Norfolk; and it was held of the earls of Norfolk, by the Bigods, a younger family, deſcended from the earls: by the heireſs of the Bigots, it came to William Garneys, ſo to the Delapoles, and the crown, and was held by Simon Smith, in the reign of King Charles I. of that king, by a feefarm rent, as in Stockton.

NEVILL's MANOR.

THE abbot of Bury's manors of Loddon and Thwait extended into this town, and by a fine levied in the 8th of Richard I. Ernold de Charneles, acknowledged that he held of Sampſon, abbot of Bury, one fee here, in Norton, *&c.* by the payment of 20*s.* ſcutage, and to Norwich caſtle guard, before the king's juſtices at Weſtminſter, Hubert, archbiſhop of Canterbury, William, biſhop of Hereford, Richard, archdeacon of Ely, Mr. Thomas de Huſeburn, Richard de Heriet, Simon de Pateſhull, *&c.*

After this the abbot was found to have one fee here, in Stockton, *&c.* held by Roger de Thweyt. In the reign of Henry VIII. Thomas Biſhop and Joan his wife, conveyed to Richard Spooner, 3 meſſuages, 3 gardens, 2 pidgeon houſes, 160 acres of land, 200 of meadow, 60 of paſture, 3 of wood, 4 of furze, *&c.* 3 of moor in Elyngham, Stockton, Kirkby, *&c.*

John Caſtell, brother and heir of Roger Caſtell, had livery of the manor of Ellingham-Nevill's about the 20th of Elizabeth, which was purchaſed of him by Willing Copping.—Richard Hamond of Ellingham was lord in 1602, and John Hamond, Gent: died poſſeſſed of it in 1632: in 1688, it was ſold to Miles

Baſpole

(*e*) Thurketeliart ten. i lib. ho. Stigandi, ii car. tre. ſep. iiii vill. 7 xii bor. 7 iii ſer. 7 ii car. in dnio. tc. ii car. houm m°. i xv ac. pti. i mol. ſep. i r. m°. viii an. tc. vii por m°. xxxvi tc. cxx ov m°.cc. v vaſa apu. 7 i eccla. xx ac 7 val. xl d. et xv lib. hoes falde 7 comd. xl ac. ſep. vi car. 7 vi ac. pti. tc. val iiii lib 7 m°. ſimilit.

(*a*) Tre. Stigandi Epi. quas cuſtodit. W. de Noiers in manu Regis—In Elincham, v ſoc. xv ac 7 dim. car. 7. i ecclia xxiiii ac.

Baſpole of Aylſham, by John Hamond; and Miles conveyed it to Sir William Hicks, of Rockholt in Eſſex.

The tenths were 4*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 14*s.*——Temporalities of Langley abby, 10*s*, 5*d.*——Of Bromholm priory, 11*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a rectory. In the reign of King Edward I. Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, as capital lord, was patron; the rector had then, a manſe and 40 acres of glebe; it was valued at 20 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 22*d.* Carvage 12*d. ob. q.* the preſent valor is 12*l.*

RECTORS.

In 1320, Richard de Burghſtede inſtituted, preſented by Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk.—1320, John de Donewich, ditto.—1335, Thomas de Donewich, ditto.——1339, John de Cobham, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1342, Roger de Eſterford.——1361, John de Shaftſbury, junior, ditto,——1386, Walter de Totington, ditto.

1400, John Lynes, by the king, guardian to Lord Mowbray.——1403, Peter Lyng, by Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——1428, John Hull, by John, Duke of Norfolk.——1435, William Bolton, by the king.—1435, Robert Fetild, ditto, on the minority of John, Duke of Norfolk.——1452, Robert Waſſelyn, ditto.——1467, William Bunche, ditto.——1474, William Rodon, by Alianore, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——1476, John Grenowe, by Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——Mr. Richard Wattys, rector.——1492, Mr. Robert Bright, ditto.

1502, William Alanſon, ditto.——1506, Richard Billington, ditto.——1524, Hugh Haſely, by the duke of Norfolk.——1530, William Latymer, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1532, Robert Brydkerk, ditto.——1546, Robert Fuller, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1557, John Ireland, ditto.——1575, William Buck, by William Dix, and William Cantrell, as truſtees.——1585, William Laurence, by William Dix.——1591, Richard Wright, ditto; in 1603, he returned 106 communicants.

1611, James Johnſon, by Richard Wright, clerk; and after, in the ſaid year, preſented by the earl of Norfolk.——1660, Ralph Wells, by the king.——1670, Sam. Criſpe, by James, Earl of Suffolk.

Laurence Cook, rector, reſigned in 1728.——William Nicholls, D.D. preſented then by the Honorable Charles Howard, Eſq;——1729, Robert Folkes, ditto.—1746, Richard Chaſe, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

The earl of Suffolk patron, in 1742.

The preſent valor is 12*l.* and pays firſt fruits, &c.

In the ſouth iſle, on a graveſtone——*Orate p. a'ia Johs. Ellyngham, gen. qui obt.* 28 *Maij*, 1497.——Againſt the wall here, on a monument——*Johs. Hamond gen. qui ab anno* 3, *ad* 31 *Regine Elizab. in hac villâ pie, honeſte et frugaliter vixit* 4 *Calend. Februar. matura ſenectute deceſſit, et hic jacet ſeplutus.*——This John purchaſed Nevill's manor, of Copping.

In a window of the ſaid iſle——gules, a croſs, argent, Ellingham, impales, or, 3 bars, undee, ſable,——with an *orate* for William Ellingham.

GELDESTON.

THIS town is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, being included and accounted for under the great lordſhip of Stockton, of which Archbiſhop Stigand was deprived, and William de Noiers was the Conqueror's ſteward of it at the ſurvey. It remained in the crown till King Stephen granted it to Hugh Bigod, on his being created earl of Norfolk. Roger Bigod his ſon, being earl, enfeoffed Sir Ralph Bigod, his brother, of this town, and of Stockton, and was lord of both in the 24 of Henry III. and dying *ſ. p.* Sir John Bigot was lord in the 15th of Edward I. In this family it remained, till Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Ralph Bigot, brought it by marriage, to William Garneys, Eſq; who died lord in the 8 of Henry V; from that family it came to the De La Poles, earls and dukes of Norfolk; after this, by a grant of the crown, to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, &c.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was again in the crown, and ſo continues, as may be ſeen at large in Stockton.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*ſ.* Deducted 20*ſ.* The temporalities of the chamberlain of Bury, were 5*ſ.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Michael; in the reign of Edward I. valued at 10 marks, Peter-pence, 8*d.* carvage 5*d. ob.* and the earl of Norfolk was patron; and the rector had a manſe with 30 acres of land.

RECTORS.

In 1307, Rich. Abel inſtituted, preſented by Lady Iſabel Bygod.—1318, Jeffrey de Settrington, by Sir John Bygod.——1330, Mr. John Frank, by Sir John Bygod, lord of Setrington in Yorkſhire.——1340, William de Aldeby, by Sir Roger Bygod.——1342, William de Rougham, ditto.——1349, John Southgate, by Sir John Bygod.——1368, John de Weſton, ditto.——1371, Thomas Stoner, ditto.——1393, John Barrell, by Sir Ralph Bigod, who alſo preſented in 1400, 1409, and 1416.——In 1418, William Garneys preſented, in 1421, and 1427.

Nicholas Loſt, occurs rector in 1603, and returned 64 communicants; and the patronage was in the crown.——John Alding, rector, alias Pudding.——Ralph Warde, rector.

1732, Francis Fayerman, by the king.——1754, John Faerman, ditto.

In the church was the guild of the Holy Ghoſt.

The preſent valor is 6*l.* and is diſcharged; the patronage is in the crown.

Sir Ralph Bygot was buried in the chancel of St. Michael's church, of Geldeſton, in 1415.

In the eaſt window of the chancel——*Orate pro a'i'a Radulphi Garneys, armigeri, quondam dni. de Stockton.*

GILLINGHAM,

CALLED in the grand ſurvey, Kildincham. 2 freemen of Guerd, King Harold's brother, had 30 acres, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, and [a] on their deprivation it was in the Conqueror's poſſeſſion, and valued with the manor of Gorleſton in Suffolk. Stigand had formerly the ſoc, and it is here expreſſed, that every church was valued with the manor, which ſhews that the preſentations were at that time in the lords of the manors.

Another part was, in King Edward's reign, poſſeſſed by 12 freemen, who had 3 carucates of land, and 9 borderers; there were alſo 8 carucates, &c. 12 acres of meadow, &c. a church endowed with 30 acres of free land; nine of theſe freemen were under the commendation of the predeceſſor of Ralph de Beaufoe, in King Edward's time, one under that of Alwin de Thetford, one, and the moiety of another, under the abbot of Bury, and the other moiety under Stigand. In the ſame town, 4 freemen had 15 acres and half a carucate; and Stigand had the ſoc before the conqueſt: this was added to, and valued with Stigand's manor of Ereham, and was meaſured with Stockton.——William de Noiers was the king's ſteward of it at the ſurvey.

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[a] Terre Regis.
Kildincham ii libi. ho'es Guerd xxx ac. 7 dim. car. 7. i ac. p'ti. hoc' e. in p'tio de Gorleſtuna Stigand ſoca.—Om's ecclie in p'tio cum manerijs.—T're Stigandi, quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu regis.

In Kildincha' xii libi. ho'es iii car. tr'e. 7. ix bord. tnc. viii car. mo. v. xii. ac. p'ti. ſilva viii por. 7. i ecclia. xxx ac. lib' tr'e. ex his fuere anteceſſoris Rad. de Bellafago com'd. t. r. e. 7 un. Alwi de Ted. 7 un. 7 dim. abb. de S'co. Edm. 7 dimid. Stigandi. In ade' iiii libi. ho'es xv ac. 7. dim. car. Stigand. habuit ſocca. t. r. e. et s't. additi in cenſu de Erſam. et totu' hoc eſt in cenſu de Erſham.

Out of theſe two fees, aroſe two lordſhips, with two churches; one was granted by King Stephen, to Hugh de Bigot, on his being created earl of Norfolk, and to this belonged the patronage of the church of All Saints; Roger, Earl of Norfolk, dying *ſ. p.* in the reign of Edward I. gave it to that king, and was after granted to Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, and came by marriage to John, Lord Segrave, and to the Mowbrays, dukes of Norfolk. This was the capital lordſhip, and had the patronage of the church of All Saints, and was that, which Stigand, arch biſhop of Canterbury, was deprived of.

From the Mowbrays, it deſcended to the Howards, dukes of Norfolk, and being forfeited to the crown, on the attainder of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was granted by King James I. to Henry Howard, earl of Northampton, on June 17, *ao.* 1, from whom it came to Thomas Howard, earl of Surry.

Sir Nicholas Bacon, baronet, of Redgrave, was lord and patron, and gave it to his ſixth ſon, Nicholas, whoſe deſcendant, Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet, enjoyed it in 1742, as after appears in the following lordſhip.

The other lordſhip, of which Guerd was deprived, had the patronage of the church of St. Mary, and was in Geffrey de Ponte, or Pount, in the 55th of Henry III. but when granted from the crown, does not appear. In the ſaid year, Geffrey granted by fine, to Roger de Ponte, for life, the remainder to Geffrey and his heirs, a meſſuage, 2 carucates of land, 20 acres of meadow, 50 of wood, 8 of heath, with the advouſon of St. Mary's church; and in the 3d of Edward II. Alexander, parſon of St. Mary's church, ſettled it, in truſt, on Geffrey, ſon of Roger de Pount, of Gillingham, and Robert his ſon.

In 1320, Bartholomew Bateman preſented to the church, as guardian of Chriſtiana, daughter and heir of William de Horford; and in 1344, Sir Bartholomew Bateman, preſented in his own right, as lord; and in the 35 of Edward III. Ralph Gerberge, ſon of Sir Edward Gerberge, releaſed to Sir Laurence de Bremle and his heirs, all his right in the moieties of Martham and Gillingham, with lands in Winſton, Windele, &c.

Thomas Bateman, Eſq; (a deſcendant of Bartholomew) of South Elmham, in the pariſh of St. Mary, of Flixton in Suffolk, by his will, dated [*b*] April 8, 1485, was buried in Flixton church, by Elizabeth his wife; gives legacies to William and Richard, his ſons, and to Elizabeth and Olive, his daughters; to Robert, his ſon and heir, his manors of Newhall and Sandcroft, with the advouſon of Sandcroft, St. George's church, and the manor of Gelingham; and orders a tomb of free-ſtone to be put over him.

In the 28 of Henry VIII. Thomas Bateman paſſed it by fine, with the advouſon, to John Everard. William Everard, gent. in the firſt of Queen Elizabeth, was found to die ſeiſed of it, held of the queen's manor of Stockton; and Edward was his ſon and heir. In the manor-houſe, were the arms of Everard; gules, a feſs, undée, between 3 eſtoils, argent,——impaling Heveningham;——alſo impaling Appleyard;——and or, 3 chevronels ingrailed, gules, Chauncey of Edgecote in Northamptonſhire. Sir Clement Higham, and after him, Michael Hare, Eſq; held it, *ao.* 44 of Elizabeth.

After this it was in the Bacons, and Sir Nicholas Bacon, baronet, was lord in the 9 of King James I. of Redgrave in Suffolk, premier baronet of England, and eldeſt ſon of Sir Nicholas Bacon, lord keeper of the great ſeal; this Sir Nicholas, the baronet, married Anne, daughter and heir of Edmund Butts, Eſq; by whom he had ſeveral ſons, &c. to Nicholas, his ſixth ſon, he gave this lordſhip, who married, firſt Anne, daughter and heir of Sir James Weſton, baron of the exchequer, by whom he had a daughter, Anne, married to John Rous, Eſq; of Honham in Suffolk; by his 2d wife Mary, daughter of Euſtace Darcy, Eſq; he had Nicholas, his ſon and heir, created a baronet, February 7, 1661; by Mary his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Freeſton of Mendham, Eſq; in Suffolk, he left Sir Edmund, his eldeſt ſon, who died *ſ. p.* in 1684, and was ſucceeded by his brother Sir Richard, who married Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Bacon, baronet, ſon of Sir Butts Bacon, baronet, of Mildenhall in Suffolk, and dying *ſ. p.* in 1685, gave his eſtate to Sir Henry Bacon, baronet, of Heringfleet, his wife's brother. This Sir Henry, by ———, daughter of Sir John Caſtleton, baronet, of Sturſton in Suffolk, was father of Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet.

[*b*] Reg. Hubert. fol. 79.

Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet, died October 2d, 1738, and left his only ſon, Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet, who was lord and patron in 1742.

In this town were 2 churches. All Saints was a rectory containing 2 iſles, and a chancel thatched, with a ſquare tower and 3 bells;———in the chancel was a graveſtone, *In memory of John Frebrygge, rector, who died* 15xviii. Alſo one, *In remembrance of Margery Smith, eldeſt daughter of Nicholas Garneys, of Redſham-Hall in Suffolk, Eſq; 2d wife of Thomas Smith of Winſton Hall in Norfolk, Eſq; who died in* 1656.———In the church yard, by the ſouth wall of the chancel, is an altar tomb, and againſt the wall, on a monument———*Thomas Smith of Winſton, Eſq; in his humility appointed this place for his burial, died June* 6, 1639. and theſe arms,———quarterly, in the firſt and fourth, barry, wavy of 8, argent and azure, on a chief gules, 3 barnacles, or, Smith;—in the 2d and 3d, argent, a chevron between 3 phæons, ſable, on a chief of the 2d, a greyhound, currant, of the firſt,———Roberts. ———[c] Robert Towre, buried here in 1530, orders by will, a ſubſtantial window to be built of ſtone, with glaſs, by his executors.

In the reign of Edward I. the earl of Norfolk was patron; the rector had 34 acres, but no manſe, and it was valued at 9 marks. Peter-pence, 12*d.* carvage 3*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

In 1301, John of Royſes Croſs was inſtituted, preſented by Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk.—1302, Barth. Cook, ditto.—1311. Walter de Maydenſtone, by Alice de Hannonia, counteſs of Norfolk.—1314, Giles de Mount, ditto.—1316, John de Bynch, ditto.—1326, John Reignaud, by Thomas de Brotherton, Earl of Norfolk. ———1333, Robert de Petra, ditto.———1334, Robert Dagget, ditto.———1341, Thomas de Thurleſton, by Sir John de Segrave.———1342, Simon de Kirkby, ditto. ———John de Tiveteſhale, rector.———1352, Robert de Twyford, by John, Lord Segrave.———1352, John Suwet, ditto.———1353, Henry de Burgh, ditto.

In 1440, John Salmon, by the king, on the minority of Thomas, ſon of Thomas Mowbray, duke of Norfolk.———In 1440, Thomas Wright occurs rector.

In 1502, Thomas Goffe, nominated by the biſhop, preſented by the king. William Freebrygg died rector in 1518.———1548, John Cock occurs rector.

Amos Stalworthy was rector in 1603, and returned 70 communicants; and the feoffees of the late duke of Norfolk were patrons.———John Roſe, rector about 1610, and the earl of Northampton patron; the patronage was granted about June 17, *ao.* 1 of King James, to the earl of Northampton, &c. late Thomas Howard's, duke of Norfolk, attainted.

Sir Charles Caſtleton, baronet, died rector in 1745, and Robert Athow ſucceeded, *hac vice*, by Chriſtopher Athow, gent.———1760, Edward Holden, to Winſton and Windale, by Dame Suſan Bacon.

The preſent valor is, together with Winſton and Windale, 5*l* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged; the church was demoliſhed in 1748.

The church of St, Mary is a rectory valued, in Edward I's. reign, at 8 marks; the rector had 40 acres of land, but no manſe. Peter-pence, 8*d. ob.* Carvage 3*d. ob.* and Jeffrey de Ponte was patron.

In 1320, Brian de Orford was inſtituted, preſented by Bartholomew Bateman, on the minority of Chriſtiana, daughter and heir of William de Horford.—1344, Henry

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[c] Reg. Alpe. f. 7.

Lambekyn, by Sir Bartholomew Bateman.——1349, Hugh Attemyll, by Petronella, late wife of Sir Bartholomew Bateman.——1361, William Amory, by John Berney.——1361, Richard de Grymeby, by Simon de Rickinghale.

In 1603, Nicholas Loſt was rector, and returned 42 communicants; and Arthur Everard, gent. was patron.——John Roſe rector.——John Quaſh, died rector in 1662.——Sir Charles Caſtleton, baronet, died rector in 1745.——And Mr. Athow died rector in 1760, and Mr. Holdon ſucceeded.

The preſent valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged. In 1742, Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet, was patron.

The church is a very antique building, a ſingle pile, without any iſles; at the weſt end, is the font; as you proceed is a four-ſquare tower; then the body of the church, with the chancel, about the ſame breadth with the church, and ends in a ſemicircle; in the tower are 3 bells; the weſt end is tiled, and the reſt covered with thatch.

As you enter the chancel, is a graveſtone with a braſs plate,——*Inmemory of John Everard, Eſq; who died October,* 1553, *and of Dorothy his wife, daughter of John Chauncey, of Chauncey Tower, in the town of Northampton, Eſq;*

Againſt the ſouth wall of the chancel, is a mural monument of marble alabaſter:——*Nicholaus Bacon, baronettus, proſapiâ illuſtris, ingenio inclytus, literis ornatus, famâ clareſcens, corpore vieto, animo vegeto, præmaturè ſenuit et ſapuit. Poſt* XLII *annos et menſes* IX, *quos vixerat prout virum nobilem, philoſophum, Chriſtianum decuit. Tandem fato cedens, quod habuit terrenum, terræ reddidit igne recoctum diei noviſſimi, denuo reſumpturus, cælitus quod erat et patri et patriæ ſpirituum rediit; ecce cur marmor tanti nominis faſtu gravidum tumeſcit, tanti viri fato frigidum nigreſcit, tanti ingenii lævore politum ſplendeſcit. Vale lector et vivas, honore parili, obijt,* M.DC.LXVI. *Augi.* iii.

On the monument are the arms of Bacon and Quaplode, quarterly;——Bacon, gules, on a chief, argent, 2 mullets, ſable, with an annulet for difference;——Quaplode, barry of ſix, or and azure, a bend over all; alſo Bacon impaling, azure, on a feſs, or, 3 leopards faces, gules, Freeſton.

The tenths were 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 14*s.*

Gill is an old Britiſh word, and ſignifies a rivulet; thus Gilling a town and hundred in Yorkſhire; Gilcroſs hundred in Norfolk; Gilden in Cambridgeſhire; Guilford in Surry, &c.

HADESCOE,

AT the ſurvey, was a beruite to the manor of Tofts, in this hundred, and William de Noiers was ſteward of it for the Conqueror, who had deprived Stigand, the archbiſhop, [a] who held it as a lay fee in the reign of the Confeſſor, containing, then, 220 acres of land, with 7 villains, and 4 borderers, 2 carucates in demean; there was alſo a carucate, &c. 100 ſheep, with 4 ſoc men, and 80 acres, 3 carucates of meadow. It was valued together with Tofts, in Stigand's time, at 10*l.* *per ann.* at the ſurvey paid 24*l.* quit-rent: in length they were 1 leuca, 2 furlongs and 10 perches, in breadth 1 leuca, and the gelt was 10*d.* 3*q.*

This lordſhip was afterwards granted from the crown to Robert de Bellomont, earl of Mellent in Normandy, and earl of Leiceſter in England, and given by him in the reign of Henry firſt, to the Benedictine abby De Pratellis, (De Preaux) in Normandy, founded by his anceſtors.

In the 14 of Edward I. the ſaid abby claimed the aſſiſe, a gallows, and many other liberties, as a member of the manor of Tofts, as enjoyed by the Earl Robert, and granted to the abby of St. Peter and St. Paul, de Preaux; and the abbot was found to hold two knights fees here, and in Tofts. In the parliament at Leiceſter, *ao.* 2, Henry V. this lordſhip with that of Tofts, (belonging to Preaux) came to the

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[a] Terre Stigandi Epi. quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu regis.

Hadeſcou i beruita. (Toft) ccxx ac. t're ſemp. vii villi. 7. iiii bord. 7 tnc, ii car. in d'nio. p. 7 mo. i. tc. i car. mo. dim. 7. c. ov. 7. iiii ſoc. lxxx ac. tnc iii car. p. 7 mo. ii. 7. iiii ac. p'ti. tnc. val. x libmo. xxiiii blancas, 7 ht. i leug. in long. 7. ii qr. 7. 10 perc. 7. i leug. in lat. 7. x*d.* 7. iii ferd. de gelt.

crown, on the diſſolution of the alien priories.——Their temporalities in this town, were valued at 74*s.* 1*d.*

King Henry VI. on February 14, *ao.* 19, granted it to the college of St. Mary and St. Nicholas in Cambridge, (now King's-college) founded by him; and the ſaid ſociety poſſeſſes it, at this time, with the patronage of the church.

[*b*] Robert, ſon of Corbun, had by the grant of King William, 30 acres of land, with 3 borderers, and a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, of which Giſard, a ſocman of Stigand, was deprived, who had under him 2 ſocmen with 4 acres and half a carucate, then valued at 5*s.* at the ſurvey, at eleven.

On the death of Robert, ſon of Corbun, this came to the crown as an eſcheat, and was granted by King William II. to William de Albini, his butler, anceſtor of the earls of Arundel; and on the death of Hugh, the laſt earl of this family, this part of his inheritance came by a ſiſter and coheir, in the reign of Henry III. to Sir Robert de Tateſhale; and Robert, Lord Tateſhale, held the 6th part of a fee, here, in the 31 of Edward I. from them it came to the Caleys and the Cliftons; Sir Adam de Clifton was lord in the time of Edward III. and in the 19 of Richard II. the prior of St. Olaves held it of Sir Conſtantine de Clifton, alſo in the 3d of Henry IV.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had a grant of 120 acres of land, one borderer, and 2 carucates, paſture for 80 ſheep, and 9 acres of meadow, of [*c*] which 9 free men of Stigand were deprived; valued at 15*s.* it was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs broad; paid 9*d.* farthing gelt; and Robert held it under Roger.——A ſocman of Edric de Laxfield, had 30 acres, 3 borderers, a carucate and a half, and 6 acres of meadow; there were alſo under him 4 freemen with 19 acres, valued at 10*s.* at the ſurvey, at 13*s.* 4*d*; here was paſture for 50 ſheep. This ſocman put himſelf under the protection of Alwin de Tetford, in the time of the Conqueror, and was in poſſeſſion of it when that king gave it to Roger Bigot.

A free man had in this town, one acre and an half, with one borderer, valued at 3*d.* Roger had a grant of this, and Robert held it at the ſurvey under him, that is Robert de Vaux.

Here alſo a free man of King Edward had 40 acres, 6 borderers, paſture for 40 ſheep, with half a carucate of meadow; Alwi held it in commendation of the king, and was in poſſeſſion of it (before Roger) when King William came; this was granted to Bigot, and Turold held it under him at the ſurvey; valued at 10*s.* and Stigand had formerly the ſoc.

All theſe tenures were inherited by the deſcendants of this Roger, and by the grant of Roger, Earl of Norfolk, who died *ſ. p.* came to King Edward I. and ſo to Thomas de Brotherton, his ſon, earl of Norfolk; then to the Lord Segrave, and the Mowbrays; and from them to the Howards, dukes of Norfolk.

Balph, Lord Bainard, had by an exchange 15 acres and half-a carucate, and an [*d*] acre of meadow, of which a free man of Stigand was deprived; valued at 2*s.* and the ſoc was in Stigand. This ſeems to have been held with Baynard's manor of Whetacre.

Here was a preceptory of knights templars, to which King Henry III. was a conſiderable benefactor: and in the 52 of that king, Thomas Roſceline conveyed by fine, to Frier Roger Fitz-John, maſter of the templars in England, 15 acres of land. In the 14 of Edward I. the maſter of the templars claimed view of frank pledge, the aſſiſe, &c. of his tenants, as King Henry III. had granted to them. In the ſaid year, the preceptor ſet up croſſes on the houſes here and in Siveland, belonging to him; and their temporalities were valued at 16*s.*

[*b*] T're Robi. filij Corbutionis.—In Hateſcou ten. ide, (Gifart) i ſoc. Stigandi xxx ac. 7. iii bor. 7. tc. i car. 7. iiii ac. p'ti. 7 ſub iſto ii ſoc. iiii ac. 7 dim. car. tc. val. v ſol. mo. xi.

[*c*] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hateſcou, ix libi. ho'es. Stigandi cxx acr. 7. i bord. ſep. ii car. paſtura lxxx ovs. ix ac. p'ti. 7 val. xv. ſol. et ht. i leug. in long. viii quar. in lat. 7. ix d. 7. i ferd. de g. Rob. ten.

In Hadeſcou, unus ſochemannus Edrici de Laxefelda xxx acr. 7. iii. bordars. et una carucata 7 dimid. vi ac. p'ti. et iiii lib'os ho'es ſub illo xix acr. tc. val. x ſolidos. mo. xiii. 7. iiii*d.* ibi. e. etiam paſtura ad l. oves. hic ſochem. com'davit ſe Aluuino tempore Willi. regis, et erat inde ſeiſit. quando rex dedit t'ram Rog. Bigoto.—In Hateſcou, ten. i lib. ho'. i ac. 7 dim 7. i bord. 7. val. iii*d.* hunc tenet Robs. de Rogero.—Hateſcou, i lib. ho'. regis e. que, p'qu. Wills. venit Alwi'us ſuus antec. habuit com'd. 7. ht. xl ac. mo. tenet Turold'. 7. vi bor. paſtura xl. ov. tc. dim. car. mo. i. 7. vi ac. p'ti. tc. val. x ſol. 7 mo. ſimil. Stigand. ſoca.

[*d*] T're. Rad. Bainardi.—In Hadeſcou, i lib. ho'. Stigandi. xv ac. ſep. dim. car. 7. i ac. p'ti. 7. val. ii ſol. hoc e. p. eſcang. Stigand' ſoca.

In the 20 of Edward II. Thomas de St. Omer, late ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, gave an account of the late lands of the templars, till he delivered them to Henry de Segrave, who ſucceeded him.

The tenths were 3*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 14*s.*

The temporalities of the priory of St. Olaves were 3*s.* *ob.*—Of Norwich, 18*d.*

Hatfield, Hathorp, Hatherly, Hatton, ſo called from ſome water or river; the Hat or Had, Hadley in Eſſex, Haddon in Derbyſhire, and Haddenham in Cambridgeſhire; whence the name of this town.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Mary, and is covered, as the chancel is, with lead; has a round tower with 5 bells.———In the chancel, on a mural monument——*Carolus Aſhby eccleſiæ hujus rector, memoriæ Elizabethæ, filiæ Samuelis Harvy de Wange in com. Eſſex, generoſi, conjugis caſtiſſimæ monumentum hoc amoris ergo dedicat, obijt Apr.* 19, 1671, *ætat. ſuæ* 28.——In the middle iſle, a graveſtone, *For John Buckenham, gent. who died September* 16, 1712, *ætat.* 77.——Alſo, *For Thomas London, gent. who died in* 1666.

In the reign of Edward I. the rector had a manſe with 20 acres of glebe, valued at 18 marks. Peter-pence, 18*d.* Carvage, 4*d. ob.* and the abbot of Preaux was patron; the preſent valor is 12*l.*

R E C T O R S.

Thomas de Fauconer occurs rector in 22 of Edward I.———1318, Ralph Morel inſtituted, preſented by R. Morel, monk and proctor of the abbot, &c.——1318, John de Warmington, ditto.———1327, William de Warmyngton, by Roger de Greſtin, proctor of the abbot, &c.———1329, Peter Mallet, ditto.—1334, Mr. Hen. de Huningham, ditto.———1349, John Roger by the king, the temporalities of the abby being in him.———1383, John Atte-Hall, ditto.——1385, Broughton, ditto.———1391, Hugh Clyfford, by Sir Lewis de Clifford, who then farmed the manor of the king.

1401, William Pollard, ditto.———1402, Thomas Bucke, by Sir Thomas Erpingham, who farmed the manor.———1429, Ralph Kemp, on the reſignation of Bucke.———Thomas Saxham, rector.———1463, Mr. Robert Ypperwell, L. L. B. by the king.———1485, William Haſelbeche.

1504, Mr. Thomas Scalon, A. M. by the provoſt, &c. of King's College, Cambridge.———William Billeſby, rector.———1550, Jeffrey Emerſon, A.M. ditto.———1554, Thomas Pannot, ditto.———1562, Nicholas Davy, rector.———1592, Philip Aunſham, by the queen, a lapſe; in 1603, he returned 80 communicants.

1617, Thomas Langley, S.T.B. by the provoſt, &c.———1639, Richard Peters, ditto.———John Collins, rector.——1662, Charles Aſhby, ditto; he died in 1699.

1739, Benjamin Skipman, on James Clark's death, by King's College, Cambridge.———1751, John Lodington rector, by King's College, Cambridge.

In the church was the chapel of St. John.

In this town the family of Bayſpool lived; John Bayſpool, gent. in 1634, and Captain Thomas Bayſpool, in 1682.

HALES, or LODDEN-HALES,

BIGOT's MANOR;

By ſome accounted to be in Loddon-Hundred.

THERE were at the ſurvey ſeveral lordſhips in this town: Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had a grant of one, which Aleſtan, (a thane of

King Harold) was deprived of; to this [a] there belonged one carucate of land, and 40 acres with 9 borderers, and 2 carucates in demean, one among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, paunage for 3 ſwine, one runcus, one cow, &c. and 10 ſheep. There were alſo 13 freemen belonging to the lord's fold, and under his commendation with 40 acres of land, valued at 20*ſ*. but at the ſurvey at 40*ſ*. This Aleſtan put himſelf under the commendation of Alwin de Tedford, in the reign of King William; and was ſeiſed of it at the time when the Conqueror gave it to Roger Bigot. But the hundred never ſaw any writ or livery, whereby it was granted to Alwin. All Hales was fifteen furlongs long, and 12 perches and ſix furlongs broad; and pays 8*d*. gelt.

This lordſhip extended into Loddon, and was held by the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, and by the grant of Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, who died *ſ. p.* it came to King Edward I. and was given by King Edward II. to his brother, Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, and ſo came to the Lord Segrave, the Mowbrays, and the Howards, dukes of Norfolk.

On the attainder of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was in the crown, and King James I. on June 17, *ao*. 1, beſtowed it on Thomas, Lord Howard, of Walden, and Henry Howard, afterwards earl of Northampton, from whom it paſſed to Thomas Howard, earl of Surry, who in the 21 of the ſaid king, April 1, had licenſe to alien it to Anthony Hobart, Eſq; and his heirs; Anthony conveyed it in the ſame year to James Hobart, his ſon and heir, who, by deed, dated September 12, *ao*. 12 of Charles I. ſold it to Henry Humberſton, Eſq; ſon of William Humberſton, of Loddon, by Joan, his wife, daughter of John Smith, of Lanham in Suffolk, which William was ſon of John Humberſton of Loddon.

Henry had 2 wives: by Mary, daughter of Henry Yaxley of Beauthorp, Eſq; his 2d wife, he had no iſſue; by his firſt wife Anne, daughter of Giles Bladwell, Eſq; of Thorlow *Magna*, in Suffolk, was father of William Humberſtone, Eſq; who married Mildred, daughter of Charles Waldgrave, of Stanninghall in Norfolk, Eſq; who conveyed this manor to Francis Gardiner, Eſq; mayor of Norwich in 1685, (ſon of Francis Gardiner D.D. vicar of Kendal) and Burgeſs in parliament for that city, in 1695; Stephen Gardiner, Eſq; his ſon, was recorder of Norwich, and died in 1727.——Gardiner bore, gules, a chevron, between 3 griffins heads, eraſed, or.

Ralph, Lord Baynard, was rewarded with a lordſhip, of which Toke, a free man, (of Stigand, the archbiſhop of Canterbury) of French extraction, [b] was deprived; conſiſting of 30 acres of land, 3 villains, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow, &c. and 60 ſheep; there were 12 freemen under his protection, and of his fold, who held 41 acres of land, with a carucate and a half, and 3 acres of meadow; there were alſo 2 freemen under his protection only, with 18 acres of land and half a carucate, alſo one freeman with 30 acres, one borderer and one carucate, and one acre of meadow; the whole valued at 17*ſ*. but at the ſurvey at 30*ſ*.——

A family who took their name from this town, was early enfeoffed of it, and held it under the Lord Baynard.——Roger de Hales and William, his ſon, were living in the reign of Henry II.——Walter de Hales, in the time of King John; and Sir Roger, ſon of Walter, in the 34 of Henry III.——John, ſon of Sir Roger, in the 22 of Edward I. which Sir Roger by deed, *ſans* date, confirmed the exchange of lands (between 2 perſons) that were held of his fee in Hales; which ſhews that it was the cuſtom for lords of manors, to confirm the purchaſes, before the ſtatute of *Quia*

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hals, ten. Aleſtan tein' Heroldi t. r. e. i car. t're. 7. xl ac. ſemp. viiii bord. 7. ii car. in d'nio. 7. i car. ho'm. 7. v ac. p'ti. ſilv. iii porc. tc. i. r. mo. ii. tc. i. an. mo. ii. tc. xiiii porc. mo. xxvi. tc. x. ov. 7. xiii libi. ho'es ſoca falde. 7 com'd. xl ac. tr'e. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. xl. Hic Aleſtan 7. com'davit ſe Alwino de Tedford, te'pe regis Willi. et ex hoc erat ſaiſit. quo' Rex Willi. dedit Rogo. t'ram illius ſ; hundr. n. vidit breve vel liberatorem qui daret Alwino. tota Hals ht. xv q'rantenas et xii perticas et vi quarentenas in lato 7. reddit octo denarios de gelto.

[b] T're. Rad. Bainardi—In Hals, i lib. ho. Stigandi Toka, francigin. xxx ac. t're. tc. iii vill. mo. ii. ſep. i car. 7. iii ac. p'ti. mo. xii por. 7. lx. ov. 7. xii libi. ho'es ſub ſe ſoca falde. 7. com'd. 7. mo. st. x. 7. ht. xli ac. tr'e. ſep. i car. 7 dim. 7. iii ac. p'ti. et ii libi. ho'es com'd. tantu' xviii ac. t're 7 dim. 7 dim. car. tc. i lib. ho. com'd. tantu. xxx ac. t're. 7. i bor. 7. i car. 7. i ac. p'ti. totu' val. tc. 7. p. xvii ſol. mo. xxx ſol.

Quia Emptores, &c. and ſealed with barry of 12, azure and or, on a canton, gules, a lion paſſant. Sir John de Hales was living, *ao.* 20, Edward III. and by Catharine, (after married to Roger de Welleſham) was father of John de Hales, who died *ſ. p. ao.* 43, Edward III. and held this lordſhip of the barony of Fitz-Walter.

In the 17 of Richard II. William, ſon of Edmund de Redeſham, of Kirkby Caam, conveyed by fine, to Sir Robert de Willoughby, Sir Miles Stapleton, John, ſon of Sir John de Norwich, &c. the manor of Hales-Hall in Loddon, one meſſuage, 4 carucates of land, 24 acres of meadow, 2 of wood, 20 of marſh, and 100*s.* rent, in Hales, Loddon, Kirkeby, with the advouſon of Hales-Hall chapel, purchaſed by John de Norwich in reverſion; Sir George Felbrigg of Tottington, holding two parts of the manor and lands, in right [*c*] (as I take it) of the widow of Edmund de Reediſham, then his wife, and Joan, widow of John de Hales, holding a 3d part in dower.

Sir Simon Felbrigg, in the 12 of Henry IV. recovered the manor of Hales-Hall by writ of *Novel Diſſeiſin*, againſt John Hotot, and held his firſt court on Tueſday next after the aſſumption of the bleſſed Virgin, and it was after ſettled on his two feoffees, Sir John Howard, and Sir John de Ingaldeſthorp, &c.

In the 19 of Henry VI. Nicholas Waleys and John Pewk, were querents in a fine, and Henry Walpole, and Margaret his wife, deforciants of 10*l.* rent. *per ann.* in Loddon-Hales manor, conveyed to Pewk; and in the 30 of that king, Hugh Croke, vicar of Hale, was a truſtee of Thomas Cleymonds, Eſq; deceaſed, late lord.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by Sir James Hobart, attorney general, and of the privy council to King Henry VII. of whom, and his anceſtors, ſee in Plumſtede *Parva*, in Blofield hundred. His benefactions and good works, teſtify his charity and generoſity; he reſided in his manor-houſe, here, which he built for the moſt part, (and died here,) with the elegant pariſh church of the Holy Trinity, at Loddon; alſo a fair bridge over the Waveney river, between Norfolk and Suffolk, called St. Olaves, or Tooley's bridge, † with a good cauſeway to it; contributed to the rebuilding of the council chamber in the Guild Hall of the city of Norwich, and to the noble arched ſtone roof of the cathedral church of Norwich. Sir Walter Hobart was his ſon and heir, and lord of this manor; ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, *ao.* 1, Henry VIII. in the 20 of that king, he ſettled this lordſhip, with that of Chatgrave, Lilleford's, Tilney in Norfolk, and others in Suffolk, as may be ſeen in Chatgrave, Loddon hundred, on Walter Hobart, Eſq; his ſon and heir. A pedigree of the eldeſt branch of the family I have here annexed.

HOBART'S PEDIGREE.

Thomas Hobart, Eſq;—
of Monks Illey, Suffolk. |

Sir James Hobart—Margaret, daughter of Peter Naunton
temp. Henry VII. | of Letheringham, Suffolk, Eſq.

1 Tho. H. of Layham in Suffolk.

1 Anne, daughter of Sir Hen.—Sir Walter Hobart,—Anne, daughter of John Ratcliff,
Heydon, of Norfolk. | | Lord Fitz-Walter.

Henry Hobart of Hales—Anne, daughter of Sir
Hall, Eſq; | John Fineaux, lord
| chief juſtice.

Walter Hobart of Morley, Eſq;

James Hobart,—Frances, daughter of Sir William
Eſq; lord in 1581. | Drury, of Hauſted, Suffolk.

Hen. Hobart, Eſq;—Margt. daughter of Thomas Rouſe, of Henham, Eſq;
|
Ant. Hobart, Eſq;—
|
James Hobart, Eſq;— Daughter of - - - Bell.

[*c*] Avice, firſt wife of Sir George, and relict of Edmund de Redeſham, was daughter and heir of Sir Ro-

James Hobart, Eſq; ſold it in the 12 of Charles I. to Henry Humberſtone, Eſq; (as is mentioned in Bigot's manor above) whoſe ſon William, is ſaid to have conveyed part of it to Francis Gardiner, Eſq; and part to the Lady Dionyſia Williamſon, relict of Sir Thomas Williamſon, baronet, of Markham *Magna* in Nottinghamſhire, daughter and heir of William Hales, Eſq; ſon of Richard Hales, Eſq; who was lady of this manor of Hales-Hall, in 1666, and reſided here; ſhe gave 4000*l.* to the rebuilding the church of St. Dunſtan in the eaſt, of London; to the rebuilding of St. Paul's cathedral, 2001*l.* and was a benefactreſs to the rebuilding of the church of St. Mary Le Bow, in London, giving 2000*l.* and at her death, left Hales-Hall to John Hoskins, Eſq; her nephew, (who was lord in 1687) with the impropriated rectory of Loddon.

[*d*] The abbot of St. Edmund of Bury, had a lordſhip which Frodo held of them at the ſurvey; 9 men, 2 of them were ſocmen, and 7 more, belonged to the abbot's lordſhip, and were under his protection only, held 64 acres in King Edward's reign, when there were 2 borderers and 5 freemen, with 6 acres; this was valued with Loddon.

[*e*] Frodo, alſo, held of the abbot one acre, of which 2 freemen were deprived; valued at 4*d.* Of this Frodo, &c. ſee in Loddon, which manor extended alſo into this town.

[*f*] Godric, the king's ſteward, held one acre and a half, out of which a freeman was ejected; this was granted to Godric on the forfeiture of Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, who had a moiety (as lord) of this freeman.

The tenths were 2*l.* 10*s.*——Deducted 10*s.*——Temporalities of St. Olaves 8*d.* and of Langley abbey 24*s.*

The church of Hales was a rectory, but granted in the 4 of Henry I. by Ralph de Chedgrave, and Emma his wife, to William, prior of St. Olaves, probably founder of that priory; and a vicar was appointed on its appropriation to that convent. It was dedicated to St. Margaret, and it appears by the regiſter of Langley abbey, that the prior and convent of St. Olaves [*g*] at Heringflete in Suffolk, were rectors of Hale, and had the tithe of 235 acres of land in Hale pariſh, belonging to Langley abbey, in exchange for 235 acres of land in Loddon and Heckingham, belonging to the priory of St. Olaves.

In the reign of Edward I. the rectory was valued at 11 marks, and the vicarage at 40*s.* the vicar had then a manſe with 30 acres of land. Peter-pence 18*d.* Carvage 12*d. ob.*

VICARS.

In 1317, Adam de Blofield was inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior of St. Olaves, and nominated by the biſhop of Norwich.——1326, John de Carlethorp, ditto.——1333, Roger de Petengraunt, ditto.——1337, Adam de Bergh, ditto.——1349, John Le Neve, ditto.——1366, William Warren, ditto.——1366, John Stalworth, ditto.——1377, Peter de Wynch, ditto.——1382, Roger Calf, ditto.——1382, John Wandeford, ditto.——1391, Simon Bangot, ditto.——1391, John Bradock, ditto.——1395, John Smith, ditto.——1397. Henry Welden, ditto.——1397. Thomas Coyte, ditto.——1398, Richard Bytering, ditto.——1403, Richard Bangoot, ditto.——1403, John Ouſnell, ditto.——1404, Walter Jakes, ditto.——1413, William Norwich, ditto.——1417, Thomas Smith, ditto.

In 1458, Hugh Croke occurs vicar.

In 1503, I find it ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate, for 5*l.* *per ann.* and he then returned 45 communicants, John Hill being the impropriator; and in 1742, the heirs of Mr. Peter Lawes.

Here

ger de Hales.

† Here was formerly a ferry over the river, in the king's gift, granted to Sir George Felbrigg for life, *ao.* 1, Henry IV. and the reverſion to Ralph Ramſey.

[*d*] Terra Abbatis de S'cto Edmundo—Hals, tenuer. ix ho'es de lxiiii ac. ii erant ſoc. 7. vii ſoca. 7 com'd. tantu' ſep. ii bor. 7. v libi. ho'es vi ac. hoc eſt in p'tio de Lodnes, 7 Frodo tenet de abb'e.

[*e*] In Hals, ii libi. ho'es i ac. val. iiii*d.* hoc tenet ide' Frodo.

[*f*] Terre Godrici Dapiferi.—In Hals dem lib. ho. i ac. 7 dim. 7 val. iiii*d.*

[*g*] Reg. Langley, ſol. 145.

Here was alſo a chapel at Hales Hall, belonging to the manor of the family of De Hales, dedicated to St. Andrew; this, with the hall, ſtood in the pariſh of Loddon, [*b*] and in 1287, it is ſaid to ſtand in the manor of Wrantiſhagh, belonging to Sir Roger de Hales, in Loddon pariſh, and leave was then granted to him, that he might inſtitute the chaplains of it, by the conceſſion and grant of the abbot of Langley, rectors of the church of Loddon, and of John de Feryby, official to William, biſhop of Norwich, the ſaid Sir Roger and his heirs granting to the chaplains all the obventions and oblations, with the ſmall tithes of his court, and that the ſervant, of him and his heirs having their habitations in the pariſh of Loddon, ſhall pay to the mother church of Loddon, the oblations accuſtomed, and ſhall receive the ſacraments there. And the chaplains adminiſtring in the ſaid chapel, were to pay yearly to the ſaid mother church, in acknowledgement of ſubjection, all the oblations and obventions given on Eaſter-day, and St. Andrew's day, and two wax candles of a pound of wax, on Trinity Sunday, and to give ſecurity to the vicars of Loddon, for the time being, that they ſhould not ſay any anniverſaries, trentals, or any maſſes for any pariſhioners of Loddon.

In 1331, Sir John de Hales was patron, and in 1349; and John, ſon and heir of Sir John, in 1361.

Alexander de Hales, ſtiled Doctor Irrefragabilis, who died in 1245, was born here.——Hales, Haleſworth, Haleſtead, Aleſham and Aylesford, ſo called, as near to ſome river or water.

HECKINGHAM.

GODRIC, the Conqueror's ſteward, had the grant of the principal lordſhip in in this town, held by Hagan, under Stigand, the archbiſhop, in the reign of the Confeſſor, with 4 carucates of land, 6 villains, 6 borderers, and one ſervus; [*a*] there was alſo one carucate in demean, &c. and 2 carucates of the tenants, &c. 10 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, a marſh, 60 ſheep, &c. 4 cows, &c. with a church, endowed with 8 acres. Roger Bigot claimed 30 acres of land out of this lordſhip, belonging to Aleſtan's manor in Hales, (which Roger had the grant of.) Seventeen free men had alſo a carucate, with another that was held by commendation only, and 4 carucates of meadow. Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, added to this lordſhip, in the [*b*] time of King William, 8 free men who had a carucate of land, and 2 borderers; and there were 6 free men under them with 12 acres of land, and 4 carucates of meadow. In King Edward's time, the whole was valued at 20*s*. at the ſurvey, at 60*s*. and what the free men held, at 30*s*.—The town was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs wide, and paid 12*d*. gelt.

LANGLEY-ABBY MANOR.

ON the death of Godric, it ſeems to have come again into the crown, and was granted to the Earl Warren, and a family that took their name from the town, was enfeoffed of it, and held it of the Earl Warren.

In the 10 of Richard I. William de Rochawe, who took his name from an hamlet in this town, ſurrendered by fine, to Baldwin, ſon of William, ſon of Adeſtan de Hekingham, 15 acres of land; and in the 5 of King John, Alan de Hekingham was lord, and Herbert de Rochage conveyed lands to him by fine. It appears from the regiſter of Langley abby that Alan gave to Simon de Blaveney, with Muriel his daughter,

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[*b*] Lib. Inſtit. Norw. 4.—Reg. Abbat. de Langley.

[*a*] Terre Godrici Dapiferi—Heckingham tenuit Hagana de Stigando t. r. e. iiii car. t're. ſemp. vi villi 7. vi bord. 7. i ſerv. tc. i car. in d'nio. mo. ii. tc. ii car. hom. mo. i. 7. ii car. poſſent fieri. x ac. p'ti. ſilva iiii porc. ſemp. i molin. mareſc. lx ovs. tc. i runc. mo. ii. mo. iiii an. 7. xx porc. 7. i ecclia. viii ac. ex. h. xxx ac. t're. calumpniatr. R. Bigot ad feudu' Aleſtani. 7. xvii libi. ho'es i car. i car. t're. com'd. tantu' tc. iiii car. mo. iii. 7. iii ac. p'ti. Huic manerio addidit R. com. viii lib'os ho'es t. r. Will'mi. 7. 'h'nt. i car. t're. 7 ii bord. 7. vi libi. ho'es ſub illis xii ac. tc. 7. p. iiii car. mo. iii. vii ac. p'ti. maneriu' val. tc. xx ſol. mo. lx. 7 libi. ho'es xxx ſol. tot. ht. i leug. in longo. 7. viii qr. in lato 7. xii*d*. de gelto.

[*b*] Ralph, the earl, had firſt the grant of this manor, and on his forfeiture, Godric.

[*c*] Reg. Abb. Langl. fol. 63, 107

ter, in marriage, this lordſhip, and they ſold to Sir Roger de Thurkelby, (an itinerant judge) 50 acres, part of it, with the ſervices of ſeveral tenants in this town, Hales, Norton, &c. and Sir Roger had a grant of free warrant in the 29 of Henry III. Alan, alſo, ſold to Sir William Roſcelyn, and Lætitia his wife, the advouſon of this church; this Lætitia, in her widowhood, gave it to Langley abbey; ſhe after married Sir Roger de Thurkelby; and in 1289, from an extent then made of the manor of Hekingham, which the abbot held of the gift of Sir Roger, with the appropriate rectory and advouſon; and the tithe of wheat was then eſteemed, one year with another, at ten combs, each comb valued at 2*s.*——Meſling, 20 comb, at 18*d.* per comb.——Peaſe, 10 comb, at 18*d.* per comb.——Oats, 2 comb, at 12*d.* per comb.——Sixſcore comb of barley, at 18*d.* per comb.——The manor-houſe contained 11 acres, with the out ditches, mote, &c. Apples in the orchard, valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* the mill, 9*s.* there was a great pond of 3 acres, coney-garth and bromeyard, liberty of a free bull and boar in ſummer, with pleas and perquiſites of court, reliefs, wards, &c. Lands in ſeveral fields, 9 ſcore and 2 acres, 17 perches, by the perch of 18 feet and half, with paſtures, meadow, marſh ground, &c.

In the 9 of Edward II. the abbot held one fee of the Earl Warren, which William de Agia, and Olive de Rokehagh, Simon de Blaveny, &c. held formerly.

The abbot's temporals in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* *ob.*

At the diſſolution it was granted, Auguſt 16, *ao.* 32 Henry VIII. to Thomas Godſalve, Eſq;

Here was a controverſia, but *ſans* date, between the abbot, &c. of Langley, rectors of this church, and Ralph le Butiler, rector of Raveningham, about tithes; and it was agreed, that Ralph and his ſucceſſors ſhould have the tithe of 12 acres and ½, in Raveningham, and the abbot of 12 acres here, butted, &c.——*Langley Regr. fol.* 68.——Ralph was living in 1290.

Simon de Blaveny, and Muriel his wife, daughter of Alan de Heckingham, granted [*d*] other lands with a marſh, parcel of the manor of Alan, to William de Vernun, and Robert de Vernun of Hales and Lodne; which Robert granted to the abbot aforeſaid, the homage of Sir Roger, ſon of Sir Walter de Hales, and aſſigned the ſaid Sir Roger to pay to the convent 15*d.* *per ann.* rent, for the whole meſſuage of the chapel of St. Andrew, of Hales, and lands which he and Alice his wife held of him, with other lands, in the 16 of Edward I.——Witneſſes, William de Agia, Roger de Raveningham, &c.

Sir William de Roſcelyn, Sir Thomas and Sir Peter his ſon, had an intereſt herein, as had John, ſon of Ralph de Erlham, and Nicholaa his wife, who gave lands to the abby of Langley, in the reign of Henry III. She was daughter of Elias Druri of Heckingham.

In the 42 of Edward III William Bergh died, and had a part of a fee.

† Joan Ward died poſſeſſed of a lordſhip, as by her will in 1464.

Thomas Denney was lord of a manor in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and had licenſe, December 1, *ao.* 6 of James I. to alien it to Thomas Fiſke, who in the 14 of King Charles I. conveyed it to William Coppin, gent.

Roger Bigot had the grant of 26 acres, with a borderer and an acre of meadow, which a free man poſſeſſed in the time of the Confeſſor, when [*e*] there was half a carucate. Turold held this of Roger, and it was valued at 16*d.*

Roger had alſo 30 acres of land given him, which Bondo a free man was deprived of, belonging to Ulchetell's fee, who had by commendation, a moiety of him, in the reign of King Edward, and in right of his wife, the whole commendation; Godric, the Conqueror's ſteward, claimed him, on the forfeiture of Ralph, Earl of Norfolk; and the hundred witneſſes that he performed ſervices to Godric, but know not, by what right; there belonged to it alſo, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow; valued in the whole, at 4*s.*

[*d*] Reg. Langley Abb. f. 63, 69, 106.

† Reg. Broſyard Norw.

[*e*] Terra Rogeri Bigoti–Hechingheham, tenet Turold. de Rogero quod tenuit lib. ho. t'pore E. xxvi ac. 7. i bord. 7. i ac. p'ti. tnc. dimid. car. mo. nulla. ſed poteſt reſtaurari et val. xvi denarios.

In Hethingham, i lib, ho. Bondo xxx ac. t're que' ten. Rog. ad feudu' Ulchetelli. ſ; ipſe Ulchetel habuit dimid. com'dationem de illo t'pore regis E. et de uxore tota. com'dationem, et Godri. dapifer eu' calumpniatr. quod eu' tenuit quand. Radulf. Comes forisfecit et hund. teſtatr. quod ſerviebat Godrico, ſed neſciunt quo modo, et habet ſep. i caruca' et ii ac. p'ti. val. iiii ſol.

The families of De Loddon, and De Hales, ſeem to have ſome intereſt here. In the 7th of Edward I. John de Gernemuth had free warren here, in Norton and Loddon. In the 12th of that king, William, ſon of Sir John de Loddon, confirmed to Thomas Wyth of Yarmouth, a marſh and a ſuncary, called Lam-Holm, after the deceaſe of the lady Alice de Quitwell, widow of Sir John his father.

John de Heckington, in the 29th of the ſaid reign, was querent in a fine, and Warin de Hulmo deforciant of lands here, in Norton, and Raveningham.

In the 9th of Edward II. the abbot of Langley and Robert Hales, were returned to be lords of this town.

Roger had [f] another ſmall fee held of him at the ſurvey, by Robert de Vaux, out of which a freeman of Stigand, the arch-biſhop, was ejected, there belonged to it 30 acres, with 2 borderers, and two freemen held of him 3 acres and an half, and there was half a carucate valued at 4*s.*

The church was a rectory, and is dedicated to St. Gregory, in the 9th of Henry III. a fine was levied before Martin de Pateſhull, *&c.* the king's juſtices, between William, ſon of Roſcelyne, and Lecia his wife, petents, and Alan de Heckingham, deforciants, [g] of the advouſon of this church, purchaſed by them, and the heirs of Lecia, who afterwards gave it by deed *s. d.* to the abby of Langley. Sir Thomas, her ſon, releaſed all his right herein, in the 54th of that king, as did William, ſon of Adam de Heckingham in the 24th of Henry III. to the ſaid convent, and they covenanted to receive him and his heirs into all prayers and benefactions to be made in that abby; it was after appropriated to that abby, and a vicarage ſettled. In the reign of Edward I. the abbot and convent, as rector, had a manſe and two carucates of land, and it was valued at 8 marks, the vicarage at 40*s.* in the patronage of the abbot, peter-pence 12*d.* carvage 4*d. ob.*

VICARS.

In 1328, Paul de Oxwich, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the abbot, *&c.*——1348. John Grym, ditto.——1349. Thomas Bec, ditto.——1360. Hugh de Conteſthorp, ditto.—— ----. John Deneys, vicar.——1370. Richard Hiket, ditto.

William Tale occurs vicar *A°.* 38 Henry VI.

At the diſſolution of the abby, the rectory, and patronage of the vicarage came to the crown, and in 1603, the church was ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate, Bryan Ward, who returned 59 communicants.

On February 19, *A°.* 16 Elizabeth, the rectory was granted to Bernard Gylpin and Chriſtopher Fenton, with the rectory of Tweight.

Charles Rigges was inſtituted vicar in 1627, preſented by the king, but in 1748, it was ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate, nominated by the heirs of Mr. Peter Lawes.

The church has a nave, and a ſouth iſle, with a chancel antique, turned round at the eaſt end, and a round tower with 2 bells.

In the nave a graveſtone, *In memory of John Crowe, Gent: who died in* 1663, and in the ſouth iſle, one, *In memory of William Mingay, Gent: who died in* 1713, with his arms—or, on a bend azure, 3 leopards faces, argent; and in a window of the ſaid iſle, the arms of Erpingham—Cliſton—cheque, argent and ſable, on a bend, gules, 3 oaken leaves proper—gules on a chevron argent, 3 trefoils ſlipt, of the firſt, impaling Erpingham—alſo impaling Cliſton.

Heck ſeems to be the name of a rivulet—Heckford in Hampſhire and Norfolk; Heckmondwyke in Yorkſhire, Heckington in Lincolnſhire, *&c.*

(*f*) In Ekingham, i lib. ho. Stigandi xxx ac. m°. tenet Rotb. de Walls 7 ii bor. 7 ii lib. ho'es ſub eo iii ac. 7 dim. ſemp. dim. car. 7 val. iiii ſol.

(*g*) Reg. abbot. Langley, fo. 53.

HOWE.

THIS village, now accounted part of the hundred of Clavering, was part of the hundred of Henſted, [a] at the grand ſurvey; where we find this account of it. Alnoht, a freeman of arch-biſhop Stigand, was lord in king Edward's reign, and on his deprivation the Conqueror ſeized on it, and Godric his ſteward took care of it for him. In Alnoht's time, there was one carucate of land, with 12 villains, and one borderer, and 6 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, paunage for 40 ſwine, and 2 acres of meadow, 4 cows, *&c.* with 80 ſheep, valued then at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 60*s.* was 6 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.

It remained in the crown till King William II. gave it to William de Albini his butler, anceſtor of the earls of Arundel.

A family took their name from this town, (being lords of it) according to the cuſtom of former ages, and was enfeoffed thereof by William de Albini.

In the 9th of king John, Roger de Hoo enjoyed it, and then paid 10 marks for the king's favour, and his land that was ſeized for beating the king's ſervants; Ralph de Hoo was living in the 34th of Henry III. and in the 44th Miles, ſon of Ralph, conveyed by fine a meſſuage, 80 acres of land, 10 of wood, one of meadow, with a moiety of the advouſon of the church of Hoo, to John de Hoo, who re-granted it to Miles.

John de Syſeland, parſon of a moiety of this church, as a truſtee, ſettled the manor of Howe, on Ralph, ſon of Miles de How, and Joan his wife, in the 34th of Edward I. and in the 20th of Edward II. Miles de How, ſon of Ralph, grants his intereſt herein to Edward Roſe of Yarmouth, William March of Stanhowe, and Walter, ſon of Ralph de Bintre, with the reverſion of what Nicholas Hovell, and Joan his mother held in joynture for life; and ſoon after, the ſaid Edward, William, and Walter, grant it to Sir Walter de Norwich, and Catherine his wife. Sir Walter is ſaid, in the 3d of Edward III. to hold it by ſuit of court, of the manor of Wymondham, then valued at 6*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*

Sir John de Norwich, ſon and heir of Sir Walter, was lord and patron in the 4th of Edward III.

Sir John de Norwich, in 31ſt of Edward III. had a charter of free warren, and in the 47th of that king, conveyed it to his feeoffes, Sir John de Plays, *&c.* to ſettle it on his college of Mettingham in Suffolk, and in the 49th was ſettled by the lady Catherine de Brews, couſin and heir of Sir John, and the ſaid truſtees accordingly.

On the 14th of April, *A°.* 33d of Henry VIII. the king granted this manor belonging to Mettingham college, to Sir Anthony Denny, one of his privy council, who died poſſeſſed of it, as appears by his will, dated March 10, *A°.* 3, of Edward VI. leaving Joan his wife, Henry his eldeſt ſon being 9 years old, and Anthony, Charles, and Edward, younger ſons, alſo lord of Mettingham-caſtle, the manors of Ilketeſhale, Bramford, Sibeton, Wenhaſton, in Suffolk, *&c.*

In 1571, Anthony Denny, Eſq; was lord, and William Denny in the 21ſt of James I. By an inquiſition taken at Thetford, September 5, on the death of John Denny, Eſq; he was found to die ſeiſed of it May 2, *A°.* 13, Charles I. and the advouſon held of the king in capite, and Edward was his ſon and heir, (by Anne his wife) aged 13.

BURY-ABBY MANOR.

ANOTHER lordſhip in this town belonged to the abbey of Bury, and was part of the great manor of Lodne, which extended here. Baldwin, abbot of Bury, who lived in the reign of the Conqueror, enfeoffed Frodo his brother, of

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(*a*) Heineſte hundr.—Hou tenuit Alnoht, i lib. ho. Stigandj, archiepi. t. r. e. p. i car. tre. tc. xii vill. 7 p. xi 7 m°. ſimilit'. ſemp. i bord. tc. vi ſer. p. 7 m°. iii tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. 7 m°. i ſep. iii car. hou: ſilva, XL porc. 7 ii. ac. pti. ſep. iiii an. 7 XLI porc. 7 LXXX ov. tc. val. XL ſol. p. 7 m°. LX Hou. ht, vi quar. in longo, 7 iiii in lato, et de gelt xii*d.*

of it, *&c.* and Goſceline de Lodne held it under Frodo. In this family it continued 'till Goſceline de Lodne, a deſcendant of the aforeſaid Goſceline, dying without iſſue, his inheritance was divided among his 5 ſiſters, and coheirs, (as may be ſeen at large in Loddon) and this lordſhip, on a diviſion, came to Emma, the fourth ſiſter and coheir, who married Ralph de How, and was father of Reyner, who left 2 ſons, Ralph and William; Ralph gave his part or moiety to his brother William, who was father of John de How, who in the 50th of Henry III. granted by fine to Magdalen, prioreſs of Carhoe, by Norwich, the advouſon of a moiety of the church of St. Mary in this town.

Sir Richard de Boyland, the judge, and Maud his wife, purchaſed of - - - - - de Howe, in the 14th of Edward I. this manor, with lands, *&c.* in Shoteſham, Framingham, and John de Boyland held it in the 9th of Edward II. and in the 4th of Henry IV. the abbot of Bury had a quarter of a fee, called Boyland's. Sir William de Norwich ſeems to be lord, and ſo was united to the other manor, and came to the Denny's.

The tenths were 3*l.* 2*s.*—Deducted 1*l.*

The church of Howe is dedicated to St. Mary, and formerly conſiſted of 2 medieties, or rectories; one belonged to the manor of How, of the Arundel fee, the other, to Bury abby fee: Ralph de How was lord and patron of the Arundel fee in the 34th of Henry III. and Miles his ſon in the 44th of that king.

In the reign of Edward I. Sir Ralph de Howe was patron, when this mediety was taxed at 6 marks and a half, and the rector had a manſe with 30 acres of land: the peter-pence were 12*d.* carvage 6*d. ob.*

After this, Miles Howe, ſon of Sir Ralph, was lord and patron, and granted it to Sir Walter de Norwich; and Sir Walter de Norwich was lord in the 3d of Edward III.

RECTORS.

In 1322, Robert de Fuldene, by Richard Hovell and Joan his wife, and Lettice de Lodne.———1323. John de Thirſton, by ditto.———1328. Goſceline de Bintre, by ditto.———1349. Robert de Harpele, by Sir John de Norwich.——— 1376. John Rumburgh, by Margaret relict of Sir William de Norwich.——— 1385. Roger Attewell, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

Sir John de How, lord and patron of the other mediety, or Bury fee, granted the advouſon by fine *A°.* 50, Henry III. to the priory of Carhow, and that priory had the patronage in the reign of Edward I. when it was taxed at 6 marks and a half, and the rector had a manſe, and 30 acres of land.

In 1306, John de Siſland occurs rector.———1313. Mr. William of St. Faiths, by the prioreſs of Carhow.———1318. Walter de Thirſton, ditto.———1325. Mr. Robert de Curſon, ditto.——— - - - -. William de Brokkeley, rector.——— 1346. John Smert, ditto.———1351. Thomas de Melborn, ditto.———1352. Robert le Zonge, ditto.———1352. John de Steyneſton, ditto.———1355. Roger Perbroun, ditto.———1358. John Clerk, ditto.———1360. Thomas Whiting, ditto.———1361. Shep. Gilbert, ditto.———1365. Step. Kimberle, ditto.——— 1365. Hugh de Thame, ditto.———1366. Walter de Helbeck, ditto.———1375. John de Standen, ditto,———1376. William de Alleſton, ditto.———1405. John de Rumburgh, ditto: both the rectories were at this time conſolidated.

In 1603, John Gaſcoyn was rector, and returned 63 communicants, and the patronage was in John Denny, Eſq; who was ſucceeded by Thomas Plombe, rector.

John Eyre, *A. M.* inſtituted 1684, preſented by the king, on a lapſe.

Nathaniel Wadeſworth died rector 1728, and Joſeph Brett, then preſented by the lady Elizabeth Haſtings: Brett reſigned in the ſaid year.

Charles Wadſworth was preſented by ditto.

The preſent valor is 13*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

The church is a ſingle pile and a chancel, both covered with tiles, and has a round tower with one bell.

In the church were the lights of the crucifix, and St. Mary.

How, ſignifies a riſing ground, or a hill, as Houghton, Hougham.

KIRKEBY-KAM.

THE principal manor in this town was in the abby of St. Edmund of Bury, to which it was given by Algiva, queen of England, mother of Edward the Confeſſor. It is to be obſerved here, that Emma is by hiſtorians generally called this king's mother, who firſt married Etheldred, King of England, [a] by whom ſhe had King Edward, and afterwards married Canute, King of England, &c. the Saxon chronicle calls her Ælgiva Ymma, and it is probable that ſhe gave it about the year 1020, when King Canute, her lord, was a great benefactor to that abby.

The ſaid abby held it at the grand ſurvey, and Rafrid [b] of the abbot, with 2 carucates of land, a villain and eleven borderers; there were 2 carucates in demean, 5 carucates among the tenants, and 14 acres of meadow, paunage for 6 ſwine, the moiety of a mill, &c. a church endowed with 20 acres in free alms, and 2 parts of a church endowed with 14 acres; 4 runci belonged to the lordſhip, 4 cows, &c. and 100 ſheep. There were alſo 4 freemen with 3 carucates of land, and 4 carucates and an half, and 3 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* but at the ſurvey at 6*l.* and the 20 acres of the church at 20*d.*—It was nine furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 10*d.* ½ gelt.

Rafrid was ſucceeded by Godebald de Kirkebia, moſt likely his ſon, to whom Anſelm, abbot of St. Edmund's Bury, granted this lordſhip with all its appertenances, and to his heirs, to be held by one fee, *ſans date*; witneſſes, Gilbert Blound, Robert de Wridwell, Oſward de Thuſton, Ralph de Lodnes, Richard de Cadomo, and this grant was confirmed by the letters patent of Henry I.

HENRICUS REX Anglie, &c. Epiſco. Norwic. Sciatis ME conceſſiſſe Godeboldo de Churchebey terram de Chirebeiam cum ſoca, et ſaca, &c. Teſt. A. Linc. Eſpico. Galfrido Cancell. Auberio de Vere, Robto. filio Walteri, Gilb. de Blund, &c.

It appears that this king's grant was in the ſingular number *Me conceſſiſſe*, and not *Nos*.

William, ſon of Godebold held it temp. King Stephen.

In the 8th of Richard I. a fine was levied between Sampſon, abbot of Bury, and Alexander, ſon of Gobald, before Hubt. arch-biſhop of Canterbury, William de Sca. Maria church, Mr. Thomas de Huſſeborn, Simon de Pateſhull, Richard Heriet, Oger, ſon of Oger, the king's juſtices; whereby Alexander agrees to pay 20*s.* when the ſcutage for one fee was ſo taxed, and to do full wardſhip to Norwich caſtle. This Alexander left a daughter and heir, Mary, married firſt to Gilbert de Norfolk, and after to Walter de Cam; Robert de Norfolk, her ſon, releaſed to her, and Walter † her huſband, in the 3d of Henry III. all his right in his land here, by fine,

After this, the lordſhip ſeems to have been divided, and in the 52d of Henry III. Richard de Thwait, and William de Stockton granted by fine their intereſt in the advouſon of this church, to Richard de Cadomo, or de Caam, who gave that name (as lord) to this town.

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(a) Reg. Bury, Pincebek, fol. 323.——Chron. Saxon, 156. p.

(b) Terra Abbatis de Sco. Edmundo.——Kercheby tenet Refrid. de abbe qd. tenuit. s. e. t. r. e. p. ii car. tre. ſep. i vill. 7 xi bor. tc. ii car. in dnio. m°. iii ſep, v car. hom. xiiii ac. pti. ſilva vi porc. tc. dim. mol m°. i 7 dim. Ecclie. xx ac. in elemoſina. 7 ii part. uni. ecclie. de xiiii. ac. In dnio. iiii runc. iiii an. xv porc. c. ov. 7 iiii lib. hoes. iii car. tre. 7 iiii car. 7 dim. 7 iii ac. pti. tc. val. xl ſol. m°. vi. lib. Ecclie, xx ac. val. xx*d.* 7 ht. ix qr. in long. 7 v in lat. 7 de g. x*d.* 7 *ob.*

† This Walter and Mary his wife, by deed *ſans date*, releaſed to Roger de Thwait the 3 part of a fee here, and the 3d part of a marl-pit, &c.

This Richard was deſcended from Richard de Cadomo, who was living, as is above ſhewn, in the time of King Henry I. and was father of Walter de Cam. King Henry II. in his 30 year, granted to ------, ſon of Thomas Fitz-Bernard, the cuſtody of Mary, the daughter of Walter de Cam, with Wabrigg, (ſhe being 5 years old, [*c*] and in the cuſtody of the wife of the late Thomas Fitz-Bernard:) this Walter had a younger brother, Richard, who was living about the ſame time, and father of Walter de Cam, who married Mary, daughter and heir of Walter aforeſaid; and in the reign of King John, this Walter, and Mary his wife, let to Thomas de Longville, a mill in this town, that ſhe had by inheritance; alſo a lordſhip here, as appears from her deed, *ſans* date, whereby ſhe confirmed to perſons, lands held of her anceſtors, not to be aliened by them, without her conſent; and they held it by the 3d part of a fee.

Sir Richard de Cam was their ſon, and inherited this lordſhip, who lived in the 52 of Henry III. and married Maud, ſiſter of Adam de Mendham; and died about the year 1286, when he made his laſt will.

Walter de Cam, his ſon and heir, ſucceeded, was lord in 1287, and in the 22 of Edward I. he and Conſtance his wife, were living in the 31, and did homage to the abbot of Bury. This Walter, in the 15 of Edward II. ſold this manor to Roger Gavel, a burgeſs of Great Yarmouth, and Conſtance, his wife, (probably Walter's daughter;) in the following year, Richard, the ſecond ſon of Walter de Cam, releaſed to Roger and his wife, all his right; and in the 19, reciting, That whereas the ſaid Roger and his wife, were to pay to him an annuity of 20*s.* and to provide him a new robe every winter, he had releaſed the ſame to them.

John, eldeſt ſon and heir of Walter, impleaded Roger Gavel, in the 49 of Edward II. but it appearing that he had alſo releaſed his right, Roger kept poſſeſſion. One John de Cam was ſummoned to parliament in the 28, 32, &c. of Edward II. and was of the king's council.

Roger Gavel was ſon of John Gavel, living at Yarmouth, *ao.* 10, Edward I. ſon of Jeffrey Gavel, of the ſaid town, by Alice his wife, daughter of Richard Faſtolf; Roger was alſo lord of Mettingham in Suffolk, in the 5th of Edward III. and father of Edmund, by Conſtance his wife. Edmund was lord of Kirby in the 10 of Edward III. in the 17 of that king, he leaſed the manor of To-How's marſh in Thurverton, to Anſelm de Fordele, and William, his ſon, paying him 5*l. per ann.* and finding him and Mary his wife, diet at his table, &c. for 2 years.——Witneſſes, Barth. de Thorp, John de Jernemouth, Thomas Aleyn, John de Wytton, and Hugh de Kymberly, burgeſſes of Great Yarmouth. In the next year he was in rebellion againſt the king, riding about Suffolk with banners diſplayed, impriſoning and committing many murders, for which he was indicted before William de Shareſhull, &c. the king's juſtices, and after had a pardon under the broad ſeal, dated June 29, in the ſaid year.

Nicholas Gavel was his ſon and heir, by Mary his wife, and in the wardſhip of Nicholas de Wichingham, in the 25 of the ſaid king: he married Catherine, daughter and heir of ——— Myniot, and was lord of Myniot's manor in Kirkſted, in her right.

Robert Gavel was their ſon. Ellen Myniot, widow, mother of Catharine, wife of Nicholas Gavell, releaſed to him, *ao.* 18, Richard II. all her right in this manor and advouſon, which ſhe had of the gift of Nicholas, his father; and Catherine his mother was living in the 2d of Henry IV. then the wife of John Godfrey of Chedeſton in Suffolk. Robert, by his will, dated February 19, 1439, was buried in the chapel of St. Mary, on the north ſide of the chancel of this church; Maud, his wife, ſurvived him; her will was proved February 19, 1454.

Thomas ſucceeded his father Robert, was lord of this manor and of Kirkſted; [*d*] by his will, dated December 17, 1461, he orders his body to be buried at the door of the chapel of St. Mary in this church; appoints Henry, his ſon, and George, his brother, executors; which was proved January 28, 1462. Emma, his wife, was living in 1474.

[*c*] Rot. de D'nab; &c.

[*d*] Reg. Broſyd. Norw. Pt. 2 fol. 200.——Reg. Gelous Norw. Pt. 2 fol. 83. & Reg. Belings. Norw.

Henry Gavell, gent. inherited this lordſhip: by his will, dated Auguſt 30, 1474; he was buried in the chapel aforeſaid; he bequeaths to Anne, his wife, the manor of Kirby and Ellingham, as long as ſhe continues ſole, but if not, then an annuity of 10 marks *per ann.* and to his mother, Emma, 4 marks *per ann.*——Bartholomew, Robert, and Ellen his children mentioned, and proved January 12, following.

Bartholomew, ſon and heir of Henry, was father of Thomas Gavel, the laſt heir male of this family, and lord in the 12 of Henry VII. by Anne, his wife, daughter of Henry Everard, of Linſtead in Suffolk, he left 4 daughters and coheirs;——firſt Thomaſine, married to Leonard Copledike, Eſq; 2d, Dorothy, to Francis Clopton, of Liſton in Eſſex, Eſq; 3d, Eleanor, to John Bury, Eſq; of Worlingham in Suffolk; and 4th, Elizabeth, to John Cook, Eſq;

This Thomas, by his will, dated February 16, 1522, was buried in the [*e*] church of Kirkeby; and was proved Auguſt 9 following. To Thomaſine, his eldeſt daughter, he gives this lordſhip, who brought it by marriage † to Leonard Copledike, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir John Copledike, of Frampton in Lincolnſhire, and of Horham in Suffolk, by Margaret his wife, daughter of —— Heton. On the death of this Leonard, (by whom ſhe had a ſon and heir, John) ſhe re-married Edward Calthorp, Eſq; in 1525; and in the 22d of Henry VIII. this lordſhip and advouſon with 20 meſſuages, 400 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 300 of paſture, 12 of wood, and 40*s*. rent *per ann.* in this town, Elingham, Stockton, Geldeſton and Hale, were ſettled on the ſaid Edward and Thomaſine, for their lives; remainder to John Copledike, ſon of the ſaid Thomaſine, and his heirs. Thomaſine died in 1557.

Edward was ſon of Edward Calthorp, Eſq; of Ludham, and Anne his wife: in the 4 and 5th of Philip and Mary, he demiſed to John Copledike, Eſq; the ſcite of this manor, which he held for life by the courteſy of England, after the deceaſe of Thomaſine his wife; John paying to him 20*l*. *per ann.* in the hall of the ſaid houſe; Edward was alſo to have meat and drink for himſelf, and one ſervant, as often as he ſhall reſide there; and 2 chambers, one for his own the other for his ſervant's lodging; with convenient fewel, the keeping of 3 geldings or mares, in ſummer-time at graſs, in the winter in the ſtable, with hay, &c. and Edward to pay to John 10*l*. *per ann.* In 1557, he died, and was buried by his wife in the chancel of this church, his will being dated May 5, and proved November 5; gives to Edmund his ſon, all his goods; and to Mary, Grace, and Prudence, his daughters, legacies.

John Copledike was lord in the 6 of Elizabeth, and held it in capite of the caſtle of Norwich; he married, firſt Ellen, daughter and heir of John Woodhouſe, Eſq; and his 2d wife was Maud, daughter of John Highfield, Eſq; of Calais, who died *ſ. p.* by his firſt wife he left a daughter and ſole heir, Thomaſine, who married Humphrey Copledike, Eſq; of Hetherſet, 5th ſon of Sir John Copledike, of Harrington in Lincolnſhire. By an inquiſition taken *ao.* 36 of Elizabeth, the above ſaid John was found to die poſſeſſed of it, held of that queen, by knight's ſervice.

Humphrey had ſeveral children by his wife Thomaſine; but he ſold this lordſhip to Thomas Catelyn, of Lakenham by Norwich. The pedigree of this family is as follows.

CATE-

[*e*] Regiſt. Alablaſter Norw. fol. 3.

† This Leonard married, firſt ——, daughter of Simond Richmond, of Stradbrook in Suffolk, and widow of —— Bradock, and had iſſue by her.

CATELYN's PEDIGREE.

Richard Catelyn, Eſq;—Elizabeth.

Richard Catelyn, Eſq; ſerjeant at law.—Barbara, daughter of John Spencer, Eſq; of Rendleſham in Suffolk.

1 Rd. Catelyne Eſq; died *ao.* 43 Elizabeth.—Dionyſia, daughter of Thomas Marſh, Eſq; clerk of the ſtar-chamber.

2 Tho. Catelyne, Eſq; died in 1636.—Judith, daughter of Edw. Elrington, Eſq; died in 1615.

3 Ralph

Phil. Catelyne Eſq;—Dorothy, daughter of Lawrence, Eſq;

Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Houghton died 1630.—Rd. Catelyne, Eſq; died 1662.—Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Nevil, of Billingbere, in Berkſhire.

Robert Catelyne— daughter of ——Lark, of Lincolnſhire.

Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Houghton, Eſq;—Sir Nevill Catelyne—Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Bedingfeld.

Philip, *ſ. p.*

Richard Catelyn, Eſq; was ſheriff of Norwich, in 1531, and alderman of that city; by his will, dated Auguſt 28, 1556, he wills his body to be buried by his wife, in St. Peter's church of Norwich, and was buried there on November 3 following; his wife was buried there in Auguſt, 1555.

In 1553, he had a patent to bear theſe arms;——*p.* chevron, azure and or, 3 lions paſſant, guardant, in pale, counter changed; on a chief argent, as many ſnakes nowed, ſable, ſtinged gules.

Richard Catelyn, Eſq; was 5 ſon of Richard, by Elizabeth: in the 4 of Edward VI. he was autumn reader of Lincoln's Inn, ſerjeant at law May 19, *ao.* 1552; ſteward of the city of Norwich, and king and queen's ſerjeant, October 16, 1555; deputy lieutenant and juſtice of the peace, and one of the commiſſioners to try the rebels in the reign of queen Mary; he died before his father, in Auguſt, 1556, and was buried in the chancel of Huningham church in Norfolk, and was lord of Huningham Hall, and of Walſoken Popenhow in Norfolk. Barbara, his widow, erected a monument to his memory, which being after decayed, another was erected by Thomas, his 2d ſon.—He had 3 daughters: Ann, married to Thomas Derham, Eſq; of Weſt Derham; Elizabeth, to Thomas Townſend, Eſq; of Teſterton, and Lettice, to William Guybon of Fincham, Eſq;

Richard Catelyn, Eſq, firſt ſon of the ſerjeant, was lord of Wolverſton Hall in Suffolk, and died March 11th, *ao.* 43 Elizabeth; he married Dionyſia, daughter of Thomas Marſh, Eſq; and was father of Philip, who by Dorothy, daughter of - - - - Lawrence, Eſq; of - - - - - - in Cambridgeſhire, and Jane his wife, daughter of Sir John Pagrave, baronet, had Richard his ſon and heir; Richard had alſo by Dionyſia, a 2d ſon, Sir Nathaniel Catelyn, knight, recorder of Dublin in Ireland.

Philip, by Dorothy, was father of Richard, who, by———, daughter of——— Larke, of Lincolnſhire, had Philip his ſon, who died unmarried.

Thomas Catelyne, Eſq; 2d ſon of the ſerjeant, married Judith, daughter of Edward Ellington, of Theydon Bois in Eſſex, was lord of Wingfield Hall in Suffolk; in 1604, was lord of Haſtings Hall and Whitfoot-Hall in Irmingland, and he purchaſed of Humphrey Copledike, this lordſhip of Kirkby.

He died in 1636.

Richard Catelyn, Eſq; ſon of Thomas, married firſt Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Houghton, one of the judges of the king's bench; ſhe died *ſ. p.* his 2d wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Nevil, of Billingbere in Berkſhire, by whom ſhe had a ſon and heir, Sir Nevil, and Richard who died *ſ. p.* alſo Anne, who married Thomas Leman, gent. of Wenhaſton in Suffolk.——Dorothy, married to Leonard Gouch, gent. of Erſham in Norfolk;——Barbara, to Henry Mordaunt, of Congham, Eſq;——Elizabeth, who died ſingle.

Sir Nevil Catelyne was knighted by King Charles II. at Somerſet houſe, London, in 1662, lord of this town, and Wingfield-caſtle in Suffolk; he married, firſt—Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, of Darſham in Suffolk; and his 2d wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Houghton, of Ranworth, Eſq; and had children by both, who died young; his 3d wife was Mary, daughter of Sir William, and ſiſter of Sir Charles Blois, baronet, of Cockfield Hall in Yoxford, Suffolk, and of Grunſdeſburgh: Sir Nevil was buried in this church, on July ——, 1702.

She ſurvived Sir Nevil, and married Sir Charles Turner, of Warham in Norfolk, and were both living here in 1720; and Sir Charles was lord in 1740, and patron.

Rafrid (as has been obſerved) held, at the ſurvey, this lordſhip of the abbot of Bury, by one fee, and ſo did Godebald de Kirkeby, and Alexander his ſon; but after, this fee was divided and held by 3 different families; the family of De Cam held one 3d part; the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, had alſo an intereſt in another 3d part, which came to the Bigots, lords of Stockton. In the 14 of Edward I. Sir John Bigot, lord of Stockton, claimed view of frank pledge, aſſiſe, free warren, as his anceſtors had held of the abbot of Bury; this came to the Garneys, Delapoles, &c. as in Stockton.

Another 3d part was in Richard de Thwayt, who, with William de Stockton, granted by fine, in the 52 of Henry III. their intereſt in the advouſon of this church, to Richard de Cam; and Imania, widow of Richard de Thwayt, claimed an intereſt herein, in the 15 of Edward I.—William, ſon of Richard de la Grene, of Kirkeby, confirmed to Sir Richard de Cam, and Maud his wife, in the ſixth of Edward I. for 8 marks, all his lands in this town, Stockton, Hales, &c. with the ſervices, homages, rents, &c. except the capital meſſuage in Kirkeby.——Witneſs, John de Waleton, maſter of the hoſpital of St. Bartholomew, in London; this 3d part was thus united, and ſo came to Gavel's manor, &c. as above.

Ralph, Lord Bainard, was lord of a manor in this town. When *Domeſday* book was made, Ulmar, a free man of King Edward, held it with 30 acres of land; Robert, ſon of Corbun, laid claim to this land, and had livery; there belonged to it 2 borderers, one ſervus, 2 [*m*] carucates, and half a carucate of the tenants, &c. with 3 acres of meadow. There were alſo 8 free men belonging to the lord's fold, and under his protection, with 20 acres, and 2 carucates and half an acre of meadow; valued at the ſurvey at 40*ſ*. but before at 20*ſ*. It came to Bainard by an exchange.

By the forfeiture of the Lord Bainard, this came to the Lords Fitz-Walter, and was called Loot's or Lowt's fee, being held by John Loot, of the Lord Fitz-Walter, in the 3d of Henry III. Roger de Hales had an intereſt herein about the ſame time, and John de Hales in the 2d year of Edward III: this was ſoon after united to the abovementioned manors.

About 1266, William de Wendling had a meſſuage, &c. with ſeveral rents, ſervices, here, in Raveningham, &c. which Philip Loot had conveyed to him, and William gave them to the canon of Langley, and were confirmed by Robert, Lord Fitz-Walter. Henry Walpole held this Lowt's-fee, and owed to the abbot of Langley in the 12 of Henry VI. 10*l*. 4*ſ*. 2*d*. arrears of rent for the land and tenements here, and in Stockton, formerly George Felbrigg's.

Euſtace, Earl of Bologne, in France, had alſo a lordſhip, of which Oſmund [*n*] a thane of Archbiſhop Stigand was deprived; Ralph de Beaufoe had an intereſt in it after Oſmund, but at the ſurvey, Warine held it under Euſtace.

In King Edward's time there was one carucate of land, and a borderer, with one carucate and 3 acres of meadow, &c. and 4 free men under commendation, with 15 acres and half a carucate, valued at 15*ſ*.

[*m*] T're. Rad. Bainardi.
In Kerkeby, i lib. ho. Regis E. xxx ac. nomine Ulmarus, hanc calumpniatr. R. fili. Corbutionis 7. ht. liberatorem ſep. ii bor. tc. i ſer. tc. ii car. p. 7 mo. i. tc. dim. car. hom. mo. ii bovs. ſilv. ii. por. iii ac. p'ti. 7. viii libi. ho'es ſoca falde, 7 com'd. xx. ſep. ii car. 7 dim. ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. xl. hoc. e. p. eſcang.

[*n*] T're. Comitis Euſtachii.—Kirkeby ten. i. Teinns Stigandi, Oſmund anteceſſor. R. de Belfago, t. r. e. i car. t're. mo. tenet Warin. i bord. tc. 7. p. i car. 7 iii ac. p'ti. ſilva iii por. 7. iiii libi. ho'es com'd. xv ac 7 dim. car. 7 valet xv ſol.

Warine was anceſtor of the family of De Meynwatine, of Cheſhire.

The temporalities of Bury abby here, in 1428, were valued at 11*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* of the prioreſs of Campſey 3*s.* 5*d.* *ob.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to All Saints, and the patronage belonged to the abbot of Bury's manor.

In the 14th of Henry III. Walter de Cam and Mary his wife, could not deny on an aſſiſe, but that Roger de Tweyt, and Roger de Stockton were parceners with them in the advouſon of this church, of the inheritance which was Alexander's, ſon of Godebald de Kirkeby, therefore they all preſented at this time, which proves that they had it by inheritance. In 1220, there was a compoſition between the monks of St. Ildevert, of Gurnay in France, and Maſter Walter, dean of Flegg hundred, of the tithe of ſome ſheafs of corn, out of the abbot's manor, held by Sir R. de Cam.

In the 52d of Henry III. Richard de Thwait and William de Stockton granted by fine the advouſon to Richard de Cam.

RECTORS.

In 1268, Laurence de Monteforti was inſtituted rector, preſented by Richard de Cam.

The rector in the reign of Edward I. had a houſe and a carucate of land, the valor was 15 marks, peter-pence 22*d.* carvage 9*d.*

1311. Walter de Hekyngham, by Walter de Cam: this Walter aliened to the rector 3 acres of land in the 7th of Edward II.———1326. John de Cam, by Roger Gavel.———1328. William de Merche, ditto.———1330. Roger Gavel, occurs rector.———1351. Robert de Weſton, by William de Wychingham, guardian of Nicholas Gavel.———1355. John Foucher, by ditto.———1361. Nicholas Batchelor, by ditto.———1378. William de Redham, by Nicholas Batchelor, of Wychingham, Sir Wythred of Denton, and John Bole, of Wodeton, Thomas Storme, of Blakeney, and Elen Myniot, † patrons.———1379. Nicholas Jacob, by Thomas Storme, and Elen Myniot, and John Wythred, chaplain. ———1389. Walter Gerard, by ditto.———1393. Thomas Buſk, by Robert Gavel.———1418. John Baſſyſſon, by ditto.———1420. John Vernon, ditto. ———1449. Robert Hare, by Thomas Gavel,———1497. Thomas Mortimer, by ditto.———1510. Thomas Grene, by ditto.———1540. Robert Hilton, by Edward Calthorp, Eſq; and Thomaſine his wife.———1565. Thomas Fell, by John Copledyke, Eſq;———1570. German Gardiner, by ditto.———1571. Robert Hill, by ditto———1579. Richard Daviſon, by ditto; in 1603, he returned 58 communicants.

1619. Thomas Potts, *A. M.* by Richard Catelyn, Eſq;———1646. John Watſon, by Richard Catelyne, Eſq; he wrote a book in octavo, called Memoirs of the Stuarts, printed at London in 1689, after his death; he was ejected during the rebellion.

1662. John Hardware, by Richard Catelyne, Eſq;———1690. William Randall, by Sir Nevil Catelyne.———1700. Abraham Baker, by ditto.

1733. Samuel Baker, by Sir Charles Turner, Kt.

In the chancel by the communion table are ſeveral graveſtones; one, *In memory of Mary daughter of Sir Robert Houghton, the firſt wife of Richard Catelyne, of Kirby Cane, Eſq; by whom ſhe had 2 ſons and 2 daughters; Thomas the eldeſt, a man of great hopes; at 21 was captain of a troop of horſe for king Charles I. and ſlain by the rebels at the 2d Newbury fight* 1644.—*Mary, the eldeſt daughter, married Edward Ward of Bixley, in Norfolk, Eſq; and died without iſſue; Robert and Judith died young; ſhe died in* 1633. *in the 45th year of her age.*

Another, *In memory of Judith, daughter of Edward Elrington, of Theydon Boys, in Eſſex, Eſq; and wife of Thomas Catelyne, Eſq; who dyed in* 1615.

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† Elen, widow of Myniot, re-married Thomas Storme.

Thomas Catelyne, Eſq; ſon of Richard Catelyne, of Honyngham, ſerjeant at law to king Philip and queen Mary: by his wife Judith, daughter of Edward Elrington, Eſq; &c. he had Richard Catelyne, of Kirby Cane, Eſq; and Thomas Catelyne, of Bloſield, Gent:—Barbara, mother of Robert Bendiſh, Eſq; and Judith, mother of Robert Houghton, Gent: he died in 1636.

Exuviæ viri plene memorabilis, Rici. Catelyn, Armigi. qui vitam exuit A°. Ætatis 79, *A°*. 1662.

Quod mortale fuit reliquum eſt Dorotheæ, Rici. Catelyn, Armigi. uxoris ex prænobili Nevillorum familiâ, in com. Berc. oriundæ, obt. 29 *Sept. A°. Ætatis* 67, *et A°*. 1672.

Thomas et Nevillus, filij Nevilli Catelyn, Equitis Aurati, et Dorotheæ conjugis redamatæ ex antiquâ familiâ de Bedingfeld, in agro Suffolc. oriundæ, infantes ambo, bimuli, heic præmaturam poſuerunt mortalitatem. Thomas in Anno Dni. 1662, *Nevillus A°*. 1663.

M. S. Elizab. Catelyne, cujus pars melior cum Deo, et ſemper fuit ſemperq; eſt futura, quæ dum mortalibus convixit nobis benignum nuper ſydus præluxit. Fratris verè germani Nevilli Catelyne, Equitis Aurati, ſoror; ſupra quam dici poteſt dilecta; cujus res domeſticas ad annos non paucos, ſummâ cum prudentiâ adminiſtravit.

Quam primæva in Deum pietas, piè profuſa in pauperes charitas. Intaminata in ſe caſtitas, probataq; in omnes relationes bonitas, opimæ famæ reddidere ſaturam. Cunctorum paſſim bonorum cum luctu denatam, puriore ævo vere dignam. Terræ parumper peregrinam, ſempiternam cæli piè credimus incolam. Obt. Feb. 5°. 1681. *Ætat. ſuæ.* 41.

Amoris nunquam intermorituri teſſellam hanc poſuit Nevillus Catelyn, Miles.

Radulphus filius natu tertius Richardi Catelyn, Armigi. et Dorotheæ uxoris ejus (ex prænobili Nevillorum familiâ) ætate quinquenni diem clauſit A°. Dni. 1645.

Againſt the north wall of the chancel was erected a little tomb of free-ſtone, which had an epitaph, many years paſt, thro' time obliterated; it was, *In memory of John Copledike, Eſq; who was here buried, April* 12, 1593, *who left Thomaſine, his daughter and co-heir.* On the weſt end of this tomb were the arms of Gavell, ſable, a chevron between 3 garbs, argent, with an impalement now obſcure.

On the body of the tomb, the ſingle ſhield of Copledike, argent, a chevron between 3 croſs croſſlets, gules:—Alſo Copledike, with his quarterings, 1ſt Gavell—2d a ſaltire, but obſcure—3d lozengy ermin and gules, Rockeley,—4th or, a chief gules, with a bend over all, azure, Harrington—5th azure, a ſaltire, between 4 croſs croſſlets, or, Friſkeny, impaling Woodhouſe of Kimberly:—Alſo Copledike, with his quarterings, impaling, azure, a chevron between 3 acrons ſlip'd, or, Hayfield. Copledike's creſt here is a goat's head, argent, iſſuing out of a coronet.

Beatam expectans reſurrectionem, ſub hoc marmore obdormit Gulielmus Randall, A. M. hujus eccleſiæ quondam rector, et benefactor. Probitate et amicitiâ clarus, et mirè conſtans, ſinceræ et non fucatæ pietatis exemplar. Matildam filiam Johs. Hawys, M. D. duxit, e quâ unicam filiam nomine Mariam reliquit. Obt. 13 *cal. Apr. Ætat.* 49, *A°. ſalutis* 1699.

Johs. Hardwar, rector hujus eccleſiæ, hic jacet in ſpe reſurrectionis, cælebs, obt. 21, *die Febr. A°. Ætat* 75, *ſalutis* 1689.

Here reſts Margaret, wife of Abraham Baker, rector, and three of their children; ſhe was daughter of the Rev. Mr. Pycroft, late rector of Ditchingham, and died March 20, 1717, *aged* 36.

Here lies the body of Anne, wife of John Chambers of Kirby Cane, Gent: who died Feb. 3, 1681.

Sir Nevill Catelyne is buried in a vault here, which he built ſeveral years before his death, which was in July 1702, alſo Mrs. Elizabeth Catelyne, his daughter, was here interred in 1685, as was Mrs. Philippa Culpeper in 1719.

In 1559, Thomas Hare, Gent: was here buried, and in 1557, Mrs. Thomaſine Calthorp.—Edmund, ſon of Edward Calthorp, Eſq; in 1567.—Mrs. Maud Copledike, wife of John Copledike, Eſq; in 1589.

In 1286, Sir Richard de Cam was here buried.

The preſent valor is 10*l.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

It is generally ſaid that towns beginning with Kirke, ſignifies that their ſcite is by ſome church, † but it rather is a compound word, and wrote, as in *Domeſday*, Ker, Che, or Ke: Kerkſtead is wrote Ker-cheſs-ſtead, Ches, or Che, ſignifies always water, and Ker, is the ſame as Car; thus Carbroke is wrote Cherebroc, and ſets forth a clear water, as Kercheby does a dwelling by clear water.

KIRKSTED.

See in Langhale, Loddon hundred.

NORTON-SOUPECORS.

A free man who was under the protection of the abbot of Bury, [*a*] and had 30 acres of land, with a carucate and an acre of meadow, and 9 freemen held under him 20 acres; at the ſurvey Goſcelin poſſeſſed it as a moiety of a carucate, valued at 5*s.* the ſoc of theſe 9 freemen was in the king, and the earl of Norfolk; here was a church endowed with 20 acres of free land, alſo a freeman in King Edward's time with 8 acres of land and 2 bovates, under protection, valued at 12*d.*

Goſceline [*b*] abovementioned was alſo lord of Loddon, and aſſumed his name from that town; the laſt of this family of De Loddon dying without iſſue male, his inheritance came to his 3 ſiſters and coheirs; Amicia, one of them, marrying William de Beauchamp, had an intereſt herein, and his deſcendant, John de Beauchamp, of Fiſhyde, granted in the 7th of Edward II. to Simon de Hederſet and Cecilia his wife, the advouſon of this church, which came to him by heirſhip, on the death of his father, Roger de Beauchamp.

Goſceline de Lodnes, as the regiſter of Bury teſtifies, was enfeoffed of one carucate of land, 5 villains, and 5 borderers, by abbot Baldwin, in the reign of the Conqueror; and in the 8th of Richard I. a fine was levied between Sampſon, abbot of Bury, and Ernald de Charnels, of a manor in Norton-Subcroſs, which he then acknowledged to hold of the abbot, with thoſe of Ellingham, Quidenham and Thurton, by one fee, and by caſtle-guard to Norwich.

In the 20th of Henry III. Roger de Hales, Ralph de How, Edward Charles, and the lady Riveſhale held here in Loddon, Hales, *&c.* 3 quarters of a fee.

In the reign of Edward I. Sir Roger de Hales, as one of Goſceline de Loddon's heirs, had an intereſt in it, and was patron of a moiety of the church. In the 25th of that king, Sir John de Beauchamp, and Roger de Hales, levied a fine of the advouſon of the church, and agreed for them and their heirs to preſent by turns.

Godric had the grant of a ſmall fee, conſiſting of 37 acres and an half, and a carucate, of which 3 freemen of the abbot of Bennet of Holm were deprived, valued at 5*s.* On Godric's [*c*] death it came as an eſchaet to the crown, and was granted with the manor of Heckingham, of which it was a part, to the earl Warren, as may be there ſeen, and Sir Roger de Thurkelby a judge, gave it in the reign of Henry III. to Langley abby.

In 1428, the temporalities of this convent were valued at 13*s.* 4*d.*

On the diſſolution it was granted to Thomas Godſalve, Eſq;

Godric had alſo the grant of 16 acres of land, of which a free-woman was diſpoſſeſſed; this is placed in the hundred of Loddon, as belonging to Helgheton manor.

Robert Grenon [*d*] had 12 acres of land, as part of the demean lands belonging to his manor of Loddon, which Oſbert held of him; this was the manor of Bacon in Loddon, to which I refer the reader.

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† Kercheby was the name of the town, before there was any church

(*a*) Terra abbat. de ſco. Edmundo.——In Nortuna. i lib ho. comd. xxx ac. ſep. i car. 7. i ac. pti. 7 ix lib. hoes ſub eo de xx ac. qd. tenet Goſſelin. ſep. dim. car. val v ſol. ſup. hos ix Rex. 7 com. ſoca. ecclie. xx ac. lib. tre. In ead. lib. ho comd. t. r. e. viii ac. 7 ii bov. val. xii*d.*

(*b*) Of this family ſee in Loddon.—Regiſt. Pincebeck, fol. 18.

(*c*) Terre Godrici Dapiferi——In Nortuna, iii lib. hoes. ſci. Benedicti. xxxvii ac. 7 dim. ſemp. i car. 7 val. v ſol.——Terre Godrici, *&c.*—In Nortuna, i lib. femina, xvi ac. tre. et p'tinet. in Helgatuna.

(*d*) Terra Rodbti. Grenonis.——In Nortuna, ten; ide. (Oſbert.) xii ac. de d'nio de Lodnes, 7 val xii*d.*

Roger Bigot, [e] anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had the grant of 8 acres, out of which Ulketel a free-woman was ejected, valued at 8*d.* this is placed in Loddon hundred: he alſo had here 30 acres, of which Ulchetel a free-man was deprived, and 2 tenants held it at the ſurvey of the fee of Ulchetel: there was always a borderer, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, and a freeman under Bigot, with an acre.

The whole town was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.

John de Gernemuth, in the 7th of Edward I. had a grant of free warren, in this town, and in Heckingham, and in the 2d year of Edward II. a fine was levied between Roger de Hales, parſon of North Walſham church, Ralph de Hales, querents, Roger Grys and Mirabel his wife, deforciants, of 3 meſſuages, 31 acres of land, with marſh ground and 6*d.* rent here and in Helmington.

Ralph de Beaufoe [f] had at the ſurvey, 33 acres, with a carucate and an acre of meadow, of which 2 freemen under the protection of arch-biſhop Stigand were deprived, valued at 2*s.* this was part of Beaufoe's manor of Aldby, or Aldeburgh, (of this fee there) and held by the Roſcelynes.

Ralf, Lord Baynard, [g] had the grant of 30 acres, poſſeſſed before the conqueſt by a freeman, and of 2 acres and a half of land, with a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.* which 2 freemen had poſſeſſed; this was part of the lord Baynard's manor of Kirkeby.

Beſides the different fees abovementioned, the Conqueror had in this town, at the ſurvey, 30 acres of land, which belonged to a freeman of the abbot of St. Bennet [h] at Holm, and 2 borderers with half a carucate, and a half acre of meadow, valued at 4*s.* and Goſceline de Norwich held it of the king, but now was independant of any lord.

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*—Temporalities of St. Olaves priory 6*d.* of Campſey priory 18*d.*

The abbot of St. Bennet's manor of Reedham extended into this town, and in the 3d year of King Henry III. there was an agreement made between Stephen de Redham and Robert, the abbot, whereby Stephen was to hold the abbot's land here in Norton, by half a mark rent *per ann.* and in the 11th of Edward I. Nicholas, the abbot, granted to Sir Bartholomew de Redham, that if the manor of Redham ſhould be recovered of John de Ingham, and the manor of Northon, of Sir Thomas de Roſcelyn, that then the abbot ſhould give back to Sir Bartholomew the deeds which he gave to the abbot; and by another deed, Sir Bartholomew quit claimed to the abbot the homage of Sir Thomas Roſcelyne, for the manor of Norton; dated *A°.* 11, Edward I.

This lordſhip came from the Reedhams, to the Berneys, with the town of Reedham, and ſo continued, till ſold, about the year 1716, to Sir James Edwards.

It was valued in 1428, at 6*s.* 8*d.* and in the reign of Philip and Mary, there was a rent iſſuing out of it, of 4*s.* 8*d.* then belonging to the biſhop of Norwich, and formerly to the ſacriſt of St. Bennet.

The cellarer of Norwich had alſo certain rents here, in the time of Henry VI. by an old grant (moſt likely) of the Beaufoes.

The church is dedicated to St. Margaret, and was a rectory. In the 52d of Henry III. a moiety of the advouſon was granted by Maud, widow of Roger de Hales, to Roger, ſon of Walter de Hales, with lands in Hale and Loddon, and in the 7th of Edward I. John de Beauchamp gave his moiety to Simon de Herderſet and Cecilia his wife.

The rector had at this time a manſe, with 30 acres of land, valued at 20 marks; peter pence 2*s.* 2*d.* carvage 8*d.* and the prioreſs of Bungey had a penſion of 3*s.* *per ann.*

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(e) Tra. Rogeri Bigoti.——In Nortona, ten. Ulketel i lib. femina, de viii ac. 7 val. viii*d.*—In Nortun, tenuit, Ulchetel, lib. ho. xxx ac. tre. m°. tenent ii homines de feudo. Ulchetell, ſep. i bor. 7 dim. car. 7 i ac. pti. 7 i lib. ho ſub eo i ac. tota. ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 xii*d.* de g.

(*f*) Terra R. de Bellofago.——In Nortuna, ii lib. hoes. comd. t. r. e. xxxiii ac. tc. i. car. 7 i ac. pti. 7 val. ii ſol.

(*g*) Tre. Rad. Bainardi ——In Nortuna, i lib. ho. xxx ac. 7 ii lib. hoes. ii ac. 7 dim. ſep. i car. 7 ii ac. pti. val. x ſol.

(*h*) Libi. hoes Regis ad nulla. firma. p' tinentes ——In Nortuna, i lib. ho. ſci. Benedicti, xxx 7 ii bor. 7 dim. car. 7 dim. ac. pti 7 val. iiii ſol. hoc tenet Goſcelinus de Norwic.

RECTORS.

William de la Corone occurs rector in 1277, and Roger, ſon of Sir Roger de Hales, in 1313.————1324, Gregory de Hederſete was inſtituted, preſented by Sir Symon de Hederſet. In the 24 of Edward III. licenſe was granted to Sir John de Norwich, and Remigius Hederſete, to give the advouſon of this church to the maſter and chaplain of St. Mary of Raveningham. Sir John's intereſt herein, came by his mother Catherine, wife of Sir Walter de Norwich, and a ſiſter of Sir Symon de Hederſete, a judge; and Sir Roger de Hale's intereſt herein, was alſo in Sir John Norwich.

In 1350, William, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it to the maſter and chaplains of Raveningham, founded by Sir John de Norwich, reſerving a penſion of 29ſ. *per ann.* to the ſee, and ordaining a vicarage, valued at 10 marks, and the charter of foundation is dated that year.

In 1387, the chantrey at Raveningham, for 8 chaplains and a maſter, was removed by the king's licenſe, and that of Henry, biſhop of Norwich, and by Sir John de Norwich's will, to this town; there were then 13 chaplains, and a new fine chapel was built.

VICARS.

In 1350, John de Lound, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the cuſtos of Raveningham college.————1377, Adam Smith, ditto.————1382, John Hawys, ditto.————1396, Adam Smith, by the maſter of Mettingham college.————1399, Edmund Waraunt, ditto.

1402, Hugh Boum, ditto.————1416, William Dereboght, ditto.————1433, John Skarlet, ditto.————1434, John Weſtbrook, ditto.————1446, Mr. William Dalingho, ditto.————1465, Thomas Trente, ditto.————1468, William Ingham.————Thomas Reynolds, vicar.

1506, Robert Curteys, ditto.————1515, Robert Storys, vicar, late canon of St. Olaves priory.————1536, Nicholas Stokes, ditto.————1545, John Gough.————1552, John Whyte, by the Lady Joan Denny, relict of Sir Anthony Denny. [i]—1555, John Baker, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

In 1603, it was ſerved by Mr. Thomas Lewgar, a ſtipendiary curate, who returned in this town and Raveningham, 145 communicants.

In the 33d of Henry VIII. Sir Anthony Denny had a grant of this appropriated rectory; Roger Caſtle, Eſq; had it in the 8 of Elizabeth, and the curate is ſaid to have the tithe of this town, for officiating here and at Raveningham.

The church is a ſingle pile, and thatched, with a round tower and 3 bells; in the chancel is————azure, 3 barrulets, argent, and on a canton gules, a lion paſſant, or, Hales————and ermine, a ſaltyr engrailed, gules, Botetourt; alſo the arms of England in a bordure, argent.

In the church, St. Margaret's tabernacle.

STOCKTON.

William de Noiers, at the grand ſurvey, was ſteward of this lordſhip, for the Conqueror, on the deprivation of Stigand, Archbiſhop of [a] Canterbury, who was lord before the conqueſt, and held it as a lay fee, and as a beruite to his manor of Earſham: conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, 3 borderers, 2 carucates in

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[i] See in Raveningham.

[a] T're. Stigandi Epi. quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu regis. Stoutuna tenuit ſ. p. beruwita t. r. e. in Erſam ii car. t're. 7. iii bord. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. 7. mo. i. ſemp. dim: car. hom. xii ac. p'ti. ſilva. iiii porc. 7. i mol. 7. ii. r. 7. iiii an. 7. iiii por. 7. xxx ſoc. iii car. t're. ſemp. viii car. 7. xvi ac. p'ti. 7. in ead.

in demean, &c. half a carucate among the tenants, and 12 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. and 30 ſocmen had 3 carucates of land, 8 carucates and 16 acres of meadow; there was a church endowed with 65 acres, 3 borderers, the moiety of a mill, and 12 ſocmen, with 25 acres, 3 carucates and 6 acres of meadow. There were alſo in the ſaid town 10 ſocmen, with 2 carucates and a half of land, and 6 borderers, with 7 carucates and a half, and 8 acres of meadow, &c. and 21 ſocmen in Jerpeſtuna, who had 120 acres with 8 carucates of meadow; and 8 free men were added to this lordſhip who held 12 acres, and half a carucate. It was 2 leucas long, one broad, paid 5*s.* 4*d.* gelt, and was valued in Earſham.

It remained in the crown till King Stephen granted it to Hugh Bigot, on his being created earl of Norfolk; Hugh, his grandſon, earl of Norfolk, married Maud, daughter and coheir to the Marſhals, earls of Pembroke, by whom ſhe had Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, and Sir Ralph, a younger ſon, who was enfeoffed of this lordſhip, and held it under the earl; to this Ralph, Walter de Shipmeadow of Suffolk, conveyed by fine, in the 24 of Henry III. his right of fiſhing in the river Waveny, between the towns of Stocton and Shipmeadow, and in the cutting of reed, ruſh, flag, &c. he married Berta, daughter of the Lord Furnival, and died without iſſue, as did Roger, his brother, earl of Norfolk; ſo that the inheritance came to Roger Bigot, eldeſt ſon of Hugh Bigot, who is ſaid to be chief juſtice of England, and 2d ſon of Earl Hugh.

Roger being thus heir, and earl of Norfolk, confirmed to his brother, Sir John Bigod, this lordſhip, and in the 15 of Edward I. was found to have free warren, the aſſiſe, a gallows, &c. he died in the 33d of Edward I. when it was found to be held by him in *capite* of the king. Roger, his brother, the earl, having no children, made the king his heir, and diſinherited Sir John and his children in ſome diſguſt: Sir Henry Spilman ſays, that the earl being indebted to him, he was too preſſing on that account. He left by Iſabel his wife, a ſon, Sir Ralph. Sir John is ſaid to have borne theſe arms,——Or, on a croſs, gules, 5 eſcallops, argent.

Sir Ralph Bigod proved his age in the 34 of Edward I. had livery, and was living in the 3d year of King Edward III.

Sir Ralph Bigot ſon of Sir Ralph, ſold in the 16 of Edward III. to Roger, ſon of Sir Edmund de Soterley, 11*s.* 6*d.* rent *per ann.* with the rent of 1500 herrings in Giſelham, Soterley, &c. he is ſaid to have married Idonea, daughter and coheir of Robert Hertford, of London, and was living in 21 of Edward III.

Sir John Bigod was his ſon and heir, and died lord about the year 1390, father of Sir Ralph, who married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Mortimer, of Attleburgh, by whom he had a daughter and heir, Elizabeth. Sir Ralph's will is dated at Geldeſton, February 20, 1415, and proved in 1416, September 10; ſhe ſurvived him, and married to her 2d huſband, Henry Pakenham, Eſq; and to her 3d, Thomas Manning, Eſq; By her will, proved in 1463, ſhe was buried in the Auguſtine Friers church of Norwich, and gave to her huſband Manning, her manors in Elingham *Magna*, &c.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Ralph Bigot, brought it by marriage to William Garneys, Eſq; ſon of Robert Garneys, Eſq; and Aveline his wife: his will is dated February 13, *ao.* 8, Henry V. whereby he gives to Elizabeth, his wife, this lordſhip, and the ſoke of Stockton, with the manor of Berys in Geldeſton, &c. for life, and at her death to Ralph, his ſon and heir; names Robert his ſon, and Margeret his daughter, [*b*] to whom he gives legacies, and to Peter Garneys, Eſq; his brother; alſo, to Ralph his ſon, after his wife's death, the manors of Redeſham and Barſham, &c. in Suffolk, and that of Weſton, to Robert his ſon, late Edmund de Redeſham, and William Barſham's, which his father bought: his will was proved April 6, 1425.

Ralph Garneys, Eſq; of Kenton in Suffolk, inherited it, but died *ſ. p.* in 1446; and in the ſaid year, Edmund Swathing, Eſq; conveyed by fine, his right in this lordſhip,

eccl'ia. lxv ac. 7. iii bor. 7 dim. mol. 7. xii ſoc. xxv ac. ſep. iii car. 7. vi ac. p'ti.—Jacent etiam in Stoutuna x ſoc. ii car. t're. 7 dim. ſep. vi bord. 7. vii car. 7 dim. 7. viii ac. p'ti ſilva xvi porc. et xxi ſoc. in Jerpeſtuna, cxx ac. tc. viii car. mo. v. 7. v ac. p'ti. et viii lib. ho'es. additi ſunt huic manerio, 7. ht. xii ac. 7 dim. car. Tota Stoutuna, ht. ii leug. in longo 7. i. leu. in lat. 7. v ſol. 7. iiii*d.* de gelto.

[*b*] Regiſt. Hurning Norw. p. 2. fol. 136.

lordſhip, to William de la Pole, marquiſs, and earl of Suffolk; and in the following year, Simon Brayles, clerk, &c. conveyed it with the ſoke of Stockton, and the manor of Geldeſton, as truſtee, when it was ſettled on the ſaid marquiſs, and Alice, his wife.

After this, in the firſt year of Edward IV. the aforeſaid Alice, then dutcheſs, and John, her ſon, duke of Suffolk, was querents in a fine, and Margaret Swathing, Thomas Sharington, Amabil Morpeth, and William Garneys and Maud his wife, deforcients, (as heirs to Ralph Garneys) ſurrender their intereſt herein.

I have ſeen a particular grant of this Alice, as follows:——"Know all myne "executors, and all folks, that I Alyſe, dutcheſs of Suffolk, have geven and granted to my dere and well-beloved ſone John, duke of Suffolk, and to my Lady Elizab. "his wife, ſiſter to our Soveryne Lord, King Edward 4, all my ſtuffe of plate of "ſilver and gilte, and of gold, and all my beddys of cloth of gold, and of ſilk, and "of arras, and of tapeſtre work, &c. with God's bleſſing and myne for ever.—— "Dated at Eye, October 3, *ao.* XI, Edward 4.——In witneſs of which thinge, "to this my dede and graunte, ſigned of my hande, I have ſett my ſeale,

ALYCE."

Thomas Sharington, Eſq; abovementioned, was lord of Cranworth in Norfolk, ſon of Henry Sharington, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, a daughter and heir of Edmund de Swathing.

On the attainder of Edmund de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, it came to the crown, and was granted by King Henry VIII. to Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, and on his death, to Lady Ann of Cleves, and ſhe held it in the ſecond year of King Edward VI. then the divorced wife of King Henry VIII.

After this, it was again in the crown, and Queen Elizabeth poſſeſſed it with the ſoke, valued in 1570, at 49*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* and was farmed of her by Mr. Smith, of Winſton, paying a fee farm rent. The ſoke took in the manors of Ellingham, Gillingham, Geldeſton, Winſton, Wyndele, and Kirkby-Cam; the court baron and lete for the ſoke, were then annually kept on St. Margaret's day; and the cuſtom of the manor, &c. was, that the bayliff, or any tenant of the ſame, might take diſtreſs in the ſoken of any man, either dwelling or having goods within the ſame, (the debt being under 40*s.*) and have the action tried on St. Margaret's day; the ſheriff of the county could not arreſt within the ſoken, but break the writ, and direct the warrant to the bayliff of the manor, who executed it: by their charter they are not to ſerve at aſſiſe or ſeſſions, and all the tenants have liberty to common, in the fen called Micklefen, which lyeth in Geldeſton and Ellingham.

On the firſt of July, in the 3d of James I. this manor and ſoke were granted to Charles, Duke of York, the king's ſon; and in the 17 of King Charles I. was held in fee farm rent of him, by Simon Smith, Eſq;

The tenths were 6*l.* 5*s.* Deducted 2*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*——Temporalities of Langley abby, 3*s.* 1*d. ob.*

The lordſhip of Kirkeby extended into this town.

The church is a rectory. In the reign of Edward I. Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, and earl marſhal, as capital lord, was patron, and it was then valued at 12 marks; the rector had a manſe with 30 acres of land; paid Peter-pence, 12*d.* Carvage, 6*d.* *q.* and it is dedicated to St. Michael.

RECTORS.

In 1315, Walter de Beumetel was inſtituted, preſented by the Lady Alice de Hanonia, counteſs of Norfolk, late wife of Earl Roger.—1330, Nicholas de la Burgh, by Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk.——1349, Jeffrey de la Hay, by Mary, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1365, Hervey de Welham, by Walter, lord de Manny.——1375, James Sampſon, by Lady Margaret, counteſs of Norfolk.—— 1396, Matthew Aylmer, ditto.

1402, Nicholas Eſſex, by the king, on the minority of Thomas, Lord Mowbray. ——1402, Thomas Young, ditto.

Laurence Baldware, rector about 1440.——1446, John Hatfield, by John, Duke of Norfolk, on the reſignation of Thomas Wright.——John, Duke of Norfolk, patron in the firſt of Edward IV.

In 1505, John Pinchebeke died rector, and was buried in the college church of Mettingham, and gave 11 acres of land in Kirkeby field, to his ſucceſſors, [c] with one acre and half in Winſton field, to keep every year a certain and yere-day with meſſe and dirige; and to the church of Stockton, 11 acres of land in Winſton; from the Mowbrays, it came to the Howards, dukes of Norfolk, who were patrons.——John Sale, rector, *ao.* 15.

Amos Stalworthy, rector, preſented by the duke of Norfolk; returned 41 communicants in 1603, died rector, and was ſucceeded in 1611, by John Fake; and Ralph Ward was rector in 1616.——Nicholas Page, in 1631, and William Stanard, in 1634.

Robert Randall died rector in 1731, and Benjamin Page, then preſented by John Anſtis, Eſq; Garter, king at arms.——1758, Valentine Lumley, by Valentine Lumley, gent.

The preſent valor is 8*l.* and is diſcharged; the patronage is in the duke of Norfolk, who is lord.

In the chancel, on a graveſtone with a braſs plate,—*Hic jacet Johs. Sale, S.T.B. in medicinâ licentiatus, egregiè in utraq; facultate doctus, legum inſuper quas vocant communium non mediocriter peritus, qui poſtquam hic Stockton rector animarum curæ diligenter et fideliter p. quinquennium inſerviſſet, ac tantum non collapſas rectoriæ ædes ſuis ſolis ſumptibus inſtauraſſet, iſto ſub marmore conditus eſt, 5 Martij,*—15.

In the chancel, on a graveſtone——*Orate p. a'ia Willi. Wright, qui obt.* 25, *die Maij,* 1513.

In the church, theſe arms——Argent, a lion rampant, gules, bruiſed with a ragged ſtaff, or, Steward, impaling azure, on a bend, wavy, or, 3 birds, ſable, in a bordure of the ſecond, with torteaux, Read, and *Orate pro bono ſtatu Auguſtini Steward, civis et aldermanni Norwici,* 1535.——Vert, a cheveron, between 3 eagles, or, Fineaux, impaling Paſton.——Hobart, impaling Fineaux.——Godſalve. Bigod of Stockton, alſo Carvil.

William Wright, of this town, buried in the church, 1513, gives to the commoners of Stockton, 6*l.* on condition that they can find means to get more friends, and purchaſe as much land as ſhall purchaſe the whole fee.——*Reg. Johnſon, fol.* 226.

RAVENINGHAM.

RALPH, LORD BAYNARD, had on the conqueſt, the grant of a lordſhip, of which Torn was deprived; and Einbold held it under the Lord Baynard at the ſurvey. In Torn's time it contained 2 carucates [a] of land, 3 villains, 6 borderers, and 2 ſervi, there was one carucate in demean, &c. half a carucate among the tenants, paunage for 5 ſwine, with 8 acres of meadow, &c. Fifteen ſocmen had 56 acres of land, with 3 carucates and an acre of meadow, valued then at 30*s.* at the ſurvey at 50*s.* it was one leuca long, and 9 furlongs and an half broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt. The ſaid lord had alſo the grant of the lands of a free man, with 30 acres and 3 borderers, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow; Robert claimed this man, and had livery of him. In the ſaid town there were 4 free men who held 30 acres, and a carucate of land, valued at 20*s.* but at the ſurvey at 30*s.*

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[c] Reg. Rix. Norw. fol. 307.

[a] T're Radi. Bainardi——Ravenicham, ten. Einbold. qd. tenuit Torn t. r. e. ii car. t're. ſep. iii villi. 7. vi bor. tc. ii ſer. tc. 7. p. i car. in d'nio. mo. i car. 7 dim. ſep. dim. car. ho'um. ſilv. v por. viii ac. p'ti. mo. i. r. 7. iiii por. 7. xv ſoc. lvi ac. ſep. iii car. 7. i ac. p'ti. tc. val. xxx ſol. mo. l. 7. ht. i leug. in long. 7. ix qr. 7 dim. in lat. 7. xii*d.* de g. In Ravincham, i lib. ho. xxx ac. 7. iii bor. tc. 7. p. i car. mo. dim. alia car. poſſet reſtaurari iii ac. p'ti. hunc etiam † calumpniatr. Robt. 7 ht. libatore. in eade. iiii libi. ho'es xxx ac. 7. i car. t're. tc. xx ſol. mo. xxx.

† Robert, ſon of Corbun.

A family who took their name from the town, were enfeoffed of it by the Bigots, the capital lords; Robert de Raveningham was lord in the reign of Henry II. Thomas, his ſon, held a whole fee here and was not a knight, as was found. In the 6th of king John, William de Raveningham (as appears from the pipe rolls) was found to owe 20*s.* to the king, to have 24 knights ſummoned to convene 12 jurors on account of perjury in an aſſiſe of preſentation to this church. Roger de Raveningham was living in the 20th of Henry III. and in the 3d of Edward I. Robert de Raveningham, ſon of Thomas, conveyed by fine to Peter de Beccles, a lordſhip in this town, which was conveyed by the ſaid Peter, in the 9th of that king, to Nicholas de Caſtello, or Caſtell: he was ſon of Walter de Caſtello. In the 4th of Edward I. he was clerk in the king's exchequer, when the king wrote to the treaſurer and chamberlain of the exchequer, to deliver out of the treaſury to his beloved clerk, Richard de la Leye, chancellor of the exchequer, 20*l.* to John St. Walery, and Roger de Northwood barons, 20*l.* each, [*b*] to Richard de Hereford, clerk, 10*l.* and to Mr. Nicholas de Caſtello, clerk, 10*l.* In the 6th of that reign he was the king's remembrancer in the exchequer, and delivered out 14*l.* and half a mark, for William de Pencheſter, his allowance for Eaſter term, as keeper of Dover caſtle.

He farmed, in the 10th of the ſaid king, the hundreds of Humbleyard, Bloſield, Taverham, and Walſham, during the king's pleaſure, at 28*l.* *per ann.* and in the ſaid year bought lands in this town of Walter de Mortimer and Julian his wife.

Sir Nicholas de Stutevile in the 16th of that reign conveyed to him the manor of Badingham: he ſeems alſo to have been in the 14th of that king a baron of the exchequer; when Roger Bigot, Earl of Norfolk, performed homage in the exchequer, to the biſhop of Ely, for lands held of him, before Thomas de Weyland, juſtice of the common pleas, Philip Willoughby, chancellor, John Cobham, William Grandiſon, and Nicholas de Caſtello, barons, *&c.* and was lord of Horningtoft, in Norfolk, in the 18th of Edward I.

Of this family was Robert de Caſtello, living in the reign of king Richard I. and Henry de Caſtello and R. de Caſtello his brother *A°.* 43, Henry III. alſo Bratholomew de Caſtello, to whom, and Richard de Bamfield, guardians of the exchequer, that king, in his 52d year, gave orders that they ſhould, out of the profits of the exchequer, make ſatisfaction to foreign merchants, paying 380*l.* marks, for which his jewels were pawned; this Bartholomew is ſaid to have built the refectory for the Grey-friers, at their convent by Newgate, in London, and in the 56th and 57th, was warden of the mint, and in the 1ſt of Edward I. preſented Bartholomew de Branceſtre to make the aſſay of money.

The pedigree of this family, as collected from old writings, *&c.* is as follows; but being in ſome things erroneous, I have from many ancient records corrected it. See in Horningtoft, Launditch hundred.

(*b*) Madox Hiſt. of the Exche.

CASTELLO's PEDIGREE.

Walter de Caſtello——Sara, daughter of Sir - - - - - Roſcelyne, living
in the 28 of Edward I. and a widow.

(c) Nicholas de Caſtello——Cecilia, daughter of Sir
Robert Shelton.

(d) Sir Gregory de Caſtello——Euſemia, daughter of Sir - - - - -
Mortimer of Attleburgh.

Sir Nicholas de Caſtello——Maud, daughter of - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
and relict of Ralph Picot of Framingham.

(e) Sir Hugh de Caſtello——Margery, daughter of Sir Hugh
obt. 28, Edward III. Haſtings of Elſing.

(f) Sir Nicholas Caſtell——Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John
Holbrook of Suffolk.

1ſt. Nicholas——Margaret, daughter of Sir
Robert Berney.

2. Hugh Caſtell, Eſq;—— - - - - -, daughter of Frys.
(g)

Eltheldreda. *s. p.*

(h) Nicholas Caſtell Eſq;——Margaret, daughter and heir of
Sir William Slain, of Lincolnſhire.

Humphrey Caſtell, Eſq;——Margaret, daughter and heir of
Thomas Fleet, Eſq;

Leonard Caſtell, Eſq;——Eleanore, daughter of Richard
Bracebridge, Eſq;

(i) 1ſt. Ralph Caſtell, Eſq;——Anne, daughter of Sir
Roger Townſend.

2d. Gregory Caſtell——Margaret, daughter of
Anthony Wright.

John Caſtell, Eſq;——Elizabeth, daughter of
John Carvile, Eſq; of
Wigenhale St. Mary's.

(k) 1ſt. Roger Caſtell, Eſq; *s. p.*——Elizabeth, daughter of
William Saunders,
Eſq;

2d. John Caſtell, Eſq; died 1593.——Frances, daughter of Thomas Playters, Eſq; of
Sotterley, died 1614.

1ſt. Nicholas, *s. p.*

2d. Roger Caſtell, Eſq; died 1644.——Mary, daughter of Sir
Lyonel Talmack,
died 1667.

1ſt. Alianore, daughter
of Sir William de
Grey, died 1648.——Talmach Caſtell, Eſq;——2d. - - - - -, daughter
of Matthew Trot, of
Breccles.

(l) Auſtin Caſtell, Eſq;——Alice, daughter of
Thomas Anguiſh,
of Moulton, Eſq;

Roger Caſtell, Eſq;——Suſan, daughter of Thomas
Cooper, of Raveningham.

Alianore, daughter and heir.——Eraſmus Earle,
Eſq; of Salle.

1ſt, John Caſtell, Eſq;
married Avice, daughter of Thomas London, Gent: of Cringleford.——2d. Roger Caſtell, married
Anne, daughter of Richard
Gardiner.

Mary——Sir Edmund Bacon, his 2d. wife.

[c] Cecilia de Caſtell, by deed *ſans date*, tied her manor here to pay to Sir Symon de Hederſet 100*s.* *per ann.* with a robe of 20*s.* In the 28th of Edward I. Sir Symon de Hederſet, and Cecilia his wife were querents, and Nicholas de Caſtillo deforciant, of a meſſuage, 100 acres of land, and 10*s.* rent in Eaſt Greenwich, Comb, and Charleton in Kent, which Sarah, relict of Walter de Caſtello, held for life, and granted to Sir Symon by fine. John de Caſtello and Joan his wife in the 30th of Edward I. grant to John Abel and Margaret his wife all the manor of Pomfret's in Stebunhithe (Stepney) in Middleſex, for 30*l.* Sterling, and in the preceding year, Gregory de Caſtello, as a truſtee, ſettled on Nicholas and Cecilia his wife 21 meſſuages, 700 acres of land, 14 of meadow, 8 of wood, 94 of marſh, 77 of juncary with 10*l.* 6*s.* rent in Raveningham, Hales, Loddon, &c. for their lives.

[*d*] In the 13th of Edward II. this lordſhip was ſettled on Gregory de Caſtello and Euſemia his wife for life, remainder to Nicholas, ſon of Gregory, in tail. Sir Nicholas married Maud, daughter of ------------, and relict of Ralph Pigot of Framingham Pigot, and held one fee of Robert, Lord Fitz Walter, as is ſaid.

Mary, daughter of John Caſtell, Eſq; of Raveningham, married Sir Edmund Bacon, Bt. of Gillingham, his 2d wife, and had the impropriate of Raveningham, and Norton: the Dennys conveyed it to the Caſtell's.

Anthony Caſtell, Eſq; married a daughter of Sir Roger Townſend, the judge, living in Queen Elizabeth, or Henry VIII's time.

[*e*] Of this Sir Hugh, I find no proof.—Nicholas, ſon of Sir Gregory was living in the 7th of Edward III. and ſealed with 3 caſtles, in 3 roundles; and in the 12 of that king, [*f*] Sir Gregory Caſtello, the father, and Euſemia, his wife, ſettled by fine the manor of Bedingham on Nicholas their ſon and Chriſtiana his wife, daughter of Jeffery de Medleton. This Sir Nicholas and Chriſtiana had Nicholas their ſon and heir, on whom the manor of Bedingham was alſo ſettled; he married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Berney of Wichingham, by whom he had Etheldreda, a daughter and heir, who married firſt Thomas Lucas of Holkham, Eſq; and ſecondly Thomas Payne of Eaſt Derham. Sir Nicholas was collector of the aid, in the 20th of Edward III. and held then of Sir John de Norwich, half a fee, and Sir John, of Conſtantine de Mortimer.

[*g*] Hugh Caſtell, Eſq; 2 ſon of Sir Nicholas and Chriſtiana his wife, was heir to his elder brother Nicholas, and died about the 28th of Edward III. he is ſaid to marry -----, daughter of ----- Frys -------. Hugh de Caſtello preſented to Horningtoft in 1349.

[*h*] Nicholas Caſtell, Eſq; ſon of Hugh, was lord in the 3d of Henry IV. and died about the 31ſt of Henry VI. and Humphrey his ſon was lord in the 37th of Henry VI. on July 24, 1461, he made his will at Raveningham. Of this family was Nicholas Caſtell of this town, who by his will in 1490, was buried in the preſbytery of the abby church of Langley, by the tomb of Elizabeth his wife, and gives to the repair of the abby cloiſter 20*l.* ‡ alſo a veſtment of bawdekyn. Nicholas de Caſtell preſented to Hetherſet in 1370. Leonard Caſtell, Eſq; lord on his father Humphrey's death, 1461.

[*i*] Ralph, ſon and heir of Leonard Caſtell, Eſq; died before his father. John, his ſon and heir, by his will dated April 10, 1551, and proved January 24, following, was found to hold this lordſhip of the earl of Suſſex, valued at 30*l. per ann.* appoints Thomas Kervile, Eſq; his executor, and was buried in the church of Raveningham, gives to † Roger his ſon and heir, his lordſhips of Leverton, Leke, Freſton, and Wintherpe, in Lincolnſhire. John left by Elizabeth his wife 3 daughters, Mary, who married Humphrey Bedingfeld, Eſq; Martha, who married Owen Hobart, Eſq; of Morley, and Griſel to Roger Townſend of Twiford, Eſq; Roger, ſon and heir of John, died *s. p.* about 1578, and was ſucceeded by his brother John Caſtell, Eſq;

[*l*] On the death of Auguſtine Caſtell, Eſq; without iſſue male, Roger Caſtell his brother recovered the eſtate, againſt Alianore, the daughter and heir: this Roger married Suſan, daughter of Thomas Cooper of Raveningham, and was father of John Caſtell, Eſq; who by Avice his wife, daughter of Thomas London of Aldey, alſo of Roger, his ſecond ſon, who married Anne, daughter of Richard Gardiner of Cranford in Snffolk.

In 1742, John Caſtell, Eſq; was lord, and bears argent, 3 caſtles, tripple towered gules; creſt a dragon's head.

The abbot of Langley had a lordſhip held of the lord Fitz-Walter, a deſcendant of the lord Bainard, lord at the ſurvey, given with lands by ſeveral benefactors; Sir Roger de Hales, Jeffrey de Mortimer, John, ſon of Robert de Mortimer, *&c.*—William de Vernun of Raveningham, gave lands in this town and Norton, with Eve his wife; ſhe was after the wife of Roger de Thaſeburgh, and Robert de Vernun her ſon, confirmed the gift of his mother and Roger de Thaſeburgh, *s. d.*

Their

(*f*) Nich. de Caſtello, preſented to Horningtoft, 1336, and Sir Nich. in 1349.

‡ Reg. Typp's Norw. fol. 40.

† Reg. Corant, Norw.

Their temporalities valued in 1428, at 226*s.* 3*d.* and granted at the diſſolution to Thomas Godſalve, Eſq;

DEAN and CHAPTER of NORWICH's FEE.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFOE, [*m*] biſhop of Thetford, had a grant from King William I. of 30 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at the ſurvey at 3*s.* held by 2 borderers, of which a freeman was deprived, who was under the protection of Ailmer, biſhop of Elmham, which biſhop Beaufoe held as a lay fee, and gave it at his death to his church or ſee, and ſo became part of the revenues of the dean and chapter at this time.

In 1298, [*n*] there was a compoſition between the prior and convent of Norwich, for two parts of the great and ſmall tithes of the demean lands of Robert, late ſon of Thomas Baynard, held by Nicholas de Caſtello, paying yearly to rhe almoner 40*s.* and was farmed by the rector of this church.

The temporalities of this fee was held by the lords Bardolf of the ſee; before them, by the family of De Ages. William, ſon of Sir William de Ages, had an intereſt here, as by a deed *ſans date.* John de Ages gave to Jeffery de Mortimer, rector of this church, a certain homage, and was living in the reign of Henry III. as James de Ages was, who held a quarter of a fee of the lord Bardolf, and Thomas de Ages had the ſame in the 20th of Edward III.—At this time there is a lordſhip that bears this name.

At the grand ſurvey, King William had a conſiderable lordſhip, of which Godric [*o*] was his ſteward. Olf was lord in King Edward's time and deprived, and after him Robert Malet had an intereſt in it; it conſiſted of 3 carucates of land, one villain and 2 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, with 6 acres of meadow, 13 ſwine, and 200 ſheep.

Eleven freemen belonged to the lord's fold, and held in commendation 64 acres and an half, with 4 carucates and 3 acres of meadow. Three ſocmen had 4 acres, valued in King Edward's time at 30*s.* at the ſurvey it paid 60*s.* quitrent. Ketelfreda had 7 acres with a marſh valued at 12*d.*

This lordſhip remained ſometime in the crown, and then was granted to the earl Warren on an exchange for other lands: the ancient family of De Mortimer held it under the earl Warren. Sir William de Mortimer poſſeſſed it before the reign of Henry II. lord alſo of Atleburgh. Sir Robert de Mortimer was living in the time of Henry II. and was ſucceeded by his ſon William, who was father of Sir Robert, who in the 5th of King John. was lord; and in a plea about the right of preſentation to this church, was found to be the grandſon of Sir Robert de Mortimer who preſented the laſt rector to this church.

In the 4th of Edward I. Sir William de Mortimer recovered the advouſon, againſt Robert de Raveningham, after this it came to the Roſcelines: Sir Peter de Roſceline was lord in the year 1312, and preſented then to this church; Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir; but being in the rebellion (as the Norwich Inſtitution Book declares) in 1325, the king preſented then.

Soon after it was conveyed by Sir Thomas Roſceline, by deed, dated at Norwich, on the feaſt of St. Fabian and St. Sebaſtian, in the 6th of Edward III. to Dame Katerine, relict of Sir Walter de Norwich, and Sir John, ſon of the ſaid Walter; and to [*p*] Remigious (de Hederſet) brother of the ſame Dame Katerine, this lordſhip, and the homage and ſervice of Sir Gregory de Caſtello, Kt. which he owes to him for lands and tenements, which formerly were Roger de Raveningham's in Ravenyngham, Tibenham, Thurton, Lodne and Norton, together with the

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(*m*) Terre Willi. epi. Tedfordenſis de feudo.——In Ravincham, i lib. ho. Ailmari epi. comd. xxx. ac. 7 ii bord. 7 dim. car. 7 val. iii ſol.

(*n*) Regiſt. 2 eccles Norw.

(*o*) Terre Regis qua. Godricus ſervat.——Ravenincham, ten. Olf. ho. anteceſſoris Robti. Malet, iii car. tre. ſep. i vill. 7 ii bor. tc. ii car. in dnio, p'. 7 m°. i vi. ac. pti. xiii porc. 7 cc. ōv. 7 xi lib. hoes. ſoca falde. 7 comd. Lxiiii ac. 7 dim. tc. iiii car. p'. ii m°. ii car. 7 dim. 7 iii ac. pti. 7 iii ſoc. iiii ac. tc. val. xxx ſol. m°. Lx blancas. in ead. i lib. ho. Ketel freday vii ac. 7 i mares. 7 val. xii*d.*

(*p*) Regiſt. Coll. Metyngham, fol. 38.

the advouſon of the church of Ravenyngham, &c. Witneſſes, Sir Roger de Kerdeſton, Sir Anſelm le Mareſchal, Sir Symon de Hederſet, Sir Edward de Baconſthorp, Sir John de Caylly, Sir John Fitz-Symon, knights, &c.

Sir Gregory de Caſtello, and Nicholas his ſon, did homage to the ſame Dame Katerine, for half a knight's fee, on Aſh Wedneſday, *ao.* 7 Edward III. in the preſence of Sir Symon de Hederſet and others.

Sir Walter de Norwich was one of the barons of the exchequer, conſtituted *locum tenens* of the treaſurer of the exchequer, in the 5 of Edward II. till the king could provide one, and in the ſaid year, on October 25, admitted one of the privy council. By Chatherine his wife, he had Sir John de Norwich, his eldeſt ſon and heir, who in 1350, founded a college here, and ſettled this lordſhip, &c. on it, as will be after ſhewn.

Another conſiderable lordſhip was granted on the conqueſt, to Roger, ſon of Renard, of which Oſbern was deprived, a thane of King Edward, containing 2 carucates [q] and 2 acres and a half of land, 2 villains, 2 ſervi, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, 5 ſwine, 4 cows, &c. 5 ſocmen had 13 acres; and there was a church endowed with 60 acres; the whole valued at the ſurvey at 40*s.* before at 20*s.*

The ſon and heir of Fitz-Renard aſſumed the name of Hadeſton, formerly a town, but now the chief manor in Bunwell, and was held by them of the earl Warren, as is ſaid; it ſeems that the Mortimers had rather an intereſt in it, and were enfeoffed of it by that earl, and continued in that family till it came to the Roſcelines, and Sir Thomas de Roſceline conveyed it to Dame Katerine de Norwich, and her ſon Sir John, in the ſixth of Edward III. and the ſaid Sir John, on his founding a college here, ſettled it on that college, where it continued till its diſſolution.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had a grant of 12 acres of land, [r] held by a free man, of which Alwin was ſeiſed, when the king granted it to Roger, and was valued in his lordſhip of Haddeſco.

In the 35 of Edward I. John de Dunhedd, and Iſabel de Haggele, held in this town, Waketon, Lodne, and Kirkby, &c. 3 fees, &c. of Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk.

[ſ] Ralgh de Beaufoe had one ſocman with one acre of land, valued at 2*d.* this belonged to his lordſhip of Aldby, in this hundred.

[t] Alan, Earl of Richmond, had the grant of 30 acres of land, which a freeman of King Edward was deprived of, with a borderer, valued at 5*s.*

Here was alſo belonging to the king's manor, a free man, who before the conqueſt, [u] held his land independent of any lord; this free man, called Chetel Frieday, had 7 acres and a borderer, a marſh valued at 12*d.*——Ralph, the late earl of Norfolk, held it when he was outlawed; it belonged to his fee then, and after, but paid no ſervice to him or to the king, at the ſurvey, as he proved; this was for the maintenance of the lord. [w] Under the title of invaſions, we find that Ralph, late earl of Norfolk, had a free man who held 3 acres under him, and that Nicholas, the goldſmith of Hugh, Earl of Cheſter, had ſeized on it, valued at 6*d.* but at the ſurvey was in the Conqueror's hand, and granted (as I take it) after, to the Earl Warren, and ſo united to his lordſhip abovementioned.

William de Noiers took care of 30 acres of land, with a carucate and half an acre [x] of meadow, of which 3 free men of Archbiſhop Stigand were deprived; this belonged to the king's manor of Toft, and was valued with it.

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[q] Terre Rogerij filij Renardi.——Ravelincham ten, Osb'nus teinnus t. r. e. ii car. t're. 7. ii ac. 7 dim. tc. ii villi. mo. iii. tc. ii ſer. ſemp. i car. in d'nio. 7. i car. poſſet fieri 7. i car. ho'u'. viii ac. p'ti. ſilv. v por. tc. iiii an. mo. xii por. 7. v ſoc. xiii ac. 7. i eccl'a. lx ac. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. xl.

[r] Terra. Rogeri Bigoti——In Raveningham tenuit i lib. ho. xii ac. t. r. e. de quo Aluuin. erat ſeiſitus quando Rog. recepit t'ra' illius, hoc e. in p'tio de Hateſçou ide. R. tenet.

[ſ] Terra R. de Belloſago—In Ravincha. i ſoc. i ac. 7. val. ii*d.*

[t] Terra Alani Comitis, in Ravincham i lib. ho. Regis E. xxx ac. 7. i bor. 7 valet v ſol.

[u] Libi. ho'es Regis ad nulla' firma' p'tinentes—In Ravincham i lib. ho. Chetel friedai vii ac. 7. i bor. 7. i mareſc. 7 val. xii*d.* hoc e. de feudo Comitis R. 7. erat menſa ejusd manerij qu' R. forisfecit p. ea tenuit terram ſua' ita qd. nullu' ſervitiu' reddit regi, 7. ex hoc dedit vadem.

[w] Invaſiones—In Ravingeha' i lib. hom. de iii ac. 7 erat in cenſu de Ravingeham qu'. Rad: forisfec. hunc detinuit Nichs. aurifab. Comitis Hugon. 7 val. vi*d.* mo. e. in manu rgeis.

[x] T're Stigandi Epi. quas cuſtodit W. de Noiers in manu regis——In Ravincham iii libi. ho'es xxx ac. t're. 7. i car. 7 dim. ac. p'ti. 7. e. in p'tio. de Toft.

RAVENINGHAM-COLLEGE

WAS founded by Sir John de Norwich, eldeſt ſon of Sir Walter de Norwich, and Catherine his wife, in 1350, for a maſter and 8 ſecular prieſts, to officiate in the church of Raveningham, and was dedicated to the Virgin Mary; in his foundation deed he expreſſes himſelf in theſe words——*Calling frequently to mind that ſaying of the apoſtle, that what ſeed a man ſhall ſow, the ſame ſhall he reap, &c. for his own ſoul's health, and that of Margeret, his wife, for the honour of God and his mother, St. Andrew the apoſtle, and all the ſaints; he founds it by deed, dated at Thorp, by Norwich, July 25, 1350.*

This Sir John was vice admiral of England, and had by Margaret his wife, Walter, his ſon and heir, alſo 2 brothers, Sir Thomas and Sir Roger de Norwich, and a ſiſter, Margaret, who married, firſt Sir Thomas Cailey, and after, Robert Ufford, earl of Suffolk.

Sir Roger aforeſaid, by his teſtament, dated on Wedneſday in Whitſunday-week, and proved June 26, 1371, appoints to be buried in Raveningham church, by the tomb of his brother; his executors to buy a good piece of marble, to be ornamented with braſs, his arms in the middle of it, round the verge, his name, and the time of his death; gives to the maſter of Raveningham College, 6 marks, to find a chaplain to celebrate for his ſoul, the ſouls of his father and mother, and brother Thomas, for one year, at the altar, where he lies buried; to Sir John de Norwich, his nephew, one paltock of velvet with his arms; to the Lady Margaret, relict of Sir Walter de Norwich, 2 ſilver bowls, of 4 pound weight, and 2 ſilver pots; the reſidue of his goods to be at the diſpoſal of the ſaid Lady Margaret, and his executors. And ſurther orders, that the apoſtolical letter which he had for a plenal abſolution from all puniſhment and crimes, be placed juſt over his head in his ſepulchre, on the day of his burial.

Sir Walter, ſon and heir of Sir John the founder, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Miles Stapleton, of Ingham, and was father of Sir John de Norwich, who by his teſtament, dated at Mettingham-Caſtle, in Suffolk, in 1373, and proved the laſt day of February, in the ſaid year, appoints his body to be buried in Raveningham church, by his father, Sir Walter, there to reſt, till it could be removed to the new church of Norton-Coupe-Cors; to the building of which he gives 450*l.* to his dear mother, Lady Margaret, her heirs and aſſigns, a meſſuage called Stone-Hall, in Norwich, late John Boys's; to the ſaid lady a diamond ring; to John Boys, a ſilver cup; and to the maſter of his college here, his red veſtment. The Lady Margaret was living, as appears by this, in 1373. Sir John was the laſt heir male of this family.

Alianore, his wife, was daughter of Richard Franceys - - - - - - - - - ſhe was his widow in 1374, was a great heireſs, and gave in that year to her truſtees, Sir John Avenel, Sir Baldwin St. George, &c. all her paternal eſtate and lands of inheritance in Wraſtlingworth, in Bedfordſhire, Wynepol, Orwell, Harlſton, Everſden, Malketon, Whaddon, Cranden, and Papworth in Cambridgeſhire.

The college, by the founder Sir John, and his heirs, was nobly endowed with the manors of Lyng, How, Blackworth, Hadeſton, Snoring *Parva*, the advouſon and appropriation of this church of Raveningham; lands and tenements in Eaſt and Weſt Wretham, and Ilington, Mettingham caſtle, the manors of Ilketeſhale, Shipmeadow, Melles, Bromfield, Wenhaſton and Redeſham; lands in Barſham and Beccles; the reverſion of the manor and advouſon of Dalinghow, and the fifth part of the lordſhip of Alderton in Suffolk.

The jury, in a writ of *Quod Damnum*, in the 5 of Richard II. find it would not be to the king's prejudice if Sir John Plaiz, Sir Richard de Boys, &c. removed this college of 8 chaplains, to Norton, and augmented it with 5 more; and in the 11 of Richard II. the college was removed from this town to the rectory houſe at Norton; in the 13 of that king, Holm Hall, in Raveningham, was granted to it; and in his 17 year, Sir Miles Stapleton, &c. feoffees, aliened to it 3 meſſuages, 86 acres of land, 5 of moor, 6 of alder, 12 of reed, and 4*s.* rent in Norton, Carlton, How, and Peres-Hall in Bunwell, with lands in Ingham, Knapton, and Brinton, &c. the advowſons of Tybenham and Carlton, Bunwell and How.

On the death of Sir John de Norwich, the laſt heir male of this family, *ſ. p.* the Lady Catherine de Brews, was found heir to Sir John, and the inheritance, as his couſin; being daughter and heir to Sir Thomas de Norwich, (ſon of Sir Walter and Catherine his wife) the brother of the founder Sir John, and widow of Sir——de Brews; to this lady, Sir Roger de Norwich conveyed the lordſhip of Kimberley, about 1374, who was her uncle. In the 49 of Edward III. ſhe confirmed the grants of her anceſtors to this college, and ſettled her inheritance on her truſtees, Sir John de Plaiz, Sir Robert Howard, &c. and being a nun at Dertford, in Kent, in the firſt of Richard II. and lady of the capital manor of Great Maſſingham, in Norfolk, licenſe was granted in the 8 of that king, on September 3, to her feoffees, John Daventry, parſon of Brome, Walter Berkley, vicar of Kimberley, &c. to amortiſe it to the priory of Dertford.

On July 5, *ao.* 6, of Richard II. licenſe was granted to Sir Robert Howard, Sir John Plaiz, Sir Roger Boyes, &c. to remove the maſter and the 8 chaplains of this college from Norton to the chapel of the caſtle of Mettingham, in Suffolk, and to increaſe the ſame to 13; to [a] endow them with the ſaid caſtle, the manor of Ilketeſhall in Suffolk, &c. where it continued till the diſſolution, being ſurrendered to King Henry VIII. on April 8, *ao.* 33, and on the 14 of the ſaid month and year, was granted to Sir Anthony Denney, with the appropriated rectories of this town, Norton, &c. held by his ſon, Henry Denny, Eſq; in the 4 of Elizabeth.

MASTERS of the COLLEGE.

In 1349, Thomas de Boyton admitted, preſented by Sir John de Norwich, and rector of Raveningham, as all his ſucceſſors were.——1355, Alexander de Boxne, elected by his brethren, and preſented by Sir John de Norwich.——1361, Adam Wyard, elected and preſented by his brethren.——1375, Mr. John de Carleton Rode, elected as above; preſented by Sir John de Playz.——1380, Roger Withy, ditto.——1387, John Burghwode.——Richard Cratfield occurs maſter in 1389.——1392, John Le Neve, preſented by Robert de Wylughby, Lord Ereſby.

1403, John Wilby, elected *ut ſupra*; preſented by William, Lord Ereſby.—Roger Banbridge occurs maſter in 1433, and 1442: in his time, on the death of John, Duke of Bedford, the maſter was found to hold of that duke, a quarter of a fee in Ling and Fincham.——William Franſham occurs in 1452, and 1479.——1480, Robert Wright admitted; preſented by Sir Richard Haſtyns, knight.——Mr. Richard Branch, occurs 1499.

1507, Mr. Richard Weybred, elected September 25.——Mr. Richard Shelton, occurs in 1530, and 1532; he had ſuch ſkill in water-works, that in 1528, his advice was uſed in cutting Yarmouth haven.——1539, Thomas Manning, preſented by Charles, Duke of Suffolk, in right of his wife Catherine; he was ſuffragan biſhop of Ipſwich.

The town ſeems to derive its name from ſome water or river, called Raven; thus Ravenſworth, and Ravensfield in Yorkſhire, Ravensborn a river in Kent.

The tenths of the town were 5*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and was antiently a rectory, valued at 32 marks.

RECTORS.

Jeffrey de Mortimer was rector in the reign of Henry III. had a manſe belonging to it with a carucate of land, Peter-pence, 14*d.* Carvage, 7*d. ob.*——

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[a] Chartular. de Mettingh. P. 216.

Ralph le Butiler occurs rector in 1290.——In the 4th of Edward I. Peter de Beccles conveyed his intereſt in the advouſon to William de Mortimer, by fine.——In 1312, Robert de Langele, preſented by Sir Peter Roſceline.—1325, Gilbert de York, by the king, on the rebellion of Sir Thomas de Roſcelyne.—1349, Thomas de Boyton, preſented by Sir John de Norwich, alſo maſter of the college here, as all the ſucceeding rectors were, till the diſſolution of the college.——Catherine, relict of Sir Walter de Norwich, and Sir John their ſon, had licenſe of mortmain to give the patronage to the city of Norwich, but this not taking effect, they had a new licenſe to annex it to Hickling priory; but Catherine dying, Sir John had a grant, in 17 of Edward III. to give and appropriate it to his college here; Anthony, biſhop of Norwich, on this, reſerved the firſt fruits to his ſee; and on July 24, 1350, Biſhop Bateman decreed a penſion of 36*s. per ann.* to be paid to his ſee.——At the diſſolution the appropriated rectory was granted, as is abovementioned, with the patronage of the curacy, to Sir Anthony Denny, and from that family, to Roger Caſtell, Eſq; who held it *ao.* 8 Elizabeth, in which family it continues, and is ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate. *See in Norton.*

Thomas Lewgar, curate, returned in 1603, 92 communicants.

The church has a nave, north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel covered with lead, and a round tower with 3 bells.

In the chancel lie many graveſtones in memory of the Caſtles, &c.——*Here lyeth John Caſtle, Eſq; aged 44, buried April 16, 1593, and Frances, his wife, daughter of Thomas Plater, of Soterly in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he had 4 ſons; Nicholas, Roger, John, Thomas, and 3 daughters; Elizabeth, Dorothy and Beatrice; and was buried February 24, 1614, aged* 63; with the arms of Caſtell impaling Platers.

Roger Caſtell Eſq; of Raveningham, true owner of the rectories and parſonages of Norton-Subcorſe and Raveningham, died May 4, 1582.

Eleanor, late wife of Talmach Caſtell of Raveningham, Eſq; daughter of Sir William de Grey, of Merton in Norfolk, departed, &c. *November* 9, 1648; with the arms of Caſtell and Grey,——argent, 3 barrulets, azure, and in chief as many torteaux.

Roger Caſtell, Eſq; ſecond ſon of John Caſtell, Eſq; brother and heir of Nicholas Caſtell, Eſq; who left 4 ſons; Talmach, Nicholas, John, Roger, and 2 daughters, Frances and Mary, was buried September 3, 1644; and Caſtell impaling Talmache.

Mary, late wife of Roger Caſtell, Eſq; ſecond daughter of Lionell Tallemach, of Helmingham in Suffolk, baronet, buried June 23, 1667, *in the* 82 *year of her age.*

Avice, wife of John Caſtell, gent. departed, &c. *September* 1, 1715, *aged* 54;——with the arms of Caſtell, and London of Aldby.

By the communion table——*Here lyeth Anne, the wife of Roger Caſtell, junior, and daughter of Richard Gardiner, of Cranford in Suffok, who died March* 2, 1697, *aged* 21 *years.——Avice, wife of John Caſtell, died September* 1, 1715, *aged* 54.

On the ſouth ſide of the chancel, by the wall, an altar tomb, and on it a black marble thus inſcribed——*Roger Caſtell, Eſq; youngeſt ſon of Roger Caſtell, Eſq; and Mary, his wife, daughter of Lionel Talmach, baronet, departed,* &c. *January* 17, 1708, *in the* 86 *year of his age, and left* 2 *ſons, John and Roger; he was eminent for his loyalty to King Charles the* 1*ſt. having ſerved him in all the civil war, raiſed againſt him.*

On the north ſide of the nave between the two upper pillars, a grey marble, with an effigy of braſs, &c.

Here lyeth buried under this ſtone of marbyll,
Margaret, ſometime wife of Humphrey Caſtyll,
Late wyſe unto Ralph Willoughby,
Squier for King Richard the third's body.
The yere of God M.CCCC. LXXX *and three,*
On the ix *of March departed ſhe,*
For whoſe ſowle beſeche you hartyly to pray
And devowtly a pater noſter and ave to ſay.

It was ornamented with braſs eſcutcheons; one was lately remaining; on 2 bars, gules, 3 water budgets, argent, Willoughby——impaling——a lion rampant, bruiſed with a bendlet, probably Bokenham, or Branch.—Near to this—*Orate p. a'ab; Johs. Baſpoole, Agnetis et Elene uxor. ſuar. quar. aiab; p' pitietur Deus.*

In the north iſle,—*Tertio die Decemb.* 1633, *ſepulta fuit Dorethea Denny, uxor Gulielmi Denny, Generoſi, A°. Ætat.* 34.

Richard Denny, ſon of Thomas Denny, Gent: died 22, *Nov.* 1675, *Ætat.* 48.

William Pearſe, Gent: died June 22, 1681, *aged* 34.

Dinah Denny, daughter of Glover Denny, died July 10, 1681.

In the ſouth iſle,—*Mary, wife of Robert Brome, Gent. died* 1696.—*Robert Cooper, Gent:* 1706.—*Priſcilla, wife of John Cooper,* 1675.—*Elizabeth, wife of Robert Cooper,* 1706.—*William Raveningham, buried in an altar tomb, in the church-yard, A°.* 1640, by the end of the north iſle.

In the 16th of Richard II. it was found that Sir George Felbrigg, *&c.* might grant a meſſuage and 160 acres of land here, to the priory of Heringflete in Suffolk, held of Ralf Bigot, Nicholas Caſtell, and William Inglby, Kt.—This was granted on January 26, *A°*. 28, Henry VIII. to Henry Jerningham.

THORP, by HADESCO.

THIS town is not mentioned in the grand ſurvey, being part of Roger Bigot's manor of Hadeſco, and part of Ralph de Beaufoe's manor of Aldeby in this hundred, and therein accounted for; from the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, it came to Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, by grant of his brother King Edward II. and ſo to the lord Segrave, the Mowbrays, and the Howards, Dukes of Norfolk.

In the 20th of Edward III. Stephen de Catfield, William de Thorpdale, *&c.* held a quarter of a fee, which Nicholas de Potter, and the tenants of John de Thorpdale formerly held of the earl of Norfolk; and in the 4th of Henry IV. the lord had a quarter of a fee called Potters. Richard de Catfield died ſeiſed of the manor of Thorp by Hadeſco in the firſt year of Richard II. and Stephen was his ſon and heir.

William Catfeld of this town, by his teſtament dated January 14, 1474, was buried in this church, gives his manor of Thorp, called Hadeſco-thorp, to Alice, his wife, for life; [a] remainder to Richard de Southewell, Eſq; (of Wood-Riſing) who had bought the reverſion of William Catfeld;—Nicholas Catfeld, his brother, mentioned; proved July 19, 1475: the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, the lords Mowbray, and the Howards, were the capital lords of this fee, and preſented, as will appear, to a moiety of the church.

Ralph de Beaufoe's intereſt herein, as lord of Aldby, came, as may be there ſeen, to his daughter and heir, Agnes, married to Hubert de Rye, and this was held by the Roſcelines, as in Aldby; William de Roſceline was lord and patron of a moiety of this church in the reign of Edward I. under the barons of Rye. After this it was in the Marſhals, and from them came to the lords Morley, the Lovels, and the Parkers, lords Morley. Edward Lord Morley in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, conveyed it to his 2d ſon Henry Parker, Eſq;—After this it was conveyed to the Calthorps, and Chriſtopher Calthorp, Eſq; of Aldeby, preſented to this church, in the 9th of James I. Sir James Calthorp, his ſon and heir, gave it to his 2d. ſon Henry, who was recorder of London and a knight, and died ſeiſed of it *A°*. 1637, and of Ampton in Suffolk; and his immediate deſcendant, James Calthorp, Eſq; was lord in 1742.

Robert's (ſon of Corbun) lordſhip in Hadeſco, alſo extended into this town, which came after to the Albiny's, Earls of Arundel, the Tateſhals, and the Cliftons. In the 20th of Edward III. the prior of St. Olaves, the heirs of Robert de Gillingham, *&c.* held here a quarter of a fee, which the prior, and Robert formerly held of the lord Tateſhale; and in 1428, the temporalities of that priory were valued at 10*s.* *ob.* Adam Bacon aliened to it 3 meſſuages, and 45 acres of land here, in Norwich, *&c.* *A°*. 6, Edward II.

(a) Reg. Gelour, Norw. fol. 199.

The tenths were 3*l.* 14*s.*—Deducted 14*s.* and the Gilbertine nuns had temporadities valued at 10*s.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Matthew, and conſiſted of two medieties. In the 18th of Henry III. Andrew Waſcelein granted by fine to John Roſcelyne, the advouſon of a mediety, and in the reign of Edward I. William Roſcelyn was patron of a mediety valued at 40*s.* and Robert de Lodne, patron of the other, valued at 40*s.* peter pence 10*d.* carvage 2*d.* *ob.*

RECTORS.

In 1309. Richer de Heynford, inſtituted to a mediety, preſented by Sir William de Roſcelyne.——1311. Robert de Rolleſby, by Sir John Segrave, Kt.——1312. Walter de Denevere, by Lady Joan Roſcelyn.——1318. Richard de Wymer, by ditto.——1318. John de Tutington, by Sir John Segrave, ſenior.——1323. Richard Barun, by Lady Joan Roſcelyn.——1349. John de Bek, by John, Lord Segrave.——1349. Nicholas Serveys, by ditto.——1349. Robert de Walſingham, by the king, on account of the lands of John, Lord Segrave of Folkeſton.——1361, there was an agreement between the lord Mowbray, and William de Morley, marſhal of Ireland, patrons, to conſolidate the ſame, and to preſent alternately.——1362. Robert de Walſingham, by William de Morley.——1385. John Barkere, by Thomas, Earl of Nottingham, Lord Mowbray.——1389. Andrew Warde, by Thomas, Lord Morley.——1397. John Bonelyng, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1408. John Buxſtede, by Thomas, Lord Morley.——1409. John Whitreſt, by Gerard Ufflet and Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——1420. Thomas Codlyng, by William Paſton, John Lancaſter, Eſq; and John Pelle, clerk.——1422. Nicholas de Plumſtede, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1423. Richard Weſtdele, by Thomas, Lord Morley.——1437. John Merle, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1450. Robert Godyll.——1505. John Bernard, *alias* Smith, by Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——1506. Richard Eſton, by Sir Edward Howard, and Alice his wife, Lady Morley.——1517. John Charlton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1523. Sim. Morell.——1554. Edmund Grevall, by the biſhop, a lapſe.—— - - - -, Chriſt. Calvert, rector.——1559. George Gibſon, *A. M.* by the biſhop's vicar general.——1567. Anthony Froſt, by H. Parker, Lord Morley.——1590. Alexander Smith, by the biſhop.——1590. Thomas Jolles, by the aſſignees of Edward, Lord Morley.——1591. Alexander Smith, by the king, on the attainder of Philip, Earl of Arundel: in 1603, he returned 38 communicants.——1613. William Morgan, by Chriſtopher Calthorp; and the patronage was in the ſame family in 1742.

- - - -. James Clerk, rector.

1717. Philip Prime, by Mary Prime, widow, ſucceeded Clerk.

1737. William Johnſon, by the king.

1746. John Guavas, by James Calthorp, Eſq;——1753. John Colman, by the king.

1758. Samuel Brown, by James Calthorp, of Ampton in Suffolk, who has an alternate preſentation with the king.

Adam Bacon aliened to the prior of Herlingflete, 3 meſſuages and 45 acres of land here, in Cringleford, &c.

The preſent valor of the church is 3*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

THURVERTON, OR THURLTON.

IN this town were ſeveral lordſhips at the time that the grand ſurvey was made. One was in the king's hand, and William de Noiers took care of it for the king, of which Stigand the arch-biſhop was deprived.

One freeman poſſeſſed it under Stigand, [a] with 20 acres, half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 2*s.* there were alſo 2 freemen with 10 acres, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 16*d.* and there was here one freeman, the predeceſſor of Ralph de Beaufoe, with 8 acres, valued at 12*d.*

It remained in the crown, 'till it was granted to Robert de Beaumont, Earl of Leiceſter, who gave it to the abby of Preaux in Normandy, with the lordſhip of Toſt, in this hundred, of which ſee there.

The Lord Baynard's manor of Chetgrave extended into this town, and was held of them by the family of De Roſceline; from that family it deſcended to the lords Willoughby, who held one fee here, in Chatgrave, *&c.* of the lords Fitz Walter, and were patrons of a mediety of the church.

In the 31ſt of Henry VIII. Sir Nicholas Hare conveyed by fine to William Read, citizen and mercer of London, the manor of Baynard's in Thurverton, or Thurleton, with meſſuages and lands in Thorp, Raveningham, *&c.* and his ſon and heir, William, was lord in the reign of queen Mary, and Thomas Ward in the 34th of Elizabeth.

Aſh Windham, Eſq; lord in 1742, and his ſon, William Windham, Eſq; ſucceeded him, who dying in 1761, leſt his ſon and heir a minor.

Alan, Earl of Richmond, [b] had a ſmall fee, of which a freeman was deprived, containing 10 acres, with 2 ſocmen and 4 acres, valued at 16*d.*

William de Scohies [c] had the lands of 7 freemen, with the moiety of another, and Odar held it of William; of theſe his predeceſſor, Ralph de Beaufoe, had the protection only, in the reign of King Edward; containing 45 acres, and then a carucate and a half, and the moiety of a church, valued at 10*s.* with 12 acres.

Roger Bigot, [d] anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had the grant of 22 acres, and half a carucate and an acre of meadow, and Robert (de Vaux) held it under Roger; this belonged to Hadeſco manor.

Roger, [e] ſon of Reynard, poſſeſſed 20 acres, and half a carucate, and 2 acres of meadow, which a freeman held under the protection only of Ralph de Beaufoe, valued at 8*s.* of this Roger ſee in Raveningham.

In Thurverton, [*f*] alſo, at the ſurvey were 8 acres, which a freeman of the predeceſſor of Ralf de Beaufoe held, then this freeman belonged to no lordſhip, but is ſtiled the king's freeman; this was valued at 12*d.* H. Maleſman, as the hundred witneſſed, held it, but at the time he abſconded.

The town is called in old deeds, often, Thurleton by Hadſco.

The tenths were 40*s.*—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*—The temporalities of St. Bennet's abby 7*s.* 1*d.*—of St. Olaves 6*d.*—of Norwich 28*s.* 6*d.* *ob.*—of Carhow priory 11*s.* —of the priory of De Preaux 6*s.* 5*d.*

Robert Thurgarton aliened to the priory of Norwich, a cottage and 6 acres of land here and in Toft.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and was a rectory of two medieties; in the reign of King Edward I. Sir Peter Roſcelyn was patron of one mediety, valued at 4 marks, and the rector had a manſe with 15 acres; and Robert de Lodne was patron of the other valued alſo at 4 marks, with a manſe and 15 acres; peter-pence 10*d.* carvage 8*d.*

(*a*) Tre. Stigandi epi. quas cuſtodit, W. de Noires in manu Regis.——In Turvertuna i lib. ho. xx ac. 7 dim. car. 7 i ac. pti. 7 val. ii ſol. in ead. ii lib. hoes. x ac. 7 ii bord. dim. car. 7 i ac. pti. 7 val. xvi*d.*

In Turvertuna i lib. anteceſſoris Radulfi de Bellofago, 7 ht. viii ac. 7 val. xii*d.*

(*b*) Terre Alani Comitis.——In Thurvertuna, i lib. ho. x ac. 7 ii ſoc. iiii ac. 7 val. xvi*d.*

(*c*) Terra Willi. de Scohies

In Thurvertuna tenet Odar. vii lib. hoes. 7 dim. de quib; anteceſſor Rad. de Bellofago habuit comd. tantu. t. r. e. XLV ac. tc. i car. 7 dim. 7 val. x ſol. dim. ecclia. xii ac.

(*d*) Terra Rogeri Bigoti.

In Turvertuna, ii lib. hoes. xxii ac. 7 i ac. pti. 7 dimid. carucam hoc tenet Rob. de Rog.

(*e*) Terre Rogeri, filij Renardi.

In Turvertuna, xx ac i lib. ho. ſub antec. R. de Bellofago, comd. tantu. 7 ii ac. pti. 7 dim. car. 7 val viii ſol.

(*f*) Lib. hoes. Regis, ad nulla' firma' p'tinentes. In Turvertuna viii ac. i. lib. ho. anteceſſoris Radulfi de Belfa'o 7 val. xii*d.* hoc tenuit H. Maleſmn, teſte hund, ſed ipſe celat.

RECTORS.

----. William de Catfield, rector.——1313. William de Elingham, inſtituted, preſented by Sir Peter de Roſcelyn.——1313. John de Hales, by ditto.——1317. Robert de Rolleſby, by ditto.——1326. Mr. Reginald de Goderington, by Sir Thomas de Roſcelyn.——1328. John de Lydelyng, by ditto.——In the 6th of Edward III. Thomas de Morle, of Norwich, and Beatrix † his wife, conveyed to William, biſhop of Norwich, the advouſon of this church by fine.——In 1333. John de Sydelyng, by the biſhop, to the mediety that was Robert de Lodne's.——1335. John de Sydelyng, to a mediety. William Ayrmine, biſhop of Norwich, bought the patronage of both the medieties, but in the 8th of Edward III. the hoſpital of St. Giles in Norwich had licence of appropriation of them, on the grant of the ſaid biſhop, who accordingly appropriated them for a chantrey and 3 chaplains in his chapel, at the palace in Norwich. Afterwards, Walter Hart, biſhop of Norwich, on the reſignation of this church by the proctors of the hoſpital, remitted the ſuſtentation of the 3 chaplains, to the ſaid hoſpital, and the payment of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* paid on account of the appropriation, in the year 1448.——1448. Thomas Lucas, rector, preſented by the maſter of St. Gyles's hoſpital.——1481. Robert Godfrey, ditto.——1493. Henry Johnſon, by ditto.——1504. John Baker, by the mayor, *&c.* of Norwich.——1559. Arthur Froſt, by ditto.——1590. John Beridge, by ditto: in 1603, he returned 140 communicants.——1606. William Laurence, by ditto.——1611. Richard Gamon, by ditto.——----. Samuel Stinnet, rector.——1663. Robert Cranſhaw, by the mayor, *&c.*——1669. Daniel Weld, by ditto.——1694. Joſeph Edwards, by ditto.——1713. Franc. Fayerman, by ditto.——1757. Paul Columbine, by ditto.

The valor was 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Againſt the north wall of the chancel—*Here lyeth Anne Denny, one of the eight daughters and coheirs of William Sydnor, Eſq; and wife of Glover Denny, Gent: who died March 9, 1665.*

In this church was the guild of All Saints, and the image of St. Mary on the north ſide of the church.

T O F T.

WILLIAM DE NOIERS was ſteward of the principal manor in this town (at the time of making the book of Domeſday) for the Conqueror, who had ſeized on it, on the deprivation of Arch-biſhop Stigand, [*a*] who held it as a lay fee, in the reign of the Confeſſor. Four carucates and 20 acres of land belonged to it, with 14 villains, 18 borderers, and 8 ſervi, there were 3 carucates in demean, and 8 acres, and 20 acres of meadow; paunage for 80 ſwine, 1 runcus, 4 cows, *&c.* and 100 ſheep; 5 ſocmen had one carucate and a half of land, 5 carucates and 8 acres of meadow, and valued, *&c.* in Hadeſcoe.

It remained in the crown till granted to Robert de Bellomont, earl of Mellent in Normandy and of Leiceſter in England, in the reign of King Henry I. who gave it to the benedictine abby of de Pratellis (or Preaux) in Normandy; and on that account was called Monks-Tofts. In the 14th of Edward I. the abbot claimed the aſſize, a gallows, and many other liberties, who had a cell here.

In the 20 of Richard II. Sir Lewis Clifford, by the mediation and licenſe of that king, had a grant from the abbot of Preaux, of this manor, for life, on a certain rent, with the remainder to his ſon Lewis, with Warmington in Warwickſhire, Spelbury in Dorſetſhire, and Aſton in Berkſhire; and in the parliament at Leiceſter, *A°*. 2, Henry V. on the diſſolution of alien priories, came to the crown, and was granted for life to Sir Thomas Erpingham, on March 15, *A°*. 6°. The ſaid king in his 19th year gave it to Eaton college; after this King Edward IV. gave it to King's college, Cambridge, where it ſtill continues. King Henry V. on its diſſolution, is ſaid to have granted the revenues of it to the Carthuſians of Witham in Somerſetſhire, which they held ſome ſhort time.

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† This Beatrix was daughter and heireſs of Sir Thomas Roſceline, Kt.

(*a*) Tre. Stigandi, epi. quas cuſtodit. W. de Noiers in manu Regis.——Toft ten. Stigand. p. manerio, t. r e. iiii car. tre. 7. xx ac. ſemp. xiiii villi. 7 xviii bord. 7 viii ſer. 7 iii car. in dnio. 7 viii ac. 7 xx ac. pti ſilva lxxx por. 7 i r. 7. iiii an. 7 xx porc. 7 c ov. 7 v ſoc. i car. tre. 7 dim. ſep. v car. 7 viii ac. pti.

Humphrey de Wirlingham, in the 54th of Henry III. granted to this cell, and to William, abbot of St. Peter and St. Paul de Preaux, 2 meſſuages, 72 acres of land, 10 of wood, 8 of marſh, and 4*s*. 5*d*. rent here, in Hadeſco-Thorp, *&c.* Nicholas Carde, a monk of this cell, or priory, proctor for the abby of De Preaux, accounted for 100*l*. in the 13th of Edward III. as cuſtos of the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of the ſame; and in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 40*l*. 16*s*. 10*d*. *ob*.

In Toft alſo and in Raveningham, a freeman had 60 acres of land mortgaged by ſeveral perſons, a carucate and an acre of meadow with 27 borderers, valued at 20*s*.

This was in the king: at the ſurvey William de Noiers took care of it, which Stigand [*b*] the arch-biſhop held as a lay fee, and was deprived of.

In the 34th of Henry III. William de Tofts had an intereſt herein, and in the 6th of Edward III. William de Stafford and his wife Iſabel had a lordſhip, ſettled on Walter their ſon; and in the 12th of that king, Walter died ſeiſed of it, and James his brother was his heir.

In the 9th of Richard II. a fine was levied between Richard Dodenhale, merchant of Coventry, querent, Richard Bottler and Joan his wife, deforciants, of the manor of Netherhall in this town, *&c.* and in the 17th of that king, Sir John Panton died ſeiſed, as is ſaid, of Overhall and Netherhall manors, and John was his ſon and heir; but in the 1ſt year of Henry IV. Richard Bottler and Joan his wife conveyed the ſaid lordſhips to James Billingford, by fine; and the 3d of that king, Jeffrey Wafre, held here and in Raveningham a quarter of a fee, called Reedſwell, in capite.

James Billingforth, of Blackworth-hall in Stoke Holy croſs, died lord in the 17th of Edward IV. Edmund Billingford, Eſq; was lord in the 33d of Henry VIII. Thomas Billingford, Eſq; in 1571, and John Billingford, in the 11th of James I. and afterwards, George Billingford.

Aſh Windham, Eſq; was lord in 1742, and his ſon William Wyndham inherited it, and his ſon a minor is lord.

The abby of Langley had conſiderable poſſeſſions here; their temporalities were valued at 26*s*. 8*d*.

The tenths of the town were 5*l*. 7*s*.

In the 1ſt of Richard II. here were lands given by John Loudham, to the repair of St. Olaves cauſey.

The church of Toft is dedicated to St. Margaret: two parts of it were appropriated to the abby of Preaux, by William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich, and confirmed by John de Gra, biſhop, *A°*. 1181, and were valued at 20 marks, and the third part was a rectory valued at 10 marks: the two appropriated parts always paſſed with the manor belonging to Preaux abby, and the 3d part was held by a rector, who in Edward I's. time had a manſe and 30 acres of land, peter-pence 8*d*. carvage 8*d*.

R E C T O R S.

In 1316, John de Warmington, inſtituted, preſented by the proctor of the abby of Preaux.——— ----. Ralph Morel, rector.———1318. John de Warmington, ditto.——— ----. Roger de Greſtein, prior of Tofts, and proctor of

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(*b*) Tre. Stigandi, epi. quas cuſtodit, W. de Noiers in manu Regis.——In Ravingham (et Toft) LX ac. tre. i lib. ho. quas habebat invadiata de pluribus ho'ib; ſemp. i car. 7 xxvii bord. 7 i ac. pti. 7 val. xx ſol.

De Preaux abby.———1327. John Red, by ditto.———1349. Jeffrey Purchas, by the king.———1391. Thomas Baylly, by Sir Lewes de Clyfford.——1408. Richard Banham, by Sir Thomas Erpingham.———1410. John Auncel, by ditto.———1417. John Staunford, by ditto.———1427. Mr. John Gley, by ditto. ———1438. Simon Jenvey, by the king.——— - - - -. Sim. Hole, rector.—— 1443. William Swan, by William Waynflete, provoſt of Eton college.——1449. William Weſtbroke, by ditto.———1454. John Bullock, by ditto.———1459. Peter Cantele, by ditto.——— - - - -. Chriſtopher Whiteſyde, rector.——1476. Thomas Mayſter, by the provoſt and fellows of King's college, Cambridge.——— 1487.——William Billyng, by ditto. 1506. William Skevyn, by ditto.——1533. William Alen, *A. B.* ditto.——1555. Chriſtopher Calvert, by the biſhop, a lapſe. ———1559. Robert Beſt, by the biſhop's vicar general.———1563. John Beane, by the provoſt, &c.———1593. Phil. Auſham, occurs rector in 1603, and returned 160 communicants.——1619. Thomas Langley, by the provoſt, &c.——1639. Richard Peter, by ditto.——1663. Charles Aſhby, by ditto.——— - - - -. James Clark.———1717. Benjamin Shipman, on Clerk's death, by King's college Cambridge.———1751. John Lodington, rector, by ditto.

The rectory is valued at 8*l.* and is diſcharged.

On an alabaſter monument, againſt the north wall of the chancel—*Hic jacet ſepultus Joh. Bayſpoole ob Toft Monks, in Com. Norf. gen. obt. die* 3°. *Aug.* 1624, *cum uxore ſuâ Eliz. Spelman, ſorore viri nobilis Hen. Spelman, equitis.*

WHETACRE.

RALPH, Lord Bainard, for his ſervices, was rewarded with this town, by the Conqueror, on the expulſion of Toret, a thane of King Edward, and was held by Geffrey under the lord Baynard; [a] it contained, on the Conqueror's grant, 2 carucates of land, 6 villains, 12 bordereres with 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, &c. 30 acres of meadow, 2 runci, and 11 cows, &c. 160 ſheep, &c. and 6 freemen belonging to the lord's fold, and under his protection, held in king Edward's time 18 acres of land, a carucate and a half, with one acre of meadow; and there were 2 churches endowed with 60 acres, and valued at 5*s.* and the manor was valued at 30*s.* but at the ſurvey at 50*s.* it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad and paid 16*d.* gelt.

Jeffrey, who held it under the lord Baynard, was a near relation of the lord Bainard, who held it in capite. Juga, widow of that lord poſſeſſed it, and was ſucceeded by her ſon Jeffrey. William, his ſon, taking part with Elias, Earl of Maine, in France, and other conſpirators againſt King Henry I. was deprived of his barony of Bainard caſtle in London, which was granted to Robert, a younger ſon of Richard Fitz Gilbert, whoſe ſon Walter Fitz Robert ſucceeded, and the deſcendants of Jeffrey abovementioned held it of him; Thomas, ſon of Robert Bainard holding it in the reign of Richard I. Robert Baynard had a charter *A°.* 12, Edward II. for 2 fairs and 2 mercates here.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, on the death of Robert Baynard, [b] of Whetacre, on April 16, *A°.* 4, Edward III. the jurors find that he died ſeiſed of a capital meſſuage of no value, beſides the repairs, a pidgeon houſe valued at 12*d.* *per ann.* 180 acres of arable land valued at 4*l.* 10*s.* at 6*d.* *per acre*, 100 acres of ſalt marſh at 100*s.* *per ann.* 20 of groſs wood, without underwood, valued at 2*d.* *per acre*, a windmill at 20*s.* *per ann.* rents of aſſize payable at Lady-Day, Midſummer, and Michaelmas. 6*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* copyholders days works between Michaelmas

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(*a*) Tre. Radulfi Bainardi.———Wateaker tenet Gaosfrid. q. tenuit Toreth tein. t. r. e. ii car. tre. ſep. vi villi 7 xii bor. tc. ii ſer. ſep. ii car. in dnio. 7 ii car. houm. ſilv. viii por. xxx ac. pti. ſep. ii r. 7 xi ani tc. xv por. m°. xxx. tc. CLX ov. m°. CLXXVI 7 vi lib. hoes. ſoca. falde 7 comd. t. r. e. xviii ac. ſep. i car. 7 dim. 7 i ac. pti. 7 ii eccle. LX ac. in elemoſina, 7 val. v ſol. tc. maneriu. val. xxx ſol. m°. L. ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 xvi*d.* de gelto.

(*b*) Of the Bainards ſee in Chatgrave, Colkirk, &c.

mas and St. Peter *ad vincula* 10*s*. and between that feaſt and Michaelmas 20*s*. pleas and perquiſites of court 10*s*. *per ann.* held of the lord Fitz Walter, and Thomas was his ſon and heir aged 26.

This Thomas Bainard ſold this lordſhip, in the 10th of the ſaid king, to Sir Thomas Roſceline, from whom it came (as may be ſeen at large in Edgfield) to John, Lord Willoughby of Ereſby, and from them to Richard Bertue, by the heireſs, whoſe ſon Peregrine, was Lord Willoughby in his mother's right, and preſented to the church in 1602.

John Wentworth, Eſq; was lord of both manors and patron of the 2 churches September 21, *A*°. 16, James I. and Sir John Wentworth was his ſon and heir.

Matthew Bluck, Eſq; one of the ſix clerks in chancery, was lord in 1675, and in this family it remained, 'till conveyed to William Grimſton, Eſq;

The lord Bainard, [*c*] had alſo the grant of another lordſhip in this town, of which a freeman of Herold the king, was deprived, and conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, 10 villains, 5 borderers, 4 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, *&c.* with 30 acres of meadow; Robert, ſon of Corbution, (or Corbun) claimed it, and had livery. Here was paſture for 200 ſheep, 2 runci, 7 cows, *&c.* 6 bee ſkeps, 7 freemen under commendation belonged to the lord's fold, with 18 acres of land, 2 carucates and an acre of meadow, valued then at 30*s*. at the ſurvey at 45*s*. This came to the lord Bainard, by an exchange, and Frankus held it of him.

The antient family of De Edisfeld, or Edgfield, was ſoon after the conqueſt enfeoffed of this lordſhip, and held it in the reign of Henry II. from whom it came by an heireſs, to Sir William de Roſceline, and was held of the lord Fitz Walter, as in Chatgrave, Edgfield, *&c.*—Sir Thomas de Roſceline dying *ſine prole*, it came to the lords Willoughby, *&c.* as above.

The tenths were 3*l*. 10*s*.—Deducted 10*s*—Temporalities of Norwich priory 13*s*. 4*d*.

The temporalities of Langley abby 3*l*. 5*s*. 5*d*. A manor is ſaid to belong to Whetacre.

Here were 2 churches; one dedicated to St. Peter, a rectory valued at 11 marks, the rector had a manſe with 3 acres of land, peter pence were 16*d*. carvage 4*d*. *ob.* this is called Whetacre Burgh.

RECTORS.

In 1301, John Baynard, inſtituted rector, preſented by Lady Joan, relict of Sir Robert Baynard.——1304. Thomas Baynard, by ditto.——1316. John Baynard, by Sir Robert Baynard. [*d*]——1325. Gerard de Horſtede, by ditto; he is called Eſquire of the lady Roſcelyne, went in a lay, coloured habit (*veſte ſtragulata*) and had not the clerical tonſure.——1334. John de La Grene, by Sir Thomas Roſcelyn.——1355. Mr. William Graa, by Sir William Synthwait, in right of his wife Joan, late relict of John, Lord Willoughby.——1365. William Malebys, by ditto.——1376. Sim. de Kilpeſham, by Sir Robert de Willughby, Lord Ereſby.——1379. Mr. Robert de Weſton, by William Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, Sir Roger Scales, Sir Robert Howard, *&c.*——1382. John Sayer, by Robert, Lord Willughby.——1398. Henry Wodeſtoke, by ditto.——1398. Robert Coucliff, by ditto.——1401. William Linchewyk, by ditto.——1403. John Burges, by ditto.——1414. Richard Facon, by Robert, Lord Willoughby.——1434. William Themilby, by ditto, in right of the manor of Whetacre.——1436. William Caſtell, by Sir William Tireſhit, Richard Yardeſburgh and John Wyles, Eſq; feoffees of Robert, Lord Willoughby.——1444.

(*c*) Tre. Rad. Bainardi.——In Hwateaker, i lib. ho. Heroldi, ii car. tre. q. tenet Frankus, ſep. x villi. 7 v bor. tc. iiii ſer. m°. ii ſep. ii car. in dnio. 7 ii car. houm. ſilv. viii. por. 7 xxx. ac. pti. hunc calumniatr. R. fili. Corbutionis, 7 ht. lib'atore. paſtura. cc. ov. ſep. ii r. tc. vii. an. tc. xii por. m°. xvii tc. cc ov. m°. c. vi vaſa. apu. 7 vii lib. hoes. ſoc. falde comdatione xviii ac. ſep. ii car. 7 i ac. pti. tc. val. xxx ſol. m°. xlv totu. p. eſcang.

(*d*) Reg. Eccles. Norwic.

1444. Henry Bramerton, by Robert, Lord Willoughby.——1465. John Mareys, by Richard de Welles, Lord Willughby.———1480. Robert Monger, by Richard Haſtings, Lord Welles.———1500. William Ward, by ditto.———1501. William Hantenſale, by Sir Richard Haſtings.———1508. George Waſhingham, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1536. Richard Hill, by Mary, Lady Willoughby, widow. ———1545. Andrew Hawes, by Catherine, Dutcheſs of Suffolk, daughter of William, Lord Willughby.———1553. Henry Bacon, by Richard Bertie, Eſq; of Ormſthorp in Lincolnſhire, in right of his wife Catherine.———1555. Robert Ullothornes, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1556. Henry Hill, by the aſſignees of William Heronden, a truſtee of Richard Bertie, Eſq; *&c.*———1602. Edward Stanhawe, by the aſſignees of Peregrine, Lord Willoughby.———1618. Chriſtopher Milne, by Euſeb. Paget, Clerk.———1659. Henry Watts, by Ann Melling.—— ----. Daniel Benton, rector.———1669. Phil. Prime, by Thomas Garneys, Eſq;——1713. Thomas Page, by William Grimſton, Eſq;

1764. Mr. Samuel Boycot.

The preſent valor is 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged.

The other church is dedicated to All Saints. John de Bumſtede is ſaid to have had an intereſt in the patronage, but in the beginning of Edward II. the family of Baynard; the rector had then a beautiful manſe, and it was valued at 5*l.* peterpence 12*d.* carvage 4*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

1316. Sim. de Berningham, preſented by Sir Robert Baynard.—— ----. Sim. Croppe, rector.———1357. William de Merſe, by Sir William Synthwait.——1360. John Hoppe, by William Ufford, Earl of Suffolk.———1404. John Draper, by William, Lord Willoughby.———1405. John Goldſpring, by ditto.——1409. John Tenalby, by ditto.———1409. Nicholas Tydd, by ditto.———1412. Richard Newman, by Robert, Lord Willoughby.———1437. Andrew Dean, by ditto.———1445. John Annotſon, by ditto.———1450. William Gilbert, by ditto.———1476. John Mareys, by Richard Haſtings, Lord Welles and Willoughby. ———1494. John Hoker, by ditto.———1497. Robert Proveyt, *L. L. B.* by ditto.———1510. John Shilton, by William, Lord Willoughby.———1510. Edward Lamſon, by ditto.——— ----. Nicholas Chamberlain.———1522. Thomas Bingley, by ditto.———1538. John Thuxton.———1539. Nicholas Dade, by ditto.———1540. Roger Gavell, by Charles, Duke of Suffolk, and Catherine his dutcheſs.———1555. Mr. William Botiler, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1556. Thomas Robinſon, by William Herenden, Eſq;———1557. Henry Hill, by ditto. 1572. Roger Gavel, by Richard Bertie, Eſq; in right of Catherine his wife.——1602. Euſeb. Paget, by the aſſigns of Peregrine Bertie: he returned 68 communicants, in 1603.——1650. Henry Watts.———1658. John Morris, by Lady Anne Wentworth.———1673. Thomas Lunn.———1675. Phil. Prime, by Matthew Bluck, Eſq,———1713. Thomas Page, by William Grimſton, Eſq;———1715. John Guavas, by ditto.

1758. Mr. Chriſtopher Smear, preſented by Lynn Smear, clerk.

The preſent valor is 6*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

On a ſtone, with a braſs plate, by the font,

Rob'tus London, arcâ, cum conjuge, ſacra;
Hac fatum ſubiens, conſepilitur humo.
Ambo fœlices, numeroſâ prole beati,
Complent hoſpitio, pacificiq; dies.
Illa obt. Junij 1620.
Ille Oct. 1627.

There was an antient family of the Whitacres, [e] who had an intereſt in a lordſhip.

William de Whitacre was found to hold one fee of the barony of Baynard, in this town, in the beginning of King Henry III's reign,

WINSTON.

(e) Teſta de Nevill.

W I N S T O N.

THIS town is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, being accounted for in the lordſhip of Stockton, of which it was a part and member, and was granted with Stockton, by King Stephen, to Hugh Bigot, earl of Norfolk, and held by his deſcendants, earls of Norfolk, who enfeoffed a younger ſon, Sir Ralph Bigot, therein; by a daughter and heireſs of that family, it came to the Garneys, the Delapoles, earls, &c. of Suffolk. After this, coming to the crown, William Roberts, attorney, town clerk of Yarmouth, farmed it of the crown, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth: his ſiſter and heir brought it by marriage to [a] Simon Smith, Eſq; whoſe ſon and heir, Thomas, married Margery, daughter of Nicholas Garniſh, of Reedeſham Hall in Suffolk; he died June 6, 1630, and was buried in the churchyard of Gillingham, All Saints, being father of Simon Smith, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edmund Mundeford, ſiſter and heir to her brother, Sir Edmund, of Feltwell, in Norfolk. From the Smiths it came to the Fleetwoods, by Frances, daughter and heir of Thomas Smith, Eſq; who married Charles Fleetwood, Eſq; whoſe ſon, Smith Fleetwood, Eſq; was lord in 1708.

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is a rectory. The rector, in the reign of Edward I. had 20 acres of land, valued at 20*s*. Peter-pence 12*d*. Carvage, 3*d*. *ob*. and Roger, Earl of Norfolk, was patron.

R E C T O R S.

In 1303, John de Honyng, preſented by Roger, Earl of Norfolk.——1303, Thomas de Mutford, ditto.——1330, John Spare, by Thomas de Brotherton, Earl of Norfolk.——1330, Thomas Reynald, ditto.——1349, Hugh Ditchingham, by Sir Edward de Montacute.——1351, Reginald Biſhop, ditto.——1352, John Mareys, ditto.——1355, William Bernard, ditto.——1357, John de Bedwell, ditto.——1365, John Styward, by William Ufford, lord of Framlingham.——1366, William Kemp, ditto.——1367, Robert Warrener, ditto. 1367, John Markant, ditto.——1384, Henry Gille, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1385, John Slygh, ditto.——1390, Robert Burney, ditto.——1394, William Hebbe, ditto.——1398, John Smith, ditto.

1402, John Spendlove, by the king, on the minority of Thomas Mowbray, ſon of Thomas, late earl Marſhall.——1412, William Forſter, by the biſhop, a lapſe. 1437, William Bernſdale, ditto.

On the 9 of February, 1440, the biſhop's vicar general, by the conſent of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, and the pariſhioners, united and conſolidated this church to that of Gillingham, All-Saints; Thomas Wright, then rector of Gillingham, All-Saints, who was obliged to ſerve one Sunday at Winſton, and the two following at Gillingham.

In the firſt year of Edward IV. John Mowbray, duke of Norfolk, died lord and patron; and afterwards the Howards, dukes of Norfolk; and on the attainder of the duke, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, it came to the crown, but was granted by King James, in his firſt year, to Henry Howard, earl of Northampton.

Sir Nicholas Bacon, baronet, was patron, and gave it to his ſixth ſon, Nicholas Bacon, Eſq; who died Auguſt 17, *anno* 17 of Charles I. and it remained in the ſaid family, in 1742; Sir Edmund Bacon, baronet, of Gillingham, then enjoying it.

This rectory, with that of Windele, was valued at 5*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*, and diſcharged, and both united to Gillingham.

The tenths were 1*l*. 6*s*. Temporalities of Langley abbey, 2*s*.

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[a] Of the family of Smith, ſee in Blomfield's Hiſtory of Norfolk, Vol. 3. in Irmingland.

WYNDALE.

THIS town was alſo part of the manor of Stockton, and of Gillingham, and ſo not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, and coming to the crown at [a] the conqueſt, ſo remained, till granted to Hugh Bigot, earl of Norfolk, by King Stephen; from the Bigots, it came to Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, &c. ſo to the Mowbrays and Howards, dukes of Norfolk; and after that in the crown.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Edward Everard is ſaid to hold the manor of Wyndale of the crown, as of her lordſhip of Stockton.

The church of Wyndale is dedicated to St. Andrew; was a rectory in the reign of Edward I. in the patronage of Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk; and the rector had a manſe with 10 acres; valued at 40*s*. Peter-pence 18*d*. Carvage 3*d*.

RECTORS.

In 1318, Thomas Pateman was inſtituted, preſented by Thomas Brotherton, earl of Norfolk.——1349, John Aldham, by Sir Edward de Montacute.——1392, Thomas Chalke, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.

1404, Thomas de Burton, by Thomas Mowbray, earl marſhal, and of Nottingham.

In 1440, July 20, on the petition of the duke of Norfolk, the patron, it was united to the church of Gillingham, All Saints.

In the 17 of Charles I. this rectory with that of Winſton, was held by Nicholas Bacon, Eſq; of Simon Smith, Eſq; as of his manor of Stockton, which he farmed of the crown.——Sir Edmund Bacon, patron in 1742, and of Gillingham. See there, for the rectors, &c.

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[a] See in Gillingham, and in Stockton.

NORTH ERPINGHAM HUNDRED.

THE Conqueror, at the time of the ſurvey, had the ſoc and ſac of this hundred, except the land which Siward Bar held in the time of the Confeſſor, in Beckham.

In the 34 of Henry III. the hundred was valued at 8*l.* *per ann.* and in the 3d of Edward I. Hugh de Parker farmed it of Queen Alianore. The gallows for this hundred, (and every hundred had one belonging to the lord of it) was at a place called Starts Heg. In the 15 of that king, he granted to the queen, all fines and amercements belonging to it, and ordered them to be paid to John de Berewyk, his beloved clerk, keeper of the queen's *(auri)* treaſury, who was prebend of Holme in 1294, and after of Fenton in the county of York.

William de Curſoun, of Carleton in Norfolk, accounted for 34*l.* and half a mark arrears, of the farms of Aylſham, Cauſton, and Hobois manors, and the hundreds of North and South Erpingham; and in the 4 of Edward II. Walter de Bermingham had a grant for life, of theſe 2 hundreds. In the 32 of Edward III. Iſabel, queen dowager of England, died poſſeſſed of them; after this, King Edward III. ſettled them on his ſon John, duke of Lancaſter, and ſo they became part of that dutchy, which being in the crown on the acceſſion of Henry IV. ſo remain at this time.

King Edward IV. in his 15 year, ſettled them on his queen.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it appears that every hundred had a particular place to preſerve and keep ſafe the military ſtores, belonging to it, and that this hundred had then in ſtore 400*lb.* of powder, 600 of match, 270 of lead, 30 pickaxes, 30 ſhod ſhovels, 30 bare ſhovels, 9 axes, 300 baſkets, and 5 betels. The hundred court ſeems to have been held at Guneby Gate, probably near Gunton town; William de Valentia, lord of Matlaſk, was ſued in the 52 of Henry III. for withdrawing a ſuit of court a Gunegate, to the king's hundred of North Erpingham.

ALBURGH.

A L B U R G H.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor to the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, held in Aldeburg, one borderer, which Ulſtan had in the Confeſſor's time, alſo the land of a free man who held under Ketel [a] in that king's time, 30 acres of land, and half an acre of meadow; and of another freeman's lands, *viz.* 20 acres and half an acre of meadow, held under Ketel; alſo the lands of 4 free men who held under Herold half a carucate of land with 6 borderers, 3 carucates and one acre of meadow, one mill and the moiety of another; valued in King Edward's time at 15*s.* after at 30*s.* and had been let at 40*s. per ann.* but the tenants could not pay it.

Hugh Bigot, earl of Norfolk, was lord in 1140, and Roger Bigot, earl marſhal of England, was found in the 3d of Edward I. to have free warren, view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, a fair, and took toll, which his uncle, Roger, held on the vigil, the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, and the day after; in the 14 of that king, he recovered damages againſt Jeffrey de Maſſingham, &c. for fiſhing in his ponds.

This lordſhip was held by the earls in *capite*, and under them by the family of De Hereward.——Theobald de Hereward, and William his ſon, of Alburgh, and Robert Hereward, were witneſſes to deeds *ſans* date; Robert Hereward was living in 1376. In the 4 of Henry IV. the heirs of Robert Hereward held it of the Lord Mowbray, duke of Norfolk.

Clement Herward, Eſq; of Alburgh, by his will, dated November 2, 1426, requires to be buried in St. Mary's church of this town, by Margaret his mother; nominates Cecilia, his wife, John Bacon, and Richard Gegge, Eſq; his executors, and appoints them truſtees of all his lands in this town, Suffeld, Wykmere, Wolterton, Matlaſs, [b] Barninghams, &c. Cecilia, his wife, to have all his goods, and Caleys manor in Suffield, till Robert, his ſon, came of age, then to him; remainder to Thomas his brother; the manor of Wykmer, to his wife for life; to Margaret, his daughter, 100 marks; and to Margery, his daughter, 40*l.* Proved January 23, following.

Robert Herward, Eſq; by his will, dated on Saturday next after the decollation of St. John baptiſt, in 1481, deſires to be buried by his parents in this church; Clement, [c] his ſon and heir, to have this manor, with thoſe of Suffield and Cromer, after the death of Anne, his wife; to John, his ſon, 50*l.* to Robert, his ſon, 50*l.* and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the repair of St. Peter's chapel, in this church.——Anne, his wife, was alſo buried in this church; ſhe mentions in her will, dated December 18, 1485, her ſon, Clement; Margaret, Alice, and Anne, her daughters; the laſt, then the wife of John Groos, gent.

Clement Herward, Eſq; was buried in the chapel of St. John, of this church, where his great grand-father lieth; appoints Elizabeth, his wife, Robert, his ſon, and [d] Robert, his brother, executors, and Sir John Heydon, ſuperviſor; gives to Henry, his ſon, 40*l.* to Anne, his daughter, 100 marks, and wills Philip, his ſon, to be a pryſt, and to have 10*l.* or more if need be, to purchaſe a licenſe for it, and for pluralities; he died in 1509.

Robert Herward, Eſq; was lord in the 33 of Henry VIII. and had a rent of 7*s.* 3*d.* payable to this manor, out of lands in Wykmere. In 1553, and in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Clement Herward poſſeſſed it. The arms of this family are——azure, a feſs, gobonée, gules and vert, between 3 owlets, argent.

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Aldeburc, i bord. que' ten. Ulſtan t. r. e.——i lib. ho. de xxx ac. t're. que' ten. Ketel t. r. e. dim. ac. p'ti.——i lib. ho. de xx ac. t're. que' ten. Ketel. t. r. e. dim. ac. p'ti.——In Aldeburc iiii libi. ho'es quos tenuit Herold. t. r. e. de dim. car. t're. ſemp. vi bor. ſep. iii car. i ac. p'ti. i mol. 7 dim. tc. 7. p. xv ſol. mo. xxx. ſ. fuer. ad xl ſ. non potuer. redde.

[b] Reg. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 16.

[c] Reg. Belings. fol. 10.

[d] Reg. Spyltimer, fol. 287.

After this, it was in Thomas Parker, Eſq; His ſon Gilbert articled to convey it with all its profits, rents, &c. and the manſion houſe or hall, its barns, ſtables, lands, orchards, gardens, &c. to John Palgrave, Eſq; of Barningham, and Clement Palgrave, Eſq; of the Inner Temple, London.

——— Thompſon was lord, who conveyed it to John Grayle, rector of Blicking, who died in 1732.

On April 17, in the 25 of Elizabeth, William Dyx, Eſq; had a grant of the fair of Alburgh; by his laſt will it came to Thomas, Earl of Arundel, and his truſtees, who by deed, May 28, in the 5 of King James I. conveyed it to Robert Dyx, of Alby.

The temporalities of Norwich priory were 9*s.*

The tenths, 3*l.* 1*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

[e] William, Earl Warren, had in this town, at the ſurvey, 60 acres of land, held by 3 villains and 4 borderers, with one carucate and a half; this part being a beruite to his manor of Greſham, was 8 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 5*d.* halfpenny gelt.

See in Greſham manor.

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a rectory; formerly valued at 16 marks, paid Peter-pence, 5*d. ob.* The preſent valor is 8*l.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

In the 3 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Robert de Baſingham, petent, and Roger Bigod, earl of Norfoik, deforcient, of this advouſon.

RECTORS.

In the 37 of Henry III. William de Ruſe, occurs rector.———In the reign of Edward I. the earl of Norfolk was patron; and the rector had a manſe with 16 acres of land ——1303, John de Honyng, inſtituted rector, preſented by Roger Bygod, earl of Norfolk.———1320, William Franceys, by Thomas, Earl of Norfolk.——1346, John le Wayte, by Sir Edward Montacute.———1371. John Pyper, by William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk.———1396, William Horn, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.

1418, Nicholas Bovy, by John, earl marſhal.———1422, Robert Blakelow, ditto.———1424, Thomas Wilſon, ditto.———1432, John Atte-Medowe, by John, Duke of Norfolk.———1467, John Wyppe, ditto.

1504, John Bartilmew, by Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.———1515, Henry Smithſon.————1520, John Hewe, by Thomas, Earl of Surry.————1551, Brian Smith, by the king.———1580, William Youngs, by the queen.———1592, John Burgrave, ditto; he returned 70 communicants in 1603.

1614, Edmund Hamond, by John Griffith, Eſq;———1628, Thomas Reve, by Thomas, Earl of Arundel; it came into the Howard family again, by a grant of King James I. June 17, *ao.* 1, being forfeited on the attainder of the duke of Norfolk, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.———1647, George Fen.

1699, Jos. Ward, by John Harbord, Eſq;

1717, Alexander Tompſon, ditto.———1728, Joſeph Ward, by Harbord Harbord, Eſq;———1730, John Tayleur, by Harbord Harbord, Eſq;———1738, Jona. Wrench, ditto.——1742, William Herring, by William Morden Harbord.——1747, Richard Parkinſon, by Sir William Harbord, baronet.

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[e] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Iſti. (viz. Greſam) p'tinet i beruita Aldeburc de lx ac. t're. ſep. iii villi. et iiii bord. 7. i car. 7 dim. intr. eos.—Aldeburg ht. viii qr. in longo. 7 iii in lato. 7. de gelto v*d.* 7 obolu,

ANTINGHAM.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had, at the ſurvey, [a] two borderers, who held of him half a carucate of land, which was valued under the ſaid Roger's manor of Suffield: and Torſtin, ſon of Wido, held under Roger, what 3 free men held in King Edward's reign, under Almarus Alwold and Anſpatus:——*viz.* one carucate and an half of meadow, with 4 villains and 4 borderers; and 2 carucates of the tenants, valued at 25*s.* but at the ſurvey at 36*s.* *per ann.*

The antient family of De Antingham was enfeoffed of it under the Bigots, probably deſcended from Torſtin.

[b] Stephen de Antingham, and Nicholas, his ſon, occur *ſans* date. Nicholas, ſon of Walter, releaſed to Roger de Antingham, all his right in a carucate of land here, and in Walſham, which was Bartholomew de Antingham's in the 3d of Henry III.

In the 16 of Edward I. Bartholomew de Antingham died lord, and of Herburgh, ſome place near this town, and Roger was his ſon and heir, aged 4 years; held of the abbot of St. Bennet, of Holme, (as then ſaid) by the ſervice of 12*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in the 9 of Edward II. Roger de Antingham was lord; in the 15 of that king, he had free warren here and in Bradfield, and was the king's valet. Selden [c] obſerves that valet was antiently with us, (as in France) a name ſpecially denoting young gentlemen of great deſcent and quality. By Amitia, his wife, he was father of Bartholomew de Antingham, and in 39 of Edward III. Bartholomew de Antingham was lord.

† After this, it was in the Wichinghams, of Wichingham *Magna*; Nicholas Wichingham, Eſq; and Joan, his 2d wife, held their firſt court here in the 4 of Henry V. [d] Joan, his widow, and Edmund her ſon and heir, held it in the 28 of Henry VI. and in the 2d of Edward IV. it was ſettled on the ſaid Edmund, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John Faſtolf, for life; on a diviſion of his eſtate, it was the part or ſhare of Joan, (one of his 4 daughters and coheirs) married to Robert Longſtruther, Eſq; who dying without iſſue, ſhe re-married Robert Bois, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir Roger Bois, of Honing, and held her firſt court in the 14 of the ſaid king, then widow of Robert Bois, by whom ſhe had a daughter, Catherine, married to Edmund Jenney, of Knatſhall in Suffolk, knight, who held his firſt court in the firſt of Richard III. and was father of William Jenney, Eſq; † who married, firſt Etheldreda, or Dorothy, daughter of Robert Clere, of Ormeſby, Eſq; and held a court in the 11th of Henry VII. and another in the 20 of that king, with Elizabeth, his 2d wife, daughter of —— Briton, of London, Eſq; by whom he had Francis, his ſon, who in the 6 of Edward VI. made a leaſe of this manor for years (after the deceaſe of his mother, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Nevill) to Thomas Hunt, who aſſigned it to Thomas Gryme, gent. Francis married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Peyton, of Iſleham in Cambridgeſhire; and in the 12 of Elizabeth, ſold all his right to Gryme.

Thomas Gryme married Amphillis, daughter of Robert Themilthorp, of Folſham, Eſq; Amphillis, his widow, held it in the 35 of the ſaid queen; and afterwards married John Kemp, 2d ſon of Sir Robert Kemp, of Giſſing in Norfolk; they ſettled it on Robert Kemp of Giſſing, Eſq; who was lord in the 8 of James I. and in 1700, Sir Robert Kemp, knight, was lord; and William Kemp, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir Robert, in 1705.

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Antigeham ii bor. ht. dim. car. app'tiati ſ't. in Sutfelle in hoc Antigeham iii libi. ho'es. i fuit Almari, alter Alwoldi, ter. Anſpati. i car. 7 dim. t're. tenent, quos tenet Torſtinus f. Wd. ſemp. iiii villi. 7. iiii bor. tc. 7. p. i car. 7 dim. 7. mo. ii car. 7 dim. iii ac. p'ti. 7. ii car. hou'm. ſep. tc. 7. p. val. xxv ſol. mo. xxxvi.

[b] Regiſt. de Hulmo, fol 95.

[c] Titles of Honour, p. 831.

[d] Margaret Witchingham, widow of Sir William Witchingham, and mother of Nicholas, preſented this church, in 1388, which proves their right here, this time.

† In 1446, Robert Lyſton, gent. had an intereſt and preſented to the church. See in Melton.

Antingham bore ſable, a bend, argent.——Bois, argent, 2 bars and a canton, gules, a bend over all, ſable.——Jenney, ermin, a bend, gules, between 2 bendlets, or.——Briton, azure, 2 chevrons and as many mullets in chief, or.——Kemp, gules, 3 garbs in a bordure engrailed, or.

To this lordſhip belonged the church of St. Mary, in this town, which was a rectory, antiently valued at 5 marks. In Henry III's. time there were 2 medieties, but in the reign of Edward I. it appears to be divided into 4 parts or portions.

In the 3d year of Henry III. Reginald, abbot of St. Bennet's de Hulmo, conveyed to Roger de Antingham the moiety of the advouſon of this church, and Roger paid to him 40*s*. ſterling on this account; and William le Ruſe died rector in the 37 of that king.

In the 4 of Edward I. William de Pirnho claimed a fourth part of the advouſon, but John de Creke, who married one of the heirs of Bartholomew de Antingham, recovered it againſt him; about this time, Roger Bigot, Earl of Norfolk, earl marſhal and capital lord of this manor, was patron of one portion; John de Creke, patron of another; Bartholomew de Antingham, patron of a 3d portion; and Hugh de Falkenour of a fourth.——Peter-pence were 6*d*. *q*.——The preſent valor is 6*l*. 3*s*. 1*d*. and is diſcharged from firſt fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

In 1280, Thomas occurs rector.——1305, Ralph Aubre, inſtituted to a fourth part, preſented by Sir John Bovill, ſon of William.——1308, John de Hemingſburgh, to a fourth by the king.——1311, Robert de Hemmyngburgh to a fourth, by Thomas de Brotherton, earl of Norfolk.——1325, Jeffrey de Loſtegrave to a fourth, ditto.——1327, Edmund de Brewſe, to a fourth, by Sir Thomas Latimer.——1333, John de Creting to a fourth, ditto.——1334, William de Swerdeſton to a mediety, by Sir Roger de Antingham.——1334, Thomas de Preſton to a mediety, ditto.——1335, Richard Marcom to a mediety, ditto.——1338, William de Creting to a fourth, by Sir Thomas Latymer.——1349, John Mondegome to a fourth, ditto.——1351, John Godknape to a fourth, by the Biſhop of Norwich, a lapſe.——1366, Simon de Ramſey to a fourth, by George de Felbrigge.——1370, Jeffrey Joſep to a fourth, by John de Wolterton and George Felbrigge.——1371, John Maſoun to a fourth, by George Felbrigge.——1385, Henry Gille to a fourth, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1386, Robert Walters to a fourth, by Sir George Felbrigge.——1387, Robert Debenham, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1388, Reginald Crowe to a mediety, by Margaret de Wychingham; this Margaret was now widow of Sir William de Wichingham.——1395, John Pecok to a mediety, by Nicholas de Wychingham.——Thomas Day, rector of a third part.

1409, William Ham, by Sir John Gyneye.——1412, Thomas Bowde to a third, by Sir Miles and Sir Brian Stapleton.——1414, John Ham to a mediety, by John Hevenyngham, feoffee of Nicholas Wychingham.——1437, Richard Wyſton, by Joan Wychingham.——1446, Jeffrey Leſyngham to a third part, by Robert Lyſton, gent. his right came as heir to the Carbonells, and Sir John Bovill, &c.——1450, John Cley to a mediety, by Joan, relict of Nicholas Wychingham.——1452, John Burgeys to a third, by John, duke of Norfolk.——1467, William Kyng to two parts, by Robert Lyſton, of Badingham in Suffolk, Eſq;——Henry Keſon, rector.

1502, Symon Ryſing, by Andrew Sulyard, Eſq; and Margery his wife, Ed. Rouſe, and Margaret his wife.——John Coote, rector.——1538, John Cocke, by Elizabeth Potkyn, late wife of William Jenney, Eſq;——1554, Edmund Ingloſs, by the aſſignees of Sir Edmund Windham.——1558, Nicholas Church, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1570, William Halle, (in 1603, he returned 60 communicants) by Thomas Gryme, gent.

1614, Thomas Smith, by Robert Kemp.——1616, Sam. Withe, by John Windham,

ham, Eſq; who recovered it againſt Robert Kemp.——1635, Edward Rowſe, by Thomas, Earl of Arundel.—William Starkey, rector.——1660, Robert Bullock, by John Wyndham, Eſq;—1675, Nicholas Pollard, by the aſſignees of Henry, Earl of Norwich.—1679, George Raymond, by Robert Kemp, Eſq;—1690, Robert Harvey, by Aſh Windham, Eſq;

1701, Thomas Gill, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.—1705, Francis Gardiner, by Robert Kemp, Eſq;—1710, Thomas Dunch, by Aſh Windham, Eſq;——1718, William Webb, by John Anſtis, Eſq;—1754, Iſaac Horſely, by Sir William Harbord, baronet.

In this church were the guilds of St. John baptiſt, St. Margaret and St. Mary, Trinity altar and St. Nicholas's light.—In the church, a graveſtone, *In memory of Ralph Berney, who married ———, ſiſter of Sir William Fermour.*——One for *John Cuddon, ſon of George Cuddon, Eſq; who married Anne Berney.*

Under a marble graveſtone at the eaſt end of the nave, as you enter the chancel, was the portraiture of Richard Calthorp, Eſq; and Anne, his wife, and 19 children.—On a braſs plate—*Here under lyeth buried, Richard Calthorp, Eſq; (ſon of John Calthorp, of Cockthorpe, Eſq;) and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir Edmund Haſtings, late wife of Richard Reymes, Eſq; of Oxſtrand, by whom he had 19 ſons, and daughters; he departed this life January 30, 1554, and the ſaid Anne deceaſed March 19, 1562.*——*God be praiſed.*—A graveſtone *In memory of Bertram Calthorp, Eſq; 15th child of Richard and Ann;*—on it his arms, and thoſe of Tichbourn, impaled, and 6 daughters on their knees.

On a graveſtone in the chancel—*Orate p. a'ia Henrici Keſon nup. rectoris iſtius eccl'ie, obijt 26 Oct. 1505.*

Againſt the wall of the chancel on an alabaſter monument—*Here reſteth the body of John Kemp, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Robert Kemp of Giſſing, Eſq; who had iſſue by Anne, daughter of Robert Cuddon, Eſq; Robert, his ſon and heir, who erected this monument, and died November 18. 1610.*

In the windows are the arms of Calthorp and Haſtings, impaled; alſo Jermy and Calthorp, and Kemp and Calthorp.—*Robert Jenney of this town, gent. was buried according to his will, dated December 6, 1560, in this church.*

Robert Lyſton, of Badingham in Suffolk, Eſq; by his will, dated 28 September, and proved 1484, orders that his feoffees of this advouſon, &c. ſhould ſettle it on Iſabel, his wife, for life, to maintain John his ſon, and for his daughter's portion; remainder to John, his ſon.

St. BENNET's MANOR.

THE abby of St. Bennet of Holme held here in King Edward's reign, and at the ſurvey, a lordſhip conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, two villains, and 6 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants; paunage for 4 ſwine, 2 acres of meadow, 2 runci, 3 cows, &c. 6 ſheep; [e] and 3 freemen belonged to it, who could either give or ſell their land, containing half a carucate of land, and a carucate and an acre of meadow; valued in King Edward's time at 30*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* It was 8 furlongs long, 5 and an half broad, and paid 13*d.* halfpenny gelt.

In the 6 of Henry I. this lordſhip belonged to the chamberlain of St. Bennet's [*f*] abby; and in the reign of Henry II. the abbot had a precept to hold it freely, as Adam, the ſteward of the abby, had acknowledged it to be freely his, and held of the abby.

Peter de Alto Boſco, or de Hautbois, gave to king John, in his 12 year, 20 marks, to have ſeiſin of it, and that of Thurgarton, with the hundred of Tunſtead, and the ſtewardſhip of the abby, which he claimed of the abbot; but in the 19 of Henry III. the ſaid Peter releaſed all his right.

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[e] Terra S'ci Benedicti de Holmo.---In Attingali car. t're. ſep. ii vill. 7. viii bor. ii. car. in d'nio. ii car. hom. ſilva iiii porc. ii ac. p'ti. ii runc. iii an. v por. lx ov. 7. iii libi. ho'es q. pot. t'ram ſuam dare et vendere, dim. car. 're. 7. i ac. p'ti. ſep. i car. tc. val. xxx ſol. mo. xl. ht. viii quar. in long. 7. v: 7 dim. in lat. 7. xiii*d.* 7 ob. de g.

[*f*] Reg. Holm. p. 95, 104, &c.

† Reg. Paſton.

In 1257, the chamberlain held it, with a mill, &c. and in the 3d of Edward I. the jury for the hundred preſent, that the abbot would not permit his brewers and maltſters in this town and Antingham, to appear before the king's baylifs at the lete for the hundred; but the abbot waved his right.

In 1428, the chamberlain held it. At the diſſolution, on the exchange of lands, &c. between the king and the biſhop of Norwich, it was granted to that ſee; and in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, Robert Rugg farmed it of the biſhop at 6*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* *per ann.* with all the meſſuages, lands, fiſheries, liberties, foldage, &c. in Antingham, Bradfield, Felmingham and Thorp, and had a leaſe of it for 99 years, and the biſhop is the preſent lord.

To this lordſhip belonged the patronage of the church of St. Margaret of Antingham, a rectory formerly valued at 6 marks; the abbot of St. Bennet had a portion of tithe in it of 20*s.* *per ann.* and the chamberlain one of 13*s.* 4*d.* the preſent valor is 5*l.* 6*d.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged from firſt fruits and tenths.—The penſion, on a ſuit with the rector, was acknowledged by him to be paid on account of 2 parts of the tithes of the abbot's demean lands, and all the ſmall tithe of the ſaid manor that belonged to the abbot.

RECTORS.

In the reign of Edward I. the rector had 16 acres of land, but no manſe. In 1291, Thomas occurs rector.———1302. Walter de Pickering inſtituted, preſented by the abbot.———1304. John de Norton, by the king, in the vacancy of the abby. 1318. Robert de Carleton, collated by Garcellinus, Cardinal St. Marcellinus, and vice chancellor of the pope.———1331. Ralph de Welyngham, by the abbot.

1433. John Shaw, ditto.———1447. Thomas Apylton, ditto.———1463. And. Belle, ditto.———1468. Sym. Aleyn, ditto.———1473. Thomas Cook, ditto.———1504. Sim. Holle, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1518. Thomas Gardner, by the abbot.———1519. Edmund Halteman, ditto.———1528. John Godbere.———1554. Robert Church, by Robert Rugge, citizen and alderman of Norwich, by virtue of his leaſe, as I take it, of this manor from the biſhop.———1559. Richard Gatefeld, by Franc. Rugge.———1560. Nicholas Church, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1570. William Faſſet, ditto.———1582. John Wright, ditto: in 1603, he returned 56 communicants, and was vicar of Ludham.———1610. William Starkey, by the biſhop.———1617. Edmund Wilſon, ditto.———1662. Robert Bullock, ditto.———1675. Nicholas Pollard, ditto.———1679. George Raynſond, ditto.———1690. Robert Harvey, ditto.———1701. Thomas Jeffery, ditto.———1736. John Fowke, by the biſhop.

In the porch was the image of St. Margaret.

In the 3d year of King Edward III. John, Earl Warren, had an homage, or lordſhip here, valued at 10*l.* *per ann.* which King Henry II. gave to Hamelin Plantaginet, Earl Warren and Surrey, belonging to his lordſhip of Gimingham, at a place here, called Hulver.

Sir Thomas Bedingfeld and Alice his wife, and Firmin Rokewode, Eſq; ſon and heir apparent of Alice, conveyed a manor here, (which I take to be this) to Edmund Wyndham, Eſq; in the 29th of Henry VIII. and Richard Calthorp, Eſq; probably died ſeiſed of it in 1554.

The tenths were 2*l.* 14*s.*—Deducted 4*s.*

AYLMERTON.

WILLIAM, Earl Warren, [a] held a moiety of this town, by the gift of the Conqueror, of which Viulf, a freeman of Edric was deprived, 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 3 villains, 13 borderers, with 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in

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(a) Tre. Willi. de Warenna.—In Almertune, ten. Willm. ii car. tre. quas tenuit Viulfus, i lib. ho. Edrici. ſemp. iii villi. et xiii bord. tc. ii ſer. tc. 7 p'. ii car. in dnio. modo. i ſemp. ii car. hom. ſilva. ad.

in demean, 2 amongſt the tenants, *&c.* 2 acres and a half of meadow, one runcus, 3 cows, *&c.* 40 ſheep, 60 goats, and the moiety of the church, endowed then with 10 acres; 2 ſocmen had 20 acres of land, and half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued then at 20*s.* but after, and at the ſurvey at 40*s.* it was 9 furlongs long, 6 broad, and paid 8*d.* $\frac{3}{4}$. gelt, this manor was of the fee of Frederic, and came by an exchange for lands at Lewes in Suſſex.

Peter Braunche, in the 18th of Henry III. had a grant of two fees in this town and Greſham, with the advouſon of the church belonging to it, from his father Richard, to be held of Richard, who held them of the earl Warren; and ſeveral tenants and villains belonged to it. Richard was ſon of William Braunche, and taken priſoner by King John in the war with his barons; and on the peace made between them and the king, about 1213, he obtained the king's licence and writ to the ſheriff of Norfolk, to make an aid on his tenants to ranſom him; and Richard, ſon of Peter, in the 44th of Henry III. granted this lordſhip to the earl Warren.

Roger de Stutevile had alſo an intereſt herein, in the 24th of Henry III. and is ſaid to hold 2 fees of the earl Warren and Surry, then in the king's hand.

King Edward II. in his firſt year, granted to Edmund Bacon, the lands in this town, late Robert Stutvile's, which eſchaeted to his father; and Margery, late wife of Edmund, held 2 fees here, and in Greſham, of the earl Warren, afterwards.

In the 40th of Edward III. there was a partition of the lands of the late Sir Edmund Bacon, between William Molyns and Margaret his wife, John Burgherſh and Maud his wife, daughters of Sir Edmund; but others ſay, this Maud was daughter of Sir William de Kerdeſton, and Margery his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund.

Walter de Wolterton and Chriſtiana his wife were deforcients, and Brian Harſyke querent, in a fine of this manor, in the 6th of Henry VI.

Roger Bigot, [*b*] anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had of the gift of the Conqueror, 2 ſeparate tenures in this town, *viz.* one carucate of land, with 7 villains and 7 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one amongſt the tenants; 2 ſocmen held 16 acres of land, with half a carucate; an acre and half of meadow, of which a freeman of Elwin was deprived, valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.*—Roger held alſo, on the deprivation of Alward, 2 ſocmen with 12 acres of land and 3 borderers, who had half a carucate of plowed land, which was valued in Felbrigg.

In the 9th of Edward I. Roger Bigod (a younger branch of the earls of Norfolk,) had a lordſhip here, and a grant of free warren.

Richer de Ref ham and Joan his wife granted by fine to Symon Bigot of Felbrig, 26 meſſuages, 215 acres of land, 6 of paſture, 104*s.* rent, and 2 parts of a mill in Eaſt-Herling, Palling, *&c.* with this manor and advouſon.

In the 28th of Edward III. the king granted to Roger Fitz Simon de Felebrig, view of frank pledge here, and in Felbrigg, and in the 31ſt of that king, Thomas Leveriche, of Suthſtede, confirmed to Sir Roger de Felbrigge, a fold-courſe in this town.

Sir Simon Felbrigg died poſſeſſed of it, in the 21ſt of Henry VI.

John Wymondham, Eſq; by his will dated April 26, 1475, gave it to his ſon John, and in this family it ſtill continues, Aſh Windham, Eſq; being lord in 1742, and patron.

William Windham, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who died in 1761, leaving his ſon a minor: ſee in Felbrigg.

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iiii porc. ii ac. pti. 7 dim. tc. i runc. tc. iii an. tc. ix porc. m°. iii tc. xl ov. m°. xv tc. lx cap. dimid. ecclie. x ac. 7 duo ſoc. de xx ac. tre. dimidia car. i ac. pti. tc. valet xx ſol. 7 p' 7 m°. xl. et ht. ix qr. in longo. et vi in lato. 7 de gelto viii den. 7 iii ferding. et hoc eſt maner. de feudo frederici de eſcangio Lewes.

(*b*) Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Almertune, i lib. ho. Elwini, m°. rog. 7 ht. i car. tre. ſep. vii villi. 7 vii bor. 7 i car. in dnio. 7 i car. houm. ſub iſto ii ſoc. xvi ac. tre. 7 ſep. dim. car. 7 ſilv. ad iiii por. i ac. 7 dim. pti. tc. 7 p' val. xx ſol. 7 m°. xl——In Almeſtuna ii ſoc. quos ten. Alwards de xii ac. tre. 7 iii bor. ſep. cum dim. car. arar. et hoc totu. e. in ptio. de felebruge.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.*—Deducted 3*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. John Baptiſt, and conſiſted of 2 medieties, both belonging to the earl Warren's manor.

In the beginning of King Edward I's. reign, each rector had a manſe and 15 acres of land, the mediety of Thomas, the rector, was valued at 5 marks, and that of John the rector at 5 marks, peter pence 12*d.*

The preſent valor is 6*l.* 11*s.* *ob.*

RECTORS.

John de Sutton occurs rector, the 22d of Edward I.

1302. Richard de Sutton, inſtituted rector of a mediety, preſented by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1304. John Fitz Gilbert, by the earl Warren.———1307. Alexander de Reſham, to a mediety, by Richer de Reſham, citizen of London: this mediety was ſold to him by fine, in the 31ſt of Edward I. by Peter de Beckham.———1309. William de Burſtow, by John, Earl Warren.———1318. Adam de Brydelington, ditto.———1339. Peter de St. John, ditto.———1339. William de Huntingfeld, ditto.———1339. John Rayner, ditto.———1349. Richard Franſham, by the lady Joan de Barr, counteſs Warren.———1371. Hugh Aſtel, by John, Duke of Lancaſter.———1371. William Aſſer, ditto.———1376. John de Kendale, by John, King of Caſtile and Leon.———1377. John Wyndeſbury, ditto.———1379. Gerv. Att-Wyke, ditto.———1381. John Marcheford, ditto. 1384. Thomas Longedale, ditto.———1389. Richard Brown, by Sir Simon de Felbrigg, Kt.———1396. Robert Lane, ditto.———1396. William Galpyn, ditto.———1401. John de Lynford, by the king, as Duke of Lancaſter.———1402. John Newman, ditto.———1404. John Mundeford, by Sir Miles Stapleton, *&c.* ———1412. Hugh Couteſhale, by Sir John Howard.———1419. John Cony, by Sir Sim. Felbrigg.———1419. John Buxton, ditto.——— - - - -. John Baker, rector.———1430. Roger Waker, ditto.———1431. Robert Godfrey, ditto.——— 1435. William Pope, by the feoffees of King Henry VI.———1446. Abraham Combe, by Catherine, relict of Sir Sim. Felbrige———1449. William Snelling, by the king.———1457. Abraham Crome, ditto.———1468. James Holderneſs, by John Wymandham, Eſq;———1486. William Law, by the king.———1493. Mr. John Everard, *L. L. B.* by Sir John Wyndham.———1495. William Law, by the king.——— - - - -. John Plough, rector.———1531. Cuthbert Andrews, by Mr. Wyndham.———1554. Edmund Windham, by Sir Edmund Wyndham.———1570. Thomas Muſgrave, by Fran. Windham, executor of Sir Edmund.———1584. Thomas Muſgrave, the queen, by lapſe.

In 1603, John Roſe was rector, and returned 99 communicants.

Thomas Bloſield died rector, in 1675, and was buried in the church, where he has this epitaph:—*Memoriæ nunquam morituræ ſacrum, Tho. Bloſield, hujus eccleſ. rectoris, apud Cantabrig. e collegio Sci. Benedicti, A. M. obt. circa annum ætatis ſuæ ſexageſimum ſextum* 18°. *Nov.* 1675.

Patrick St. Clair reſigned in 1741, and Tim. Jones, preſented by Aſh Windham, Eſq;

1760. John Alexander, by William Windham, Eſq;———1764. Mr. - - - - - Lukin.

Here was the ſepulchre light, that of Allhallows, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas, and the men's plough light.—St. John's drinking at Midſummer, Rogation drinking, and on Allhallows Thurſday.

In the 12th of Edward II. the moiety of this church was ſettled with the hundreds of Gallow, *&c.* by John, Earl Warren, on Thomas, Earl of Lancaſter and his heirs, and ſo became part of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

There was a light in many churches, called the plow light, maintained by old, and young perſons who were huſbandmen, before ſome image, and on Plough Monday had a feaſt, went about with a plough, and ſome dancers to ſupport it.

BASINGHAM.

THIS town was granted, and belonged at the ſurvey, to Drogo de Beuraria; [a] in King Edward's time a free-man was lord of it, and held it under the protection of Edric, but was deprived; it contained then a carucate of land, and on the day that R. Malet's father went into the Conqueror's ſervice, he had retained him; and Drogo's man or tenant declares, there were 8 villains, 7 borderers, 1 carucate in demean, and 2 amongſt the tenants, with one acre of meadow, and 2 ſwine, valued at 20*s*. but at the ſurvey at 60*s*.

The town takes it name from its ſcite, on a low Ing, or meadow; thus Baſing, in Hampſhire; Baſingburn in Cambridgeſhire, *&c.*

Drogo was a noble Fleming, (who attended William, Duke of Normandy,) Earl of Holderneſs, in Yorkſhire, and married a neice of the Conqueror.

The family of de Baſingham were enfeoffed of it.—Robert ſon of Walter de Baſingham, gave by deed *ſans date*, to Alan, ſon of John le Page, with Petronilla his ſiſter, in marriage, a mill at Bordeſtede;—witneſſes, Fulco de Banierd, Alexander de Vaux, Reyner de Burgh, *&c.*

Sir Piers de Baſingham, lord, left 3 daughters and coheirs; Chriſtian, the eldeſt, married Sir Walter de Mauteby; Margaret married Sir John de Flegg; and Alice the 3d Sir Piers of Brampton.—Sir Piers Baſſingham was probably ſon of Euſtace de Baſſingham, [b] ſub collector and accountant (in the 15th of King John) of Norfolk and Suffolk, under Robert Fitz Roger. In the 24th of Henry III. Robert de Mauteby held half a fee of Roger Fitz Oſbert, and he of the earl Warren.

William le Fleght, or Flegg, releaſed to Walter de Mauteby, all his right and title in this manor; that of Weſt Beckam and Matalak in the 6th of Edward I. and John de Mauteby was lord in the 9th of Edward II. Sir John de Mauteby preſented to this church in 1326, Sir Robert de Mauteby in 1347, and Sir John Mauteby in 1369, and 1397.

In the reign of Henry VI. Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir John Mauteby, Kt. brought it by marriage to John Paſton, Eſq; of Paſton, in which family it was in 1742, William, Earl of Yarmouth, being lord, and was ſoon after poſſeſſed by the lord Anſon, who purchaſed that Earl's eſtate in Norfolk; and on that lord's death, June 6, 1762, came to his brother Thomas Anſon, Eſq;

In 1600, the rent of aſſiſe of this lordſhip was 8*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*.—Farm of the ſcite of it, and of the demean lands 70*l*.—Profits of the court 20*s*. and rent of 9 capons and 17 hens, in the whole 79*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*. *per ann.*—Rent reſolute, or paid out of this 1*l*. 7*s*. 9*d*. *ob.*

At Baſingham Wongs was a fair kept, for which the lord of this town was paid 9*s*. 8*d*. *per ann.* from Alburgh, as in the 25th of Elizabeth.

The tenths were 1*l*. 18*s*. 8*d*.

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a rectory; in the reign of Edward I. Sir Robert de Mauteby was patron: the rector had an edifice, with 30 acres of land, and was valued at 6 marks and an half; peter pence 5*d*. the preſent valor is 4*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

In 1301, Thomas de Hickling, inſtituted rector.——1326. John de Bateſford, preſented by Sir John de Mauteby.——1347. Thomas de Felnetham, by Sir Robert de Mauteby.——1369. John Bolour, by Sir John Mauteby.——1392. John Tydeſdale, ditto.——1397. Clement Hadam, ditto.

From

(*a*) Terra Drogonis de Beuraria——Baſingeham, ten. i lib. ho. t. r. e. comd. Edrici i car. tre. 7 in die quâ Pat. R. Malet ivit in ſervitium regis, tenebat cum, et ho. Drogonis p'hibet. ſep. viii villi. 7 vii bor. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 ii hou. i ac. pti. m°. ii por. ſc. val. xx m°. LX.

(*b*) Madox Hiſt. Exchr. p. 831.

From the Mautebys the patronage came to the Paſtons. In 1603, Henry Beane was rector, and returned 70 communicants, and Sir William Paſton was lord and patron; in 1742, the earl of Yarmouth was patron.——John Croſhold died rector in 1732, and Francis Copeman was preſented by John Jermy, Eſq; &c. *hac vice*, 1759.——Theoph. Buckridge, in 1760, preſented by the lord Anſon.

EAST-BECKHAM.

THE Conqueror had a lordſhip, of which Seiard Bar had a free man, who was added by Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, to the manor of Aylſham, with 30 acres of land; and one villain in Aylſham belonged to it; a borderer, with one acre, and a ſocman with one acre; there was alſo a carucate of land valued in Aylſham; the king had the ſoc and ſac of it, excepting of that part which belonged to Seiard Bar. Ralph had it of the king, with the manor of Aylſham, but on his rebellion it came again to the crown, and was in the king's hands at the ſurvey, and Godric was his ſteward of it.

ISAACK's MANOR.

KING HENRY II. granted it to Abraham Felmingham; it uſed to pay half a mark of ſilver yearly, to Ayleſham manor, but after this grant it paid nothing to that, or any other.

In the 34 of Henry III. William, ſon of Iſaac de Felmingham, held it of the king in *capite*, and died ſeiſed of it in the 40 of that king; valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*—William de Felmingham was lord in the 14 of Edward I. and claimed view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer.

Gregory de Felmingham died lord in the 14 of Edward II. it was found that he had a meſſuage, 46 acres of land, 20 of heath, and 10*s.* rent belonging to it; in Felmingham, a meſſuage, 80 acres of land, one of meadow, and 22*s.* 8*d.* rent; and having no iſſue, it came to his ſiſters and coheirs, &c.

James de Whitwell, who married Alice, one of his ſiſters, and coheirs, paid to the king, 16*s.* 8*d.* relief, for this part, and they paid alſo, 33*s.* 4*d.* for the parts of Chriſtian and Joan, 2 other of the ſiſters and coheirs which they had. Oliver de la Mow, who married Elizabeth, another of the ſiſters and coheirs, paid 16*s.* 8*d.* for his relief; and James Rightwys, ſon of Catherine, ſiſter alſo and coheir; and John, his brother, rector of Felmingham, paid their reliefs.

In the 16 of Edward III. Jame Rightways was lord.

Cæcilia, widow of William Gunmore, died ſeiſed of Iſaack's manor, held in *capite* by the 8th part of a fee; and Simon was her ſon and heir, aged 50 in the 5 of Edward IV. Simon left it, in the reign of Henry VII. to his ſon and heir, Richard Gomere.

In the 24 of Henry VIII. Robert Gigges had licenſe to alien it to Edmund Windham, and his heirs; and in the 37 of that king, Sir Edmund Windham conveyed 2 meſſuages, one curtelage, 30 acres of land, 20 of paſture, and half a rood of wood, to Thomas Pygeon, gent. and John Pidgeon had livery of it, in the firſt of Elizabeth.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, May 22, in the firſt of Elizabeth, Thomas Pigeon, of Eaſt-Beckham, gent. was found to die October 18, laſt paſt, lord of the manor of Iſaack's, 10 meſſuages, 300 acres of land, 16 of meadow, 100 of paſture, 200 of furſe and heath, with a free fold here, &c. and John was his ſon and heir, aged 30; he was ſon of Thomas, by Elianor, his wife, daughter of William

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(a) Terre Regis qua' Godric. ſervat.——In Becſa. ten. Seiard. bar. t. r. e. i libu. hoem. com. R. addidit ad Eileſham xxx acr. tre. ſep. i vill. p'tinens in Eileſham. i bord. uni. ac 7 i ſoc i ac. ſep. i car. app'tiati ſunt in Eileſham, *&c.* ht. Rex ſoca' 7 ſaca' de Norterpingha. F. p't. t'ram, Seiardi bar.

Berdwell, of Weſt Herling, Eſq; John died about the 22 of Elizabeth, and by his wife, Bridget, had Thomas, his ſon and heir, who aliened it, Auguſt 10, in the 14 of James I. to Robert Fielding, clerk, and William Paine, gent; and on July 4, in the 16 of that king, Thomas Derham, Eſq; conveyed it to Sir Samuel Town, knight.

After this, it came to the Windhams of Felbrigg; and William Windham, Eſq; died lord in 1761, leaving his ſon and heir a minor, lord of Eaſt Beckham Iſaack's, and Eaſt Beckham Marriot's.

William Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, at the ſurvey, had a lordſhip of the grant of the Conqueror, which he held as a lay fee, in his own right, of which a freeman (who held it under the protection or commendation of Almar, biſhop of Norwich, in King Edward's reign) was deprived, who had 80 acres of land, with 2 villains, [*b*] and 5 borderers, &c. and a ſocman had 11 acres and an half of land, with 2 carucates; and there was a church endowed with 2 acres and an half of land. It was made a beruite to the biſhop's manor of Blickling, and was then valued at 7*s*. at the ſurvey at 12*s*. was half a leuca long and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 4*d*. halfpenny gelt.

Bartholomew de Swafield held lands here, in the reign of Richard I. of the biſhop of Norwich; Richard de Beckham, and the prior of Wayborn, held the 8 part of a fee of Thomas de Felmingham, and he of the biſhop, in the 24 of Henry III. and Peter de Felmingham, in the 3d of Edward I. claimed view of frank pledge, and the aſſiſe of bread, &c. the prior of Weyborn in the 20 of Edward III. held it of Thomas de Weſton, and he of the biſhop.

Geffrey Aleyn of Cromere, and Chriſtian, his wife, held it of the feofment of Robert Verley, by the fourth part of a fee, and he of the biſhop.

The prior of Waborn was patron of a 3d part, or turn, in the advouſon of this church, in 1350, and in the 3d of Henry IV. the prior and the heirs of William Wynter, held lands of the biſhop of Norwich.

[*c*] Roger Bigot held alſo at the ſurvey, 60 acres of land, of which a free man was poſſeſſed in the Confeſſor's time, with one villain and 3 borderers, a carucate in demean, and half a one amongſt his men or tenants, &c. an acre of meadow; and a ſocman had 4 acres, valued then at 5*s*. 4*d*. at the ſurvey at 10*s*.

In the 24 of Henry III. Roger de Beckham had an intereſt in it, and Peter de Beckham, in the 9 of Edward II. who with Mabel, his wife, ſettled their lands here in tail, in the 17 of the ſaid king.

Sir Roger de Beckham held it in the 20 and 37 of Edward III. and John Clement of Cromer, conveyed to Robert Clere, this lordſhip, which Clere had alſo confirmed to him in the ſaid year, by John Greſham, of Holt.

Sir William Paſton, the judge, purchaſed it in 1442, and left it to his ſon and heir; and Sir William Paſton was lord in 1600.

The tenths 2*l*. Deducted 10*s*.

The church was a rectory, valued at 6 marks, dedicated to ———.

Two parts of it were appropriated by John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, to Wayborn priory.

RECTORS.

In 1316, William Att the Meadow, of Felmingham, was inſtituted to the third part, preſented by Gregory de Felmingham.——1350, William Attemedow, to a third part, preſented by the prior of Waborn. On the 19 of June, 1354, William, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated this third part to the ſaid priory, who before this, had 2 parts appropriated to them, reſerving to the biſhop an annual penſion of half a mark; no vicarage was ſettled, ſo that it was ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate.

[*b*] Terra Willi. Epi. Tedford. de feudo.—In Beccheha' ten. i lib. ho. Epi. Almari com'datione lxxx ac. terre. ſemp. ii villi. 7. ii villi. et v bord. ſilva ad v porc. 7. i ſoc. de ii ac. 7 dim. t're. ſep. ii car. i ecclia. de ii ac. 7 dim. et e. addita b' wita ad blikelin'ges tc. val. vii ſol. et mo. xii. et ht. dim. leug. in longo, et iiii qr. in lato, et iiii*d*. ob. gelt.

[*c*] T'ra. Rogeri Bigoti ——In Becham i lib. ho. de lx ac. t're. ſep. i vill. 7. iii bor. 7. i car. in d'nio. 7 dim. ho'um. ſilva ad v por. i ſoc. p'ti. 7. i ſoc. de iiii ac. t're. tc. val. v ſol. 7. iiii*d*. mo. x ſol.

On the 20 of June in the 37 of Henry VIII. this rectory was granted to ——— Heydon, with lands in this town. William Heydon had livery of it about the 20 of Elizabeth; William Leigh was curate of it in 1603, and certified that there were 30 communicants, and that he ſerved it for 4*l.* *per ann.* ſtipend.

In the 22d of James I. June 1ſt, Sir John Haſtings, knight, conveyed it to Sir Henry Hobart. Aſh Windham, Eſq; patron of the curacy and impropriator, 1742.

In the windows of the church were the arms of Beckham:——Cheque, or and ſable, a feſs, ermine; the arms of Aſtley, Faſtolf,———and vert, 3 griffins, ſegreant, or;——gules, a croſs, or, bore by Bigod, earl of Norfolk.

Here was the guild of St. Helen, to whom 'tis likely the church was dedicated.

BEESTON REGIS.

HUGH DE MONTFORT, a Norman, (aſſiſtant juſticiary of England, with Odo, biſhop of Baieux, the Conqueror's brother, and William Fitz-Oſborn, earl of [a] Hereford,) was lord of a manor, out of which Bund, a freeman was ejected; there belonged to it one carucate of land, with 8 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a one amongſt the tenants, paunage for 5 ſwine, one acre of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. 20 goats; and 3 ſocmen held 12 acres of land, and the moiety of a borderer, with half a carucate, then valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.*

In the 9 of King John, Robert de Utlaghe granted by fine, to Hubert de Burgh, the 3d part of a knight's fee, in this town and Runton, and the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in Hindringham; and in the 11th of that king, Hubert purchaſed of Robert Fitz-Hugh, the 3d part of a fee in Beeſton, and Runton, and the land in Hindringham, that is his right in them; this Hubert was after created earl of Norfolk, and held them in *capite* of the caſtle of Dover.

Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford, held it in the 3d of Edward I. with Runton, by one fee, and paid 20*s.* *per ann.* to Dover Caſtle; had wreck againſt his lands, aſſiſe of bread, and frank pledge. This Robert, and Alice his wife, gave it in the 13 of that king, with the advouſon of the church, to William, ſon and heir apparent of John, Earl Warren, in marriage with Joan, their daughter, and it was ſettled on them in tail; ſome ſay he was ſon and heir of John, Earl Warren, but died before his father.

On an inquiſition taken after the death of John, Earl Warren, who died July 18, in the 21 of Edward III. it was found there was in this town a capital meſſuage, valued at 5*s.* *per ann.* 200 acres of arable land, valued at 3*d.* per acre; autumn works, at 6*s.* 8*d.* rent of aſſiſe at 10 marks; pleas and perquiſites of court, at 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* that there was a meadow, called Runton meadow, valued at 20*s.* and a windmill, at 8 marks *per ann.* and Richard, Earl of Arundel, was his heir.

In the 22 of Richard II. Sir Simon Felbrigg had a grant of it on the attainder of Richard, Earl of Arundel, but on the acceſſion of King Henry IV. to the crown, his ſon, Thomas, Earl of Arundel, was reſtored in blood, &c. and Thomas, Earl of Arundel, died ſeiſed of it.

William, Earl of Arundel, was the laſt of this family that preſented in their right, as lords in the year 1464, and Elizabeth, queen conſort of Edward IV. preſented in 1476, it being in the crown, and ſettled on her for life, in the 5 of that king; and in 1521, the king preſented. King Henry VIII. on February 12, in his 3d year, granted it to Thomas Wyndham, Eſq; with the wards, marriages, reliefs, &c. for 7 years. In the reign of King Charles I. it is ſaid to be valued at 20*l.* *per ann.* it remains in the crown at this time, and is eſteemed as a part or member of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

Another lordſhip in this town was poſſeſſed at the ſurvey, by William de Scohies, or Eſcois, and held of him by Ingulf; Turkil Haco enjoyed it in King Edward's reign, when there was one carucate of land with 3 villains, and [*b*] 15 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one and an half amongſt the tenants, &c. one acre of meadow one runcus; 2 cows, &c. 22 goats, valued then at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* was one euca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 11*d. ob.*

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[a] Terra Hug. de Monteforti——In Beſetune ten. ide. Hugo quam ten. Bundo, i lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. t're. ſep. viii bor. ſemp i car. in d'nio. 7 dim. car. ho'u. ſilva ad v por. i ac. p'ti. ſep. i. r. tc. ii an'al. mo. tc. v por. 7 mo. xi. tc. xx cap. mo. xxx. et iii ſoc. xii ac. t're. 7 dim. bor. ſep. dim. car. tc. 7. p. val. xx ſol. mo. xxx.

The antient family of de Norfolk were enfeoffed of this lordſhip; Gilbert de Norfolk, the laſt of that family, died poſſeſſed of it, leaving 5 daughters and coheirs; firſt, married to Eudo, ſon of Adam de Multon; 2d, Maud, to William de Verdon; the 3d, to Roger de Felbrigg; 4th, Emma, to William de Maynwaryn; 5th, to Robert de Aguillon.

Richard de Felbrigge was ſon and heir of Roger; this Richard was living in the 3d and 4 of Henry III. and left William his ſon and heir, who died *ſ. p.* and married Mary, who after his death, re-married John de Merlai; and Eudo de Multon, in the 24 of Henry III. impleaded John de Merlai for the 5th part of a fee, which Emma de Beauſo, late wife of Gilbert de Norfolk, held in dower.

William, ſon of Richard de Felbrigg, dying *ſans* iſſue, Maud, his ſiſter, was found to be his heir; and, as appears by a fine, in the 41 of Henry III. was then the widow of Simon le Bigod, of Happing, 3d ſon of Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, by Maud, his wife, daughter of William Mareſchall, earl of Pembroke.

In the 15 of Edward I. Roger Bigod de Felbrigg, claimed wreck at ſea in his lands, free warren, the aſſiſe, &c. and frank pledge, as held by his anceſtors; and Simon Bigod de Felbrigg was lord in the 9 of Edward II.

Simon de Felbrigg held here and in Runton, in the 20 of Edward III. the fifth part of a fee of the earl of Norfolk; and Sir Simon de Felbrigg, in the firſt of Henry IV. of the duke of Norfolk.

After this, it came to the Windhams, of whom, and of the Felbriggs, ſee at large in the town of Felbrigg.

In the 3d of Henry III. Richard, ſon of Jeſſe, conveyed to the maſter of the knights templars, 6 acres of land in this town.

The tenths were 2*l* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.* The temporalities of St. Faith's, 18*d.* of Bromholm, 2*s.*

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and is a rector; the old valor was 27 marks. Peter-pence, 6*d.* the preſent valor is 16*l.* It has a nave, north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled.

In the reign of Edward I. the earl of Oxford was patron; and the rector had then 22 acres of land, with edifices that were ruinous; and Richard Lovetot was rector, preſented by the earl of Oxford, and Alice, his wife.

In the north iſle is a monument with the portraitures of a man and woman in braſs.——*Orate p. a'ab; Johs. Deynes et Catherine uxor. ſue qui Johs. obt.* 20 *Janu.* 1527; on it are an helmet, a pike, and reſpice.———On a graveſtone———*Orate p. a'ia. Tho. Hook, qui obt. ultimo die Nov.* 1522.——On another——*The yeare of our Lord* M.CCCCCXXXI.

Thomas Symſon priſt departed, and lyeth under this ſton,
The ix *of January alive, and alſo goon.*
Not for an ornament of the body this ſton was laid here,
But only the ſoul to be prayed for, as charite requere.

One *In memory of Thomas Geld, preſt, who died Jan.* 9, 1531.———*Orate p. a'ia. Robt. Ryſton, canonici fratris iſtius loci.*

In the middle iſle a graveſtone *In memory of Edmund Hook, woollen draper, twice mayor and juſtice of the peace of King's Lynn; he gave* 100*l. to be laid out in land for the poor of this place, and upper Runton's fewel, and after ſpending* 89 *years in piety and charity, died Feb.* 20, 1723. On it the arms of Hook,——Quarterly, argent and ſable, a croſs engrailed between 4 eſcallops, counterchanged.

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[*b*] Terra Willi. de Scohies——Iu Beſentuna ten. Turkil Haco t. r. e. i car. t're. mo. tenet Ingulfus ſep. iii vill. 7. xv bor. tc. 7. p. i car. in d'nio. mo. i. 7 dim. ſep. i. 7. dim. ho'u' ſilv. ad xx por. i ac. p'ti. ſep. i. r. 7. ii an. tc. vii por. mo. ii. tc. xxii cap. tc. 7. p. val. xx ſol. 7 mo. xl. 7. ht. i leug. in long. 7. v qr. in lato, 7 de gelto xi*d.* 7 obolu.

RECTORS.

Ivo de Oldewincle occurs rector in Edward I's reign, preſented by Joan, widow of William, Earl Warren.———1317. Adam de Eaſt-Dene, preſented by Edmund, Earl of Arundel.———Maurice de Hadeſtock occurs rector in 1328.———1349. Robert Lawes, preſented by the attorney general of Henry, Duke of Lancaſter.———1349. John Auncel, ditto.——— - - - -. Robert Biſhop, rector.———1377. William Cockyng, by Richard, Earl of Arundel.———1383. Mr. Maurice Campeden.———1402. Peter Braunche, by King Henry IV. but this grant was revoked, and in 1404, John Bray was preſented by Thomas, Earl of Arundel.———1419. Mr. John Urri, by the attorney general of John, Lord Arundel and Matrevers.———1434. John Trumpington, by John, Earl of Arundel.———Mr. William Hall, *L. L. B.* occurs rector in 1447.———1450. Robert Truelove, by William, Earl of Arundel.———1464. Mr. John Cockfeld, Decret. Dr. ditto.———1476. William More, by Elizabeth, Queen of England.———1478. Robert Ward, ditto.———Robert Waring, alias Peny, rector.———1521. William Chamberleyn, by the king.———1525. Richard Scottow, ditto.———1552. Richard Colinſon, ditto.———1554. John Barne, by the queen.———1571. Thomas Luſher, ditto: he returned in 1603, 140 communicants.———1612. William Fleming, by the king.———1622. John Furmarie, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1661. Roger Flint, *A. M.* by the king.———1685. James Banfield, ditto.———1743. Ellis Bullemer, on James Banfield's death, by the king.———1746. John Ellis, ditto.———1756. Wormley Martin, ditto.———1762. Ellis Bullemer, ditto, who died in 1764.

The chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter preſents, as being in the crown.

In the church was the guild of St. Mary.

BEESTON-PRIORY, and MANOR.

THIS priory was dedicated to St. Mary; founded by the lady Iſabel de Creſſy, in the reign of King John, for canons of the order of St. Auſtin. John de Merlai conveyed to that lady and her heirs, a meſſuage with 40 acres of land, in this town and Runton, with certain demean lands, rents, ſervices, meadows, wreck of ſea, fiſheries, *&c.* here, which the ſaid lady ſettled on it; alſo that part of the lordſhip which came on the diviſion to Eudo de Moulton, was granted to it. This Iſabel was daughter and coheir of Hubert, Baron de Rhia, married firſt to Jeffrey de Cheſter, and after to Sir Roger de Creſſy. Oliva, her ſiſter, married John Marſhall, nephew of William Marſhall, Earl of Pembroke.

PRIORS.

In the 52d of Henry III. Roger occurs prior.

1314, William de Boſton, admitted prior by the biſhop.———1325, Jeff. de Boton.———1409, Laurence de Beſton.———1416, Jeff. de Runton, who occurs in 1435.——— - - - -, John Cateſſon, prior.———1468, John Wickmer.———In 1520, John Poty occurs prior.——— - - - -, Simon Robyns, prior.———1532, Richard Hudſon: he, with Nicholas Woodforth and 3 other canons, ſubſcribed to the king's ſupremacy, Auguſt 11, 1534. Hudſon had a penſion of 5*l.* *per ann.* for life, and enjoyed it in 1553, then rector of Newton Flotman; the canons had alſo penſions aſſigned them. In 1553, there remained 13*l.* 4*s.* in fees paid, and 13*s.* 4*d.* in annuities from the crown.

John Fenne, who had been ſteward of the priory, had a penſion in 1555, and Sir John Godſalve, Kt. an annuity of 13*s.* 4*d.*—At the diſſolution, Nicholas Woodforth was found guilty of incontinency, *cum ſolutâ*, by the commiſſioners.

I find legacies given to our Lady of Grace, and our Lady of Pity in this priory.

Lucia, abbeſs of Caen in Normandy, granted by fine, in the 52d of Henry III. the advouſon of Staninghall church in Norfolk, to this convent, and Roger was then prior.

The prior, as lord of a manor, claimed in the 14th of Edward I. frank-pledge, aſſiſe, *&c.* and in the 20th of Edward III. was found to hold half a fee, and the fifth part of fee, here and in Runton, of the earl of Norfolk. In the 36th of that king, a patent was granted for lands and tenements in Runton, Jankesford, Randesworth, South Walſham, Wood-Baſtwick, Berningham, *&c.* Richard Bond, in the 3d of Richard II. aliened 2 meſſuages, 39 acres of land, 8 of heath, with 57*s.* rent, in Runton, Randworth, *&c.* In the reign of Henry IV. a patent for the manor of Perers in Runton, and for tenements in Shipden, Aylmerton, and Felbrigg, was granted to it, and they had the grant of the moiety of the advouſon of Beeſton, and the advouſon of Runton.

In the 6th of Edward IV. Iſabel, Lady Morley, died ſeiſed of the patronage, (the lords Morley had it, as heirs to the Creſſys,) and Alianore, her couſin, wife of William Lovell, Lord Morley, was her heir.

At its diſſolution, King Henry VIII. December 5, *A°.* 37, granted the ſcite of it, with the lordſhips of Beeſton, Runton, and Ranworth Holtwood, and all other the lands and tenements, late belonging to it, to Sir Edmund Wyndham, and Gyles Seaſoule, Eſq; to be held by the 20th part of a fee. It was valued, as Speed, at 50*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* as Dugdale, at 43*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* *ob.* here were a prior and about 4 canons.

Thomas Blofield, Gent: died ſeiſed of it, February 7, in the 13 of Charles I. Thomas, his ſon and heir, by Elizabeth his wife, dying before him, William, his grandſon, by Thomas and Anne his wife, ſucceeded his grandfather.

The ſcite of the priory and lands here, was lately poſſeſſed by Mr. Thomas Woodrow, valued at 150*l.* *per ann.* and ſold by a ſtatute of bankrupcy, to Mr. James Barnham of Norwich, and Mr. Edmund Jewell of Ailſham, attornies at law.

Great ruins remain of this priory, and its church, which is near to the great German ocean; the whole weſt gabel wall of the church, with the arch of the window is ſtanding: the whole length of the church, with the nave, tower, (in the middle) and chancel, was about 47 yards, the nave was 10 yards wide, the choir, or chancel 15 yards long within. South of the nave, was the cloiſter, the north and ſouth tranſcept were 12 yards long each, and 10 wide, and there were ſeveral chapels.

BERNINGHAM NORTHWOOD.

AT the ſurvey there was but one town, in this hundred, of the name of Barningham, which at that time included what is now called Barningham Northwood, and alſo the town of Barningham Winter: the principal lordſhip was then held by Roger Bigot, [*a*] anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, and conſiſted of ſeveral tenures in the days of the Confeſſor, of which the lords and owners were deprived at the conqueſt.

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At its diſſolution, King Henry VIII. December 5, *A°.* 37, granted the ſcite of it, with the lordſhips of Beeſton, Runton, and Ranworth Holtwood, and all other the lands and tenements, late belonging to it, to Sir Edmund Wyndham, and Gyles Seafoule, Eſq; to be held by the 20th part of a fee. It was valued, as Speed, at 50*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* as Dugdale, at 43*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* *ob.* here were a prior and about 4 canons.

Thomas Blofield, Gent: died ſeiſed of it, February 7, in the 13 of Charles I. Thomas, his ſon and heir, by Elizabeth his wife, dying before him, William, his grandſon, by Thomas and Anne his wife, ſucceeded his grandfather.

The ſcite of the priory and lands here, was lately poſſeſſed by Mr. Thomas Woodrow, valued at 150*l.* *per ann.* and ſold by a ſtatute of bankrupcy, to Mr. James Barnham of Norwich, and Mr. Edmund Jewell of Ailſham, attornies at law.

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The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Peter, and was valued at 11 marks.

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In the chancel is a neat alabaſter monument:—*For a ſacred and religious remembrance of Margaret Pope, daughter of John Pagrave, Eſq; John Pope, doctor of law, her huſband, cauſed this monument to be ſet up: ſhe left her life the* 25th *of December* 1624.

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(*d*) Reg. Jekkys, Norw. fol. 64, pt. 2; (*e*) Reg. Hayward, p. 34. † The arms of Brome.

In the north iſle, a curious monument of marble, &c. with the buſts of a man and a woman.——*Memoriæ ſacrum—Here reſteth in Chriſt the bodies of Sir Auſtin Palgrave, knight, and Dame Elizabeth his wiſe, who was the daughter of Sir John Willoughby, of Ryſley in Derbyſhire, and by whom he had iſſue, 9 ſons and 5 daughters, and he at the age of* 72, *and ſhe at* 53, *commended their ſpirits; he* 1639, *ſhe* 1633.

Alſo a monument railed in, *In memory of John Palgrave, who died* 1611.

Agnes, wife of William Say, and widow of Robert Bacon of this town, by her will, in 1486, was buried in the church by her huſband.

In the church Pagrave's arms,——azure, a leopard guardant, ſaliant, argent; which was alſo the arms of Hetherſet;——argent, on a bend, gules, 3 mullets pierced, ſable.——Lovell, of Eaſt Herling; Yelverton, of Rougham; Caly, and Clifton, quarterly.——Pagrave impaling, quarterly, or, a chevron between 3 torteaux; Glemham and Brandon; barry of 10, argent and gules, a lion rampant over all, or, crowned of the ſecond.——Quarterly, azure, fretty, or and ſable, a feſs between 2 chevrons, or, Banyard.——Argent, a cheveron between 3 croſs croſſlets, fitché, ſable.

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RECTORS.

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In the church were the gilds of St. Peter, and St. Ann's image.

The temporalities of the prior of Ely were 5*s.* 6*d.*

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Berningham, or Barningham, ſignifies a ham on the meadows, by a hill.

Robert Quaſhe certified in 1603, that there were 52 communicants.

BERNINGHAM WINTER,

Or TON BERNINGHAM.

IT has been already obſerved, that this town, with that of Berningham Northwood, made up, and conſiſted of only one townſhip, called Berningham, at the ſurvey; and it was a conſiderable time after, before it was divided, that theſe diſtinct names were aſſumed; and as thoſe tenures before mentioned, which were granted on the conqueſt to Roger Bigot, made up the manor of Norwood Berningham, ſo they did likewiſe the greateſt part, if not the whole of Berningham-Winter.

The family of Curzun was, ſoon after the conqueſt, enfeoft of this lordſhip; [a] William de Curzun was living in the reign of Henry I. Ralph Curzun in that of Henry II. Sir Robert Curzun in 1239; in the ſaid year, Roger Curzi was found to hold 3 parts of a fee of Richard de la Rokele, and he of the earl of Norfolk, in Tone Berningham: this is the firſt time that I find it thus called, and ſometimes I find it wrote Town; but Toni or Ton, is undoubtedly the moſt proper and right name. Thus we meet with Tunbridge, Tunford, in Kent; Tunwell, Tunford in Hertfordſhire; and the river Tone or Tune, in Somerſetſhire.

John and Thomas de Curzun had an intereſt herein in the 3d of Edward I. Roger le Curzun was lord in the 9 of Edward II. and in the 12 of that king had a grant of a fair and weekly mercate, and free warren here. In the 11th of Edward III. Robert de Burneby, parſon of Ton Berningham, as a truſtee, ſettled on Sir John de Curzoun, and Elizabeth his wife, this lordſhip, with a meſſuage, 56 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 8 of paſture, 16 of heath, 2 of alder, and 13s. rent in this town, and Roger, in tail; and in the 33d of the ſaid king, John de Reppes, junior, held it in right of his wife, ——, late wife of —— de Curzoun.

After this, it came to the Winters.——William Winter and Maud his wife held this lordſhip of Curſons, in the 49 of Edward III. as appears from a fine; this William purchaſed of John Leche, the manors of Eggemere and Wighton, and had free warren [b] in this town, confirmed to him in the 17 of Richard II. by his will, dated on Wedneſday after the feaſt of the conception of the bleſſed Virgin, in the 21 of that king, he requires to be buried in the chancel of this church; Elizabeth was then his wife; proved February 6, 1398; he was deſcended from Adam Winter, of Heckingham in Norfolk, who married Joan, daughter and coheir of Auguſt. Waxtoneſhham, [c] and Sarah de Heckingham, his wife; and William Winter was ſheriff of Norfolk in the time of Richard II.

John Winter, Eſq; ſon and heir of William, (as I take it) was repreſentative for the county of Norfolk in 1409; preſented to this church in 1412, and held this manor by three parts of a fee of the earl of Norfolk; he married, firſt, ———, daughter of ——— Braylesford, of Braylesford in Derbyſhire; and ſecondly Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of William de Hetherſet, and Eva his wife, by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth, who in the 12 of Henry IV. releaſed to Simon de Felbrigg, all her right in the manor of Chebenhale, and lands in Freſſingfield in Suffolk, formerly Sir Walkeline de Herteſhale's.

Edmund Winter, Eſq; ſucceeded John, (his ſon by his firſt wife;) he married Oliva, daughter and coheir of Sir William Hampton. In the 13 of Henry IV. John Aberhale conveyed by fine to him and his wife, and to Robert Scot, and Joan his wife, the manors of Hampton, and Mappenors, and lands in Batton and Hampton-Richard's, in Herefordſhire: his 2d wife was Alice, relict of John Wodehouſe, Eſq; (famous for his gallantry at the battle of Agincourt, in France) his will is dated February 20, 1447, [d] and proved March 2, following; whereby he gives to Alice his wife, this manor for life; remainder to John his ſon, and was buried in this church, before the high altar: appoints John his ſon, and Margaret his daughter, and her huſband, † and Ralph Lampet, Eſq; executors; gives to Alice, his wife, ſeveral gold utenſels. Alice, his widow, according to her will, dated March 15, in the ſaid year, 1447, and proved April 5 following, was buried in the charnel-houſe of the cathedral church of Norwich, by her firſt huſband, Woodhouſe.

About this time, Sir Richard Winter was living, who married Jane, daughter of John Berney, Eſq; of ——— and Catherine, his wife.

John Winter, Eſq; ſon and heir of Edmund, by Oliva his firſt wife, was lord, and preſented to the church in 1457, 1459, &c. This John is ſaid to have married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Echingham, of Echingham in Suſſex, by whom he had John, his ſon and heir, Walter and Richard.

John Winter, Eſq; ſon of John, married Alice, daughter of —— Turtevile, lord of Turtevile's manor, in Stivekey, Norfolk; and preſented to that church in 1491,

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[a] See of them in Yoxham, Billingford.
[b] Regiſt. Heydon, Norw.
[c] Reg. abbat. de Langley, fol. 50.
[d] Reg. Wilby, Norw. fol. 86. b.
† Ralph married his ſiſter, Margaret.

1491, and to this church in 1490, &c. by whom he had Henry, his ſon and heir; his 2d wife was ——, daughter of Brampton, of Brampton, in Norfolk, and his 3d wife was —— daughter of —— de Huntingfeld; he died in 1494; and Henry was found then to be his ſon and heir; Sir Henry Heydon, as guardian to him, preſented to Stivekey in 1497. In 1527, Henry Winter preſented to this church, and in 1540; by Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Clement Herward, of Alburgh, Eſq; he had John, his ſon and heir, who occurs lord in 1541; and is ſaid to have left, by Catherine, his wife, daughter of Philip Bedingfeld, of Ditchingham in Norfolk, Eſq; Philip, his ſon and heir; the will of John is dated September 28, 1558, and he was buried in this church; it was proved March 1, following; by an inquiſition he was found to die ſeiſed of this manor and advouſon, [e] by the 3d part of a fee; 3 meſſuages, 142 acres in this town, and Northwood Berningham; and Philip his ſon and heir, by Mary his wife, daughter of Ralph Symonds, Eſq; of Cley, was aged 26; his death was on November 22, in the firſt of Elizabeth.

This Philip preſented to this church in 1561, and 1572; William, his ſon, married Frances, daughter of William Rokewood, Eſq; of Weſton; on this marriage, Philip ſettled, in the 19 of Elizabeth, on the ſaid Frances, 30*l.* *per ann.* out of this manor. Soon after this, the lordſhip was in the Paſtons, and poſſeſſed by Sir Edward Paſton, ſon and heir of Sir Thomas Paſton, by Agnes, daughter and heir of Sir John Leigh, of Addington in Surry; Sir Thomas being the 5th ſon of Sir William Paſton, of Paſton in Norfolk, by Bridget, daughter of Sir Henry Heydon. This Edward married firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Lambart, Eſq; ſheriff of London, who dying *ſans* iſſue, he maried Margaret, daughter of Henry Berney, Eſq; of Reedham, by whom he had Thomas Paſton, Eſq; his eldeſt ſon, who died before his father, Sir Edward, who lived to the age of 80 years, and died in 1630. This Thomas married Mary, daughter of Sir George Brown, of Bepton in Suſſex; who was afterwards the wife of Sir Henry Compton, knight of the bath, of Brambleby-houſe in Suſſex, and was his widow in 1624, holding then in joynture, the manor of Berney in Norfolk; and by this Mary, Thomas had a ſon and heir, Clement Paſton, Eſq; lord of this town; Binham, Berney, and Thorp by Norwich; by his firſt wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Compton aforeſaid, he had 3 daughters and coheirs; and by his 2d wife, Dorothy, daughter of John Plumton, of Plumpton in Yorkſhire, Eſq; he had his ſon Edward Paſton, Eſq; lord of this town, aged 14, in 1674, who died in October, 1713, and was buried in the church of Blofield, in Norfolk; by his firſt wife, Mary, daughter of —— Eyre, Eſq; of Bury's Hall, in Hale, he had one daughter, Mary, married to John Southcote, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Edward Southcote, of Witham, in Eſſex; and by Jane, his 2d wife, daughter of Richard Frampton, Eſq; of Morton in Dorſetſhire, was father of Edward Paſton, Eſq; who married Mary, daughter and coheir of John Clerk, of Bale in Norfolk, gent. by Lucy, his wife, ſiſter of Chriſtopher Bedingfield, Eſq; of Wighton in Norfolk, by whom he had —— Paſton, Eſq; who ſold this lordſhip and that of Binham, about the year 1756, to William Ruſſell, a whalebone merchant of King-ſtreet in London.

In the hall of the manor-houſe were the arms of Winter;——Checque, or, and ſable, a feſs, argent; and of Erpingham——Repps—and argent, a maunch, gules, Tony;—gules, a maunch, or, Delamare.——In the parlour, Winter, impaling gules, a maunch, ermine, Berningham, (as I take it) the ſame coat being quartered by Winter.——Winter, impaling Hampton, gules, a feſs, argent, and a file of 5, azure.——Gules, 3 lucies, hauriant, argent, Lucy.——Winter, impaling Hetherſet, azure, a leopard, ſaliant, or.——Winter and Berningham, quarterly, impaling Hetherſet.——Ermingham, argent, a ſaltire, ſable, and over all on a bar, gules, 3 plates.——Gules, a feſs, between 6 billets, or.——Winter and Hampton, quarterly, impaling Herward, of Alburgh.——Winter and Woodhouſe, of Kimberley.——Winter and Bedingfeld.——Winter and Hemenhall.——Winter and Reymes of Oxſtrand.——Winter, and argent, fretty, ſable, a canton, gules.——Winter and Brampton, of Brampton.——Winter and Hoyden.——Mauteby and Winter.——Winter and Rookwood.—Berney.—Lucy, gules, 3 lucies, and cruſily of croſs croſſlets, argent.——Winter and Symonds, azure, 3 trefoils, ſliped, or.—Azure, a feſs dauncy, between 6 eſcallops, argent, D'Engaine.

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[e] Reg. Veyſey, Norw.

William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, held at the ſurvey, as a lay fee, by the gift of the Conqueror, 15 acres of land which a free man held under [f] Wiulf, in King Edward's reign; and William de Noiers held it under the biſhop, with half a carucate belonging to it, valued at 16*d.* *per ann.* This ſeems to be granted afterwards by that biſhop to the ſee.

In the 3 of Henry IV. the prior of Waborne, and the heirs of William Winter, held the 8th part of a fee of the biſhop of Norwich, and the biſhop of the king.

In the 27 of Henry VIII. Henry Winter, Eſq; &c. held it of the biſhop, as of his manor of Gaywood, and paying to the ward of Norwich caſtle, 3*s.* 6*d.* every 30 weeks, (as appears by the pipe rolls of that year,) by the fourth part of a fee.

Drogo de Beuraria[g] had alſo a lordſhip, of which Alwin a free man was deprived, who held it in the reign of the Confeſſor, containing a carucate of land with 5 borderers, paunage for 100 ſwine, one acre of meadow, and 4 ſheep; valued then at 20*s.* and ſo at the ſurvey.

This was granted by King Henry I. to Walter Tuſard, who held lands in Berningham, &c. by grand ſerjeanty, by the ſervice of finding certain croſs bowmen; [h] and Amicia Tuſard ſold it to Roger le Bigot, earl of Norfolk, who lived in the reign of Henry II. and ſo was united to his lordſhip in this town.

The tenths were 2*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a rectory, valued in King Edward I's. reign at 10 marks; paid Peter-pence, 4*d.* Ralph Curſon was then patron. The rector had a manſe, with 30 acres; and the abby of St. Bennet at Holm, had a portion of tithe valued at 2 marks; the preſent valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

RECTORS.

In 1311, Simon de Beckham inſtituted, preſented by Roger le Curzon, of Tun-Berningham.——1324, Roger de Gunton, ditto.——1329, Robert de Burneby, by Sir John Curzoun.——1347, Bartholomew Frenks, ditto.——1370, Roger Stephens, by William Wynter.

1407, Robert Winter, by Sir Thomas Erpingham, Sir Ralph Shelton, and Sir Robert Berney.——1412, Thomas Perer, by John Wynter.——1457, William Reed, by John Wynter, Eſq;——1459, John Barley, ditto.——1466, Robert Wale, by John Wynter, Eſq;——1478, John Clement, by John Wynter, Eſq; 1478, John Bakon, ditto.——1485, Robert Sudcock, ditto.——1490, Henry Ganton, ditto.

1527, Thomas Tooke, by Henry Wynter, gent.——1540, Robert Pyctow, ditto.——1544, John Smith.——1552, John Philipſon, by John Wynter.——1555, Jeffrey Turner, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1561, William Dawſon, by Philip Winter, Eſq;——1570, Martin Bullock, ditto.——1572, John Browe, ditto.——1596, Thomas Settle, the queen, by lapſe.

1614, Samuel Thornton, A.M. by Thomas Settle.——1663, Richard Cleburn, A.M. by Henry Bedingfield, Eſq; and Sir Henry Bedingfield, knight.——1680, James Clough, by Sir Henry Bedingfield, knight.

1714, Thomas Plumſtead, by Greſham Page, Eſq;—1749, John Girdleſton, by John Goodman, gent.—1750, Matthew Lane, by Jos. Lane.

The church is dilapidated, and nothing of it remains but the chancel; and in the eaſt window are the arms of Repps, and of Erpingham; and in a ſouth window,—argent, a feſs ermine, cottiſed, ſable, impaling or, a cinqfoil, ſable.

On a graveſtone in the chancel,——*Sepultus in gratiâ et miſericordiâ Dei Johes. Wynter D'n's Berningham, qui obijt ultimo die Decemb. Ao. D'ni.* M.———, and his portraiture in armour, and Winter impaling Berningham.——On another, *Orate p. a'i'ab;*

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[f] Terra Willi. Epi. Tedford. de fendo.——In b'ningeha' i lib. ho. que' ten. Wiulfus t. r. e. de xv ac. t're. modo ten. W. de Noiers ab Epo. W. ſep. dim. car. ſep. val. xvi*d.*

[g] Terra Drogonis de Beuraria.——In b'ningeham ten. Alwin. i lib. ho. i car. t're. tc. v bor. mo. iii ſilva ad c. por. i ac. p'ti. mo. iiii p. 7. mo. viiii ov. tc. val. xx ſol. 7. mo. ſimilit.

[h] Teſta de Nevil, et Lib. Rub. S'ccij.

p.a'i'b; Joh. Winter et Alicie, uxor. ſue qui quid. Joh. obt. A°. regni Regis Henrici ſeptimi.—with the arms of Winter, impaling Brampton,—and Winter impaling, feſs between 6 billets.

A grave-ſtone,—*In memory of George Burton, who died April* 10, 1694, *Ætat.* 33.

Thomas Winter of this town, buried here in 1450.

The temporalities of Caſtle-acre priory, were 7*s.*—of Ely priory 4*s.*—of Lewes 16*d.*

SHIPDEN and CROMER.

THE town of Cromer is not mentioned in Domeſday Book, being included, and accounted for, under the town of Shipden, the lordſhips of which extended into Cromer.

At the ſurvey, Godric [a] was ſteward of a manor here, belonging to the Conqueror, it being a beruite to the Conqueror's lordſhip of Ayleſham in South Erpingham hundred; it conſiſted of one carucate of land, 4 villains and 4 borderers, 1 carucate in demean, and 1 among the tenants, with half an acre of meadow, and paunage for 8 ſwine.

Halmod de Bidon was found to have held one knight's fee here, of the gift of King Henry I. it being a member of the manor of Ayleſham, [b] which was royal demeans, and in the beginning of King Henry III's reign, William de Worceſter held it by the fourth part of a fee.

In the 24th of Henry III. William de Weyland held the 3d part of a fee, in Shipden, of Sir Hugh de Odingſels; this Hugh married Baſilia de Limeſi, one of the daughters and coheirs of Gerard de Limeſi, (great grandſon of Ralph de Limeſio, a Norman baron, the Conqueror's nephew, to whom he gave 41 manors in England,) by Amy, his wife, daughter of Trian de Hornelode of Bidun Limeſi, and in right of Baſilia, was lord of Oxburgh in Norfolk, and of this manor. Of theſe families ſee in Oxburgh.

In the 3d of Edward I. Sir Nicholas de Weyland was lord; he married Julian, daughter and heir of Robert Burnel, and held it by the ſervice of one pair of white gloves, and performing ſervices to the capital lord: in the 12th of that king, he had a grant of a mercate, a fair and a free warren; in the 12th of Edward II. Sir William de Weyland was lord, and it was valued at 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

Sir Robert de Weyland held it in the 20th of Edward III. by the third part of a fee, and Sir John de Weyland, in the reign of Richard II. whoſe daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married John Harewell, Eſq; of Warwickſhire, and left a daughter and heir Joan, married to John Stretche, Eſq; In the 3d of Henry IV. it was ſettled with Oxburgh and Ryſton, on John Stretche and Joan his wife.

After this it came to the Paſtons: Sir William Paſton, the judge, by his will dated in the 22d of Henry VI. gives it to Agnes his wife for life, and recites that it belonged to his father [c] Clement Paſtons. In 1611, Sir William Paſton was lord of this manor, called Weyland's in Cromer, and was held of the dutchy of Lancaſter; and it is ſaid that great part of the lands belonging to it were ſwallowed up by the ſea. In Sir William's time the rent of aſſiſe was 64*s.* 11*d. per ann.*

Robert Giggs, of Sparham, Gent: died ſeiſed of a manor in Cromer, as appears from his will, proved May 11, 1535.—Regiſt. Haydon, Norw.—Sir Thomas Rant had a manor in Cromer.

(a) Terre Regis qua. Godric. ſervat.—Huic man. (viz Eleſham) jacet i beruita, Shipedana, i car. tre. ſep. iiii vill. tnc. iiii bord. p'. 7 m°. ii ſemp· i car. in dnio. 7 i car. hom. 7dim. ac. pti. ſilva. viii porc.

(b) Teſta de Nevill.

(c) Reg. Luffenham, Norw.

Roger Bigot, [*d*] anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had a manor, of which Oſborn, a freeman, was deprived at the conqueſt: 40 acres of land belonged to it, with 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a one amongſt the tenants, and one of meadow; and a ſocman held 3 acres, valued then at 8*s.* at the ſurvey at 10*s.* Torſtin held it of Roger Bigot.

UFFORD's MANOR.

IN the 24 of Henry III, William de Bradenham, and Roger de Reymes, held in Shypden, the 3d part of a fee of Richard de Berningham, and he of Roger Fitz Oſbert; in the 36 of that king, Margery de Creyk, then a widow, and Robert de Creyk, her ſon, had an intereſt herein.

Edmund de Eggemere, by deed *ſans date*, confirmed to Adam de Oldland, lands with a meſſuage and villain,—witneſs, Roger Bigot of Felbrig: in the 3d of Edward I. he had view of frank pledge, *&c.* and John de Eggemere, in the 14th of that king, had an intereſt herein.

In the 34th of Edward I. Edward de Pakenham and Roſia, his wife, Robert de Ufford and Cecilia, his wife, couſins and heirs of Sarah, daughter of Bartholomew de Creyk, and wife of Roger Fitz Peter Fitz Oſbert, had livery of the fourth part of a fee (which William de Bradenham held) and a right in the advouſon; and John de Thorp, and his parceners, in the following year, had an intereſt herein, and held under Roger Bigot, Earl of Norfolk.

Roger de Reymes, *&c.* held of John de Thorp, the fourth part of a fee, in the 17th of Edward II. and Robert de Eggemere, Robert Tebald, and John de Reymes held in Shipeden, of Robert de Benhale, the 8th part of a fee, and he of the earl of Norfolk, (which William de Bradenham, *&c.* formerly held) in the 20th of Edward III. and Robert Tebald was alſo then found to hold the 8th part of a fee, of John de Hederſet, he of the heirs of Roger Fitz Oſbert, of the earl of Norfolk's fee. In the 23d of that king, Roger de Hederſet, parſon of Billingford, and Robert Brown, parſon of Shipdene, conveyed by fine to Clement Hervey of Shipdene, 14 meſſuages, a mill, 2 toſs, 150 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 2 of paſture, 2 of wood, 46 of heath, and 36*s.* rent, in this town, Overſtrand, Roughton, *&c.* to Clement for life, remainder to Thomas de Standon, and Conſtantia his wife, in tail.

In the 3d of Henry IV. William James held the 8th part of a fee, (which was Roger Fitz Oſbert's) of the earl of Norfolk; and the ſaid William, and the heirs of Roger Reymes, and of Robert Tebald, held an 8th part, (late the ſaid Roger Fitz Oſbert's) of the earl of Norfolk.

Richard Arnold, Eſq; ſon of William Arnold and Joan his wife, died lord of the manor of Ufford's, in Shipedene, as by his will dated [*e*] December 30, 1472, and proved January 28, following; mentions Margery his wife, William, Edmund, *&c.* his ſons.—Richard Arnold held it, in the 21ſt of Elizabeth.—After this it was purchaſed of Arnold by Robert Underwood, Samuel Underwood his ſon, dying *ſans iſſue*, Catherine his ſiſter, inherited it, and brought it by marriage to William Hobart, Gent: of Metton, who was lord in 1615: he left 2 daughters and coheirs; Frances, the 2d daughter, married James, ſon of Sir Henry Davy, by whom he had 3 daughters, on a partition of whoſe eſtate this came to Sir George Windham by the marriage of Frances, one of the daughters; and Francis his ſon, was lord in 1691, and married Frances, daughter of Sir Thomas Dayrell, of Lillington Dayrell, in Bucks, by whom he had Francis a ſon, *&c.* lord in 1752.

Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, had a lordſhip, in the 3d of Edward I. which on the marriage of his daughter Joan, he gave to William, eldeſt ſon of John, Earl

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(*d*) Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Scepedane, i lib. ho. ten. Oſb'nus, t. r. e. xl. ac. tre. m°. tenet Torſtinus, tc. iii bor. m°. v ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 dim. car. houm i car. ſilva. ad xxx porc. 7 i ſoc de iii ac. tre. tc. 7 p'. val. viii ſol. m°. x.

(*e*) Reg. Belins, Norw.

Earl Warren, who dyed before his father, in the 14th of that king, leaving John his ſon and heir, aged one year, afterwards Earl Warren and Surry, in which family it continued, 'till ſettled by the laſt Earl Warren and Surrey, on the earl of Lancaſter, and by the marriage of the lady Blanch, the heireſs of that family, came to John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaſter, and by his ſon, Henry IV. King of England, was united to the crown, as at this time, being part of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

In the 4th of Henry VI. a patent was granted for a mercate, now held on Saturday, and a fair. It is chiefly inhabited by fiſhermen.

Robert Bacon, a mariner of this town of Cromer found out Iceland, and is ſaid to have taken the prince of Scotland, James Stuart, ſailing to France for education, in King Henry IV's time.

William de Beaufoe, Biſhop of Thetford [*f*] had a lordſhip in his own right, as a lay fee, in this town, which lordſhip was a beruite to his manor of Gunton, containing one carucate of land, 3 villains, 3 borderers, and a carucate in demean, with one amongſt the tenants, and an acre of meadow, then valued at 10*s.* at the ſurvey at 5*s.* 4*d*, was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, paid 6*d.* gelt.

Biſhop Beaufoe gave this amongſt his other great benefactions, to his ſee, and in the 24th of Henry III. Robert de Egmere held here the fourth part of a fee of the biſhop of Norwich, and in the 20th of Edward III. Robert de Egmere, held the ſame of John Leche, and he of the biſhop.

Sir George Windham was the 6th ſon of Sir John Windham, of Orchard Windham, in Somerſetſhire, and the lady Joan his wife, he was knighted at Anderwick, in Scotland, July 16, 1632, and was Gentleman penſioner to the king: his firſt wife was Ann, daughter of ----- Godfrey, ------, and relict of James Underwood of Cromer; ſhe died *ſans iſſue*, and the manor of Arnolds was in the family of Windham, in 1752.

William Windham, Eſq; died in 1765, lord.

The abbot of St. Bennet, [*g*] at Holm, had a lordſhip, alſo, which they enjoyed long before; and at the conqueſt, half a carucate to find proviſion for the monks, with one villain, 3 borderers, and one carucate in demean, half a carucate of the tenants, and one acre of meadow valued at 10*s.* 8*d.*

In the 19th of Henry III. Sir Peter de Alto Boſco, (or Hobois) releaſed to the abbot all his right herein, and in the 3d of Edward I. the abbot held it of the king, in *capite*.

On the diſſolution of this houſe, it came to the crown, and on the exchange of lands between the biſhop of Norwich and King Henry VIII. it was granted to the biſhop. Robert Allen, who was bailiff of it, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, accounted for 11*s.* 9*d. ob.* rent of aſſiſe, 7*s.* 9*d.* for the demean lands, and 12*s.* 3*d. per ann.* perquiſites of court:—the biſhop is the preſent lord.

There was formerly a church at Shipden, dedicated to St. Peter. In the reign of Edward I. Hugh de Odyngſels, lord of Shipden, was patron of it; it was a rectory, then valued at 12 marks, and the rector had a manſe with 12 acres of land, and paid peter-pence 6*d.*

Sir Henry Pinkenney, Kt. by deed *ſans date*, granted the moiety of this church, to his kinſman, Sir William de Odingſels. Sir Henry married Alice, heireſs of the family of de Lindſey, who held alſo a moiety of this manor, by David de Lindſey's (a Scotch-man) marriage with Alianore, daughter and coheir of Gerard de Limeſi, and ſiſter of Baſilia, who married Sir Hugh de Odingſels.

In the 11th of Edward II. on a writ, the jury preſent that it would not be to the king's damage, if John de Odingſels granted to John Brown of Tutington, *&c.*

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(*f*) Terra Willi. Epiſc. Tedford. de feudo.——In Scepedene b'wita Gunetune, i car. tre. ſemp. iii vill. iii bor. tc. i car. in dnio. m°. dim. ſep. i car. hom. ſilva. vi por. i ac. pti. tc. val. x ſol. m°. v ſol. et iiii*d.* et ht. in longo dim. lg. 7 iiii qr. in lato. 7 de. gelto vi*d.*

(*g*) Terra Sci. Benedicti de Hulmo——In Scipedana dim. car. tre. devicta monachor. i vill. iii bor. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 dim. car. hom. 7 i ac. pti. val. x ſol. 7 viii*d.*

the advouſon of St. Peter's church of Shipdene.—John de Odingſels was lord of Bradwell, Pyrington, and Cavendiſh, in Suffolk.

RECTORS.

In the 10th of Edward III. John de Lodbrok, rector of this church, John Broun, patron, and the pariſhioners having ſupplicated the king, that, whereas part of the church-yard was by the flux and reflux of the ſea, ſo waſted, that it threatened ruin to the church, and could not be defended, the king grants licence that an acre of land in the ſaid village be granted to the ſaid John, rector, to build thereon a new church, and for a church-yard; dated April 15.

In 1349, Robert de Wyngreworth inſtituted rector, preſented by the king, on the minority of John, ſon and heir of Hugh Broun.

In the 29 of Edward III. licence was granted to appropriate this church to the priory of Hickling, and about this time, John Winter was preſented to it, by the prior.

In 1364, Richard Goſſeline, preſented by the prior.——1375, John de Stalham, a canon of Hicking, was preſented by the prior.—But in 1381, the patronage was in the priory of the Carthuſians (or Charter-Houſe) by London, and Robert Ellatte was inſtituted on the preſentation of the aſſignees of that priory.

VICARS.

On Auguſt 18, in the 5th of Richard II. that priory had a patent to appropriate it.——1384, John Goſſelyn was inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior of the Carthuſians; a vicarage being ſettled on this appropriation.——John Barnet, official of the court of Canterbury, and ſub-delegate of Pope Urban, appropriated this church of Shypden, by the ſea, in 1383, reſerving to the biſhop of Norwich, an annual penſion of 13*ſ.* 4*d.* and to the cathedral, or priory of Norwich 3*ſ.* 4*d.*

In the ſaid year, December 14, the vicar's portion was aſſigned, in the third part of the glebe, tithe, and obventions.——1389, John Hermere, vicar, preſented by the prior, *&c.*——1403, Richard Biſhop, ditto.——1429, Mr. Richard Milkam, *A. M.* ditto.——1437, Sim. Norman, ditto.——1450, Mr. Jeff. Champneys, *S. T. P.* ditto.——1462, Mr. Robert Heyllys, *A. M.* ditto.——1497, Mr. William Tukke, *L. L. B.* ditto.——1521, Mr. William Smith, *S. T. B.* ditto.—— ----, Robert Reſton, vicar.——1554, John Harlow, by the king and queen.——1587, Sim. Harwood, by the queen.——1591, Thomas Mundey, by the queen.——John Money * occurs vicar in 1603.——Richard Watſon, occurs vicar 1615. In the reign of queen Elizabeth, it was granted to the ſee of Ely, on the queen's taking away ſeveral manors, belonging to it.——1626. Richard Talbot, by the king, the ſee of Ely being void.——1662, Robert Fawet, by the biſhop of Ely.——1674, William Aſhmore, ditto.

Mr. Oram died vicar in 1762.

The old church of Shipden ſeems to have been deſtroyed by the ſea, in, or about the reign of Henry IV. In the 14th of Richard II. patent was granted for 5 years, for certain duties to be paid for the erection of a certain pier for a defence againſt the ſea; and in the 16th of that king, Sir William Beauchamp, *&c.* aliened to the prior of the Carthuſians, a piece of land in Shipden, adjoyning to the rectory, with lands and tenements to the value of 10 marks *per ann.* ſo that about this time the preſent church, called Cromer church, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, was probably erected, and is a vicarage valued at 9*l.* 4*ſ.* 9*d.*

It ſtands near the ſea, and is an handſome regular pile, conſiſting of a large body and 2 iſles, covered with lead, and a beautiful lofty ſquare tower imbattled at the weſt end of the nave, built of flints and free-ſtone; to this body was joyned a large chapel, now

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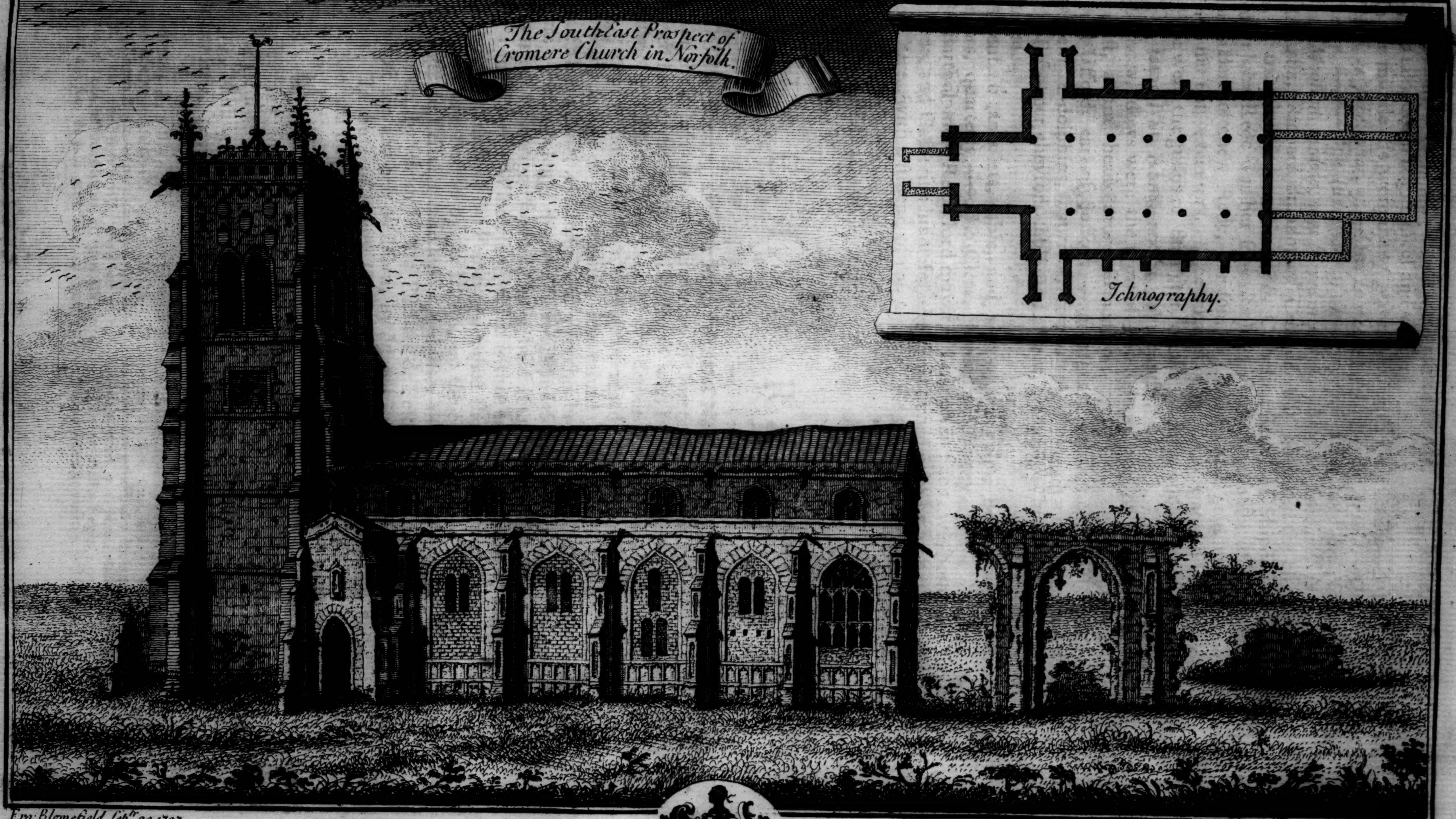
* Here were then 520 communicants.



The SouthEast Prospect of Cromere Church in Norfolk.

Fra: Blomefield Sepr. 24. 1737.

W.H. Toms sculp.

Inscribed to Mr. Thomas Tanner of Christ Church in Oxford.

now in ruins. In 1608, licenſe was granted to Mr. Gill, leſſee, of the biſhop of Ely, to take down the chancel and veſtry.

In the middle iſle were many graveſtones with their braſſes—*Orate p. a'i'ab; Willi. Arnold, et Johe. uxor. ej.*—One *In memory of Catherine Arnold.*—*Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Momsey.*———One *In memory of Sir George Windham, who died November* 27, 1663. *Agnes Moulton, widow, was buried in the church by her husband, in* 1528.

In 1484, Richard Brandon of Cromer, was buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas, of this church; and in 1486, Catherine Rede, of Shipden, widow of Roger Rede; John Rede was her ſon; Richard Rede was father of Roger, and ſhe appoints Bartholomew Rede, her ſon, [*b*] citizen and goldſmith, of London, and John, her ſon, executors. The chapel of our Lady was alſo in the church.

Here were the guilds of St. Peter, of the Trinity, our Lady of pite, St. George, [*i*] St. James, St. Anne, and St. John baptiſt.

In the windows were the arms of Erpingham, and of Sir Robert Knowls, with his creſt, a ram's head, azure, armed, or.

And Ufford, earl of Suffolk;—and argent, 3 catherine wheels, ſable.

Argent, 2 dolphins, hauriant, combatant, ſable, on a chief, gules, 3 eſcallops of the firſt—per chevron, ſable and argent, 3 ſeamews heads eraſed, and counterchanged.

Argent, 6 annulets, ſable, and a bordure, gules, Beckswell.——Bacon, and Stanhors, quarterly.——Alſo Clere, Heydon and Berney.

Sir Bartholomew Rede, lord mayor of London in 1502, was born here, ſon of Roger Rede, and Catherine his wife, abovementioned; he by his will, founded a free-ſchool, here, with a ſtipend of 10*l. per ann.* for the maſter, paid by the goldſmiths company.

Shipden tenths, 2*l.* 10*s.*

F E L B R I G G.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had a grant of this lordſhip on the expulſion of two free men of Guert, (brother of Harold, the king, and ſlain with him at the battle of Haſtings) who held 2 carucates of land, with [*a*] one villain, 7 borderers, two carucates in demean, and one amongſt the tenants, &c. 4 acres of meadow; 8 ſocmen alſo belonged to it, with 63 acres of land, and a carucate and an half of the tenants, &c. valued then at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 4*l.* it was half a leuca long, 4 furlongs and 3 perches broad; paid 3*d ob.* gelt; and Metune was 5 furlongs long, † and 4 furlongs and 6 perches broad, and paid 5*d.* gelt,

Ailward de Felebrigge ſeems to have held it under Bigot, at the ſurvey, and was lord of a ſmall fee in Winterton, which is then ſaid to be valued in this manor.

The antient family of De Felbrigg aſſumed their name from this town, of which they were thus enfeoffed by the Bigots, on the conqueſt.

[*b*] Roger de Felbrigg married a daughter and coheir of Gilbert de Norfolk, lord of Beeſton, by whom he had Richard de Felbrigg, his ſon and heir, lord of Felbrigg, whoſe ſon and heir William, by Mary his wife, left no iſſue, and died before his father. In the 4 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Mary de Merlai petent, and Richard de Felbrigg tenent of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in this town, of 40*s.* rent, in lands at Runton, of one carucate of land in Eaſt Herling, of one mark's rent in Maſſingham, and of a mill and pond in Newton; of which William de Felbrigg, ſon and heir of the ſaid Richard, formerly huſband of Mary (now the wife of John de Merlai) had endowed her; and Richard grants to her the land in Herling, Maſſingham, and lands in Runton, with the ſervices of ſeveral perſons, and to her heirs, paying a certain rent; and ſhe releaſed all her right in the reſt.

(*b*) Reg. Norman, fol. 15.

(*i*) Reg. Rix Norw. fol. 115.

[*a*] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Felebruge ii lib. ho'es Gerti 7. ht. ii car. t're. ſep. i vill. 7. vii bor. 7. ii car. in d'nio. 7. i car. ho'um. ſilva ad lx. por. iiii ac. p'ti. 7. iſte ht. viii ſoc. de lxiii ac. tr'e. 7 ſep. i car. 7 dim. ho'um. ſilva ad vi por. tc. 7. p. val. xl ſol. 7 mo. iiii lib. ht. dim. leug. in long. 7. iiii quar. 7. iii perc. in lato, 7. de gelto iii*d.* 7 obolum; 7 metune, v quar. in longo, 7. iiii. 7. vi perc. in lato, 7 de gelto v*d.*

[*b*] See in Beeſton Regis.

† See of Metton, a beruite to this manor.—

On the death of the ſaid William, Richard de Felbrigg had an only daughter and heir, Maud, who married Sir Simon le Bigot, 3d ſon (as is ſaid) of Hugh le Bigot, earl of Norfolk, by Maud his wife, daughter of William Mareſchal, earl of Pembroke; Sir Simon was living in the 20 of Henry III. but died before the 36 of that king; Maud his wife being then a widow, and in the 56 of the ſaid king. Of this family I ſhall here give the pedigree, and make ſome remarks thereon.

FELBRIGG's PEDIGREE.

(b) Roger de Felbrigg,— - - - - 3d daughter and coheir of Gilbert de Norfolk, by Emma de Beaufoe, daughter and coheir of Fulk de Beaufoe, lord of Hockwold, &c.

Richard de Felbrigg

(c) Sir Simon le Bigot—Maud, daughter and heir.
3d ſon of Hugh, Earl of Norfolk.

William de Felbrigge—Margery, after married to John de Merlai.
ob. ſ. p.

(d) Sir Roger le Bigod—Cecilia.
3d Edward I.

Sir Simon Felbrigg—Alice, daughter of Sir George de Thorp.
(e) 28 Edward I. &c.

2 John Bigod—Lucia.
(*f*)

Sir Roger de Felbrigg—Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, Lord Scales.
(g) alias Bygod, 25 Edward III.

(b) 2d Catherine, daughter of Ank. Mallory, Eſq;—Sir Simon de Felbrigg—1ſt Margaret, daughter of the duke of Sileſia.

(i) Alana.

(*c*) Maud was his widow, in the 36 of Henry III. as appears by a fine then levied; and in the 3d of Edward I. claimed wreck of ſea, aſſiſe of bread, &c.

(*d*) Sir Roger had a grant of free warren in the 9 of Edward I. he and Cecilia living in 23 of that king.

(*e*) Sir Simon was lord in the 9 of Edward II. and 22 of Edward III.

(*f*) John Bigod, Eſq; was lord of Tuttington, in Suffolk, as will be ſhewn.

(*g*) Sir Roger de Felbrigg, alias Bigod, was lord in the 25 of Edward III. and had a mercate and fair here; in the 28 of that king, he is ſaid to have been priſoner in the wars of France; was living in the 41 of the aforeſaid king, and ſealed with a lion ſalient, died at Paris in France, and was there buried.

(*b*) Sir Simon Felbrigg was ſtandard bearer to King Richard II. and held a patent in the 18 of that king, for 100*l. per ann.* the uſual fee or allowance; in the 22 of that king, was one of the knight's of the king's chamber, and had a grant of the manor of Beeſton Regis, in Norfolk, late Richard Arundel's, who was attainted. In the 8 of Henry V. he and Sir William Beauchamp, Sir John Beaufoe, knights, Robert Lovell, &c. were appointed commiſſioners to muſter 500 men at arms, 1000 archers, commanded by Hugh Courtney, earl of Devonſhire, and the Lord Botreaux, for the guard of the narrow ſeas; being made knight of the garter in the 2d of that king, in 1422, at St. George's feaſt at Windſor, with Humphrey, Duke of Glouceſter, Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, Robert, Lord Willoughby, Henry, Lord Fitz-Hugh, Lewis de Robeſart, Lord Bouchier; Sir John Cornwall, Sir Thomas Erpingham, Sir Walter Hungerford, and Sir John de Robeſart, his ſenior knights, and William de Hertaulolux, his junior, reciting that King Henry V. in his life, had inſtituted Garter to be principal of the office of arms, but that no maintenance was ſettled on him; they, during the nonage of King Henry VI. ſettle ſeveral annual penſions on him, payable by every knight of the garter.

He married firſt, Margaret, daughter and heir (as our hiſtorians ſay) to the duke of Sileſia, and Theiſe in Germany, (nephew to the king of Bohemia) couſin to Ann, queen conſort of Richard II. King of England, (daughter of Charles IV. and ſiſter to Wenceſlaus, emperors of Germany) who came into England with that queen, on her marriage, in 1381, and was one of her maids of honour. His 2d wife was Catherine, daughter of Anketill Mallory, Eſq; of Winwick in Northamptonſhire, widow of Ralph Grene, Eſq; of Drayton in the ſaid county, (who died October 4, in the 5 of Henry V.) The ſaid Catherine ſurvived Sir Simon, who made his will ſeveral years before his death, dated at Felbrigg in September, in the 10 of Henry VI. appoints Ralph, Lord Cromwell, Robert, Lord Willoughby, Thomas, Lord Scales, William, Lord Bardolf, Sir John Cliſton, Sir William Paſton, &c. truſtees; his manors of Felbrigg, Runton, Baningham, Colby, Tottington-Hall, and Ingworth in Norfolk, are mentioned; the manors of Felbrigg and Aylmerton, to be ſold after his wife Catherine's deceaſe, to pay his debts † and legacies; to Alana, his daughter, wife of Sir Thomas de Wanton, the manors of Briſworth in Suffolk, and of Sharpenhow, and Stratley in Bedfordſhire; they giving ſufficient ſecurity not to diſturb his truſtees in the executing the reſidue of his will; and the heirs of her body failing, he gives them to Sir John Felbrigg, &c. to Ann, his daughter, a nun at Bruſyard in Suffolk, 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* to be paid out of the manor of South Repps, for life, and after to the abbeſs and convent aforeſaid, for ever; alſo 8 marks *per ann.* to the ſaid Ann for life, out of the manor of Felbrigg, after the deceaſe of Catherine his wife.

His will was proved February 20, 1443; Catherine his widow, and Oliver Groos, Eſq; being executors, ſhe held in joynture from Ralph Green, the manor of Chalton, and Culworth in Bedfordſhire, Buckworth in Huntingdonſhire, White Roding in Eſſex, Cumberton in Cambridgeſhire, Wabenham's, called Green's, Wolſton, and Emberton in Buckinghamſhire.

By her will, dated February 14, 1459, ſhe orders her body to be buried in the choir of the Friers Preachers of Norwich, by the body of Sir Simon her huſband; gives to Iſabel, Lady Morley, a croſs of gold; to Joan Toppe, her niece, a ſilver girdle; to Elizabeth Coppledike, her niece, 40*s.* to Ela, wife of Sir William Yelverton, the judge, a ſilver pix, gilt with gold; and 20*l.* to the building of a new ſteeple to the Friers church.——His arms were or, a lion ſaliant, gules.

Alana, daughter and heir of Sir Simon Felbrigg, by his firſt lady, was in the year 1431, the wife of Sir Thomas Wanton; whom I take to be her 2d huſband, and Sir William Tyndale, of Dean in Northamptonſhire, to be her firſt, by whom ſhe had iſſue; and her grand ſon, Sir William Tyndale, of Hockwold in Norfolk, was made knight of the bath, at the creation of Arthur, prince of Wales, ſon of King Henry VII. and declared heir (in right of his grand mother, Margaret,) to the kingdom of Bohemia. Some writings ſay that Sir Simon had by his lady, Margaret, 2 or 3 ſons, beſides the 2 daughters abovementioned; but it is certain that (if he had) they were all dead at the time he made his will; in the 2d year of Henry VI. he is called Maxime Senex.

To this account of the elder branch of the Felbriggs, I ſhall add that of the younger branch, who had ſome intereſt in this lordſhip, as is apparent from the will of Sir Simon. It has been obſerved, in the pedigree above, that Sir Roger le Bigod had by Cecilia, his wife, 2 ſons, Sir Simon the eldeſt, and John, his 2d ſon, from whom deſcended the Suffolk, or younger branch.

A PEDIGREE of the younger Branch of the FELBRIGGS.

(*k*) John le Bigod, Eſq;—Lucia.
2d ſon of Sir Roger, |
temp. Edward III. |

(*l*) Roger le Bigod, Eſq;—

(*m*) 1ſt Amy, daughter of—Sir George Felbrigg,—2d Margery, daughter and
Sir Roger de Hales. | coheir of Sir John de Aſpale.

(*n*) Sir John Felbrigg—Margaret 2d Richard.

Margery, daughter—Thomas Sampſon, Eſq;
and heir.

John

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† Reg. Rous in Cur. Prerog. Lond. fol. 3

[*k*] John le Bigod was lord of Tuttington in Suffolk, in the 13 of Edward III. by the gift of his father.

[*l*] Roger, ſon of John le Bigod, alias Felbrigg, lord of Tuttington-Hall, in 41 of Edward III.

[*m*] Sir George Felbrigg, about the end of King Edward III's. reign, was Eſq; of the body to that king. In the 41 of that reign, the king wrote to the archbiſhop of Canterbury, his chancellor, to pardon his beloved Eſq; George de Felbrigg, for money due to the crown, for lands granted to him on the forfeiture of John But, of Norwich, dated 8 of June. In the firſt of Richard II. he was one of the jury who found Alice Perers, (late King Edward III's. miſtreſs) guilty of maintenance. In the 7th of that King, he and Margery his wife, held the manors of Wortham, and Ingham in Suffolk; and about the ſaid time, Roger Mortimer, earl of March, granted to him and Roger Mareſchall, Eſq; the manor and park of Standon, in Hertfordſhire, to farm; his ſeal was then, a lion ſalient, and creſt, a plume of peacock's feathers iſſuing out of a ducal coronet; and that of Mareſchall,——a chevron between 3 creſcents. He was in the king's army, when he marched againſt the Scots, in his 9th year; was knighted by him on his entrance into that country, and had, on Septem. 9, a grant of 40*l. per ann.* for life, payable out of the iſſues of Norfolk and Suffolk, by the ſheriff; was appointed one of the king's proctors in his 10th year, to conclude a league with William, duke of Guelderland, and by Thomas, Duke of Glouceſter, and conſtable of England, October 12; in the 15 of the ſaid king, one of the lieutenants in the court of chivalry, to hear and determine the cauſe between the Lords Morley and Lovell.

He married two wives; Avice, his firſt, was the relict of Edmund de Reedeſham, daughter and heir of Sir Roger de Hales, in whoſe right he held by the courteſy of England, the manor of Hales Hall, but had no ſurviving iſſue by her.

His 2d wife was Margaret, firſt daughter and coheir of Sir John de Aſpale, widow of Sir Thomas Naunton; ſhe occurs his wife in the 3d of Richard II.

Sir George's will is dated February 3, 1400; he was buried in the church of St. Mary, † of Playford, in Suffolk, and appoints Margery his wife, and Sir Roger Drury his executors, proved May 18 following. The will of Margery, his widow, bears date on July 16, 1419; ſhe appoints Richard Felbrigg her ſon, executor. In a window of the church of Playford, which was built by Sir George, was his portraiture, and that of his lady, Margaret, and the arms of Felbrigg, impaling Aſpal, azure, 3 chevronells, or.

[*n*] Sir John Felbrigg was ſon and heir of George, by Margery his wife; he left one daughter and heir, Margery, married to Thomas Sampſon, Eſq; Sir John, by his will, dated October 2, 1423, was buried in the chancel of Playford church, in which church were the arms of Felbrigg, impaling Waldgrave, probably his lady. Thomas Sampſon, Eſq; and Margery his wife, were there buried. Thomas died in 1439, and his quartered coat was then,——Sampſon,——argent, a croſs flory, gules, between 4 eſcallops, ſable, quartering Felbrigg; Saket, ermine, on chief indented, ſable, 2 eſtoils, or, and Aſpal.

The manor of Felbrigg being left by Sir Simon Felbrigg, to be ſold after the death of his wife, Catherine, Thomas, Lord Scales, one of his truſtees, bought the reverſion of it of his executors, and after ſold it to John Wymondham, Eſq; which John had alſo a leaſe of it from the Lady Catherine; he and his wife, the Lady Margery, relict of Sir Edward Haſtings, of Elſing in Norfolk, daughter of Sir Robert Clifton, of Bokenham Caſtle in the ſaid county, lived here, when Sir John Felbrigg, eldeſt ſon of Sir George Felbrigg, abovementioned, made a forceable entry, in the abſence of her huſband, threatened to fire the houſe, ſhe having locked herſelf up in a room to keep poſſeſſion, and at laſt dragged her out by the hair of her head, and took poſſeſſion; but John Wymondham, having the king's order, to Thomas Montgomery, Eſq; ſheriff of the county, to be put in poſſeſſion, he came to an agreement, and Wymondham paying to Sir John 200 marks, he releaſed all his right and claim to this lordſhip; and in the 39 of Henry VI. Sir John, and his wife, conveyed it to John Wymondham by fine.

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† Reg. Harſyke, fol. 261

This Sir John had the manor of Crownthorp in Norfolk, conveyed to him in the 15 of Henry VI. by William Hales, of Wells, and Margaret his wife.

His 2d wife was Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Reedeſham, of Suffolk, relict of Sir Thomas Heveningham.

He bequeaths, by his will, April 26, 1475, his body to be buried in the church of the Friers Preachers, at Norwich, which was proved January 22, 1476.—*Reg. Gelour, fol.* 115.

John Windham was his ſon and heir, retained by, and in the ſervice of Sir John Howard, (afterwards duke of Norfolk) in the beginning of the reign of King Edward IV. and in the 7th of that king, married Margaret, 4th daughter of the ſaid Sir John; in the treaty of his marriage, it was agreed, that Sir John ſhould provide and find all manner of array for John Windham, junior, Eſq; and Margaret, his daughter, at, and for the ſaid marriage, and all manner of meat and drink, for all manner of perſons, and all other things neceſſary, behoffull and convenient, at the proper coſt and charge of the ſaid Sir John, for the ſpace of 2 years following the ſaid marriage continually, with meat and drink for the ſaid John and Margaret, convenient for them, their ſervants, and their horſes. Her joynture was to be in the manors of Crownthorp, Baningham, Colby and Ingworth. In 1489, he was with King Henry VII. at the battle of Stoke, and there knighted, but on the 6th of May, in 1503, he with Sir James Tyrrell, were beheaded as traitors to the king, (on Tower Hill) on a conſpiracy in favour of Edmund de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, and was buried in the church of the Auſtin Friers, of London, where ſeveral who had ſuffered on the part of the houſe of York, were interred. He is ſaid to have married to his 2d wife, Alianore, daughter of William Wellesborn, Eſq;—Sir Thomas Windham was his ſon and heir, as the following pedigree ſhews.

WYNDHAM's PEDIGREE.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Reedeſham.—John Wymondham, Eſq;—Margery, daughter of Sir Robert Clifton.

2 Alianore, daughter of William Wellesborn.—Sir John Wyndham—1 Margaret, daughter of Sir John Howard.

2 Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Wentworth.—[o]—1 Sir Thomas Wyndham.—1 Alianore, daughter and coheir of Richard, Lord Scroop. [p]

2 John Wyndham,—Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir John Sydenham.

[q] Sir Edmund Wyndham—Suſan, daughter of Sir Roger Townſend.

Sir John Wyndham—Florentia, daughter of John Wadham, Eſq;

Franc. W. a judge, *ſ. p.*

Sir Roger Wyndham [r] *ſ. p.*—Mary, daughter of Sir Chriſ Heydon.

Sir John Wyndham,—Joan, daughter of Sir Henry Portman.

2 Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Mead.—Thomas Wyndham, Eſq; 3d ſon of Sir John—1 Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Rowld. Lytton.

2 William Wyndham, Eſq;—Catherine, daughter of Sir Joſeph Aſhe, baronet.

John Windham, Eſq;—Jane, daughter of Godfrey, &c. *ob. ſ. p.*

Aſh Windham, Eſq;—

William, Thomas

William Windham, Eſq;

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[o] Sir Thomas Wyndham, ſon and heir of Sir John, and the Lady Margaret, was reſtored in blood, and knighted by Sir Edward Howard, admiral of the Engliſh fleet at Crowton-Bay, near Breſt: in the 4 year of King Henry VIII. he was vice admiral, knight of the king's body-guard, and one of his privy council. He married to his firſt wife, Alianore, daughter and heir of Richard Scroop, lord of Upſall in Yorkſhire, or as ſome ſay, of Sir Henry Scroop; his ſecond wife was Elizabeth, daugh-

ter of Sir Henry Wentworth, of Nettleſtead in Suffolk, widow of Sir Roger Darcy, of Danbury in Eſſex. It appears by his will, dated at Felbrigg, October 22, 1521, that he had the lordſhip of Botley, Hameſthwayt, and Wighton in Yorkſhire, Crownthorp, Wicklewood, Hackford, Aylmerton, Rungton, Baningham, Ingworth, Tuttington, Coſby, Briſton, Wolterton, Metton, Melton-Cockfeld's and Felbrigg; appoints his Lady Elizabeth, and Thomas, Earl of Surry, his executors; gives to his wife 500 marks worth of plate, as ſhe ſhould chuſe, with the moiety of his houſehold ſtuff, and the uſe of the other moiety for life only; to Margaret and Elizabeth Darcy, his wife's daughters, each 200*l.* appoints his body to be buried in the middle of the chapel of the bleſſed Virgin, in the cathedral of Norwich, and orders a tomb with his arms and badge, and of his 2 wives, (if his wife Elizabeth, will be there buried) to be erected. This chapel was at the eaſt end of the cathedral, now in ruins; and the tomb erected for this knight was removed into Jeſus chapel, in the ſaid cathedral, where it now remains, with this inſcription;—*Orate p. a'i'ab; Thome Windham, militis, Elianore, et Domine Elizabethe uxorum ejus, qui quidem Thomas fuit unus conciliariorum, D'ni Regis Henrici Octavi, et unus militum pro corpore ejuſdem D'ni regis necnon vice-admirallus* - - - - - - - - - - -

His own effigies and thoſe of his 2 wives were on it, with the arms of Windham, argent, a chevron, between 3 lions heads eraſed, or, impaling, azure, a bend, or, with a creſcent for difference, Scroop,——quartering, argent, a ſaltyre ingrailed, gules, Tiptoft; the arms of his firſt wife, as appears by the epitaph, and before the year 1502, when he was knighted. Alſo Windham impaling Wentworth, his ſecond wife, and her quarterings;——firſt, ſable on a chevron, between 3 leopards heads, or, a creſcent for difference, Wentworth; 2d, quarterly, argent and gules, in the 2d and 3d, a frett, or, on a bend, ſable, 3 mullets of the firſt, Spencer;—3d, gules, a croſs ingrailed, argent, Ingaldeſthorp;—4th, argent, a feſs, between 2 bars gemel, gules, Badeleſmere;——5th, barry of 6, or of 8, or and gules, a canton, ermine; quere if not Gawſell?—6th, gules,— lucies haurient, argent, and crucily of croſs croſslets, or, Lucy.

[*p*] John Windham, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir John, and brother of Sir Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir John Sydenham, of Orchard in Devonſhire, where he and his deſcendants lived, and from whom the preſent earl of Egremont deſcends.

[*q*] Sir Edmund Windham, eldeſt ſon of Sir Thomas, by Alianore, his wife, ſucceeded in his eſtate, married Suſan, daughter of Sir Roger Townſend, of Rainham, by whom he had 3 ſons, Roger, Francis and Thomas, and a daughter, Amy, married to Henry Heveningham, Eſq; he died at Felbrigg, July 23, in the 11 of Elizabeth, and was there buried.

[*r*] Sir Roger, ſon of Sir Edmund, married Mary, daughter of Sir Chriſtopher Heydon, of Baconſthorp, in Norfolk, and died *ſ. p.*

Francis Windham, Eſq; his brother, was judge of the common pleas, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, keeper of the great ſeal, and died *ſ. p.* leaving his eſtate entailed on his brother, Sir Roger, Thomas Windham, and Jane his ſiſter, (wife of Humphry Conynſbye, Eſq;) who all died *ſ. p.*——The judge was buried in the church of St. Peter's of Mancroft, where, againſt the north wall of Jeſus chapel, is a monument much defaced, in memory of him, and the effigies of a judge down to his waſte, in his robes, with the arms of Windham, and his creſt, a lion's head, eraſed, within the bow of a fetter-lock; alſo Windham quartering Scroop and Tiptoft, and impaling Townſend with his quarterings, Haywell, Brewſe, Ufford, Carbonell, and Shardelowe. It does not appear to have had any inſcription, but he was here interred July 18, 1592.

Sir Roger and the reſt of his family, dying *ſ. p.* as is obſerved, this manor, &c. came by entail to Thomas Windham, Eſq; 3d ſon of Sir John Windham, of Orchard, by Joan his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Portman, of Orchard Portman in Somerſetſhire, great grandſon of Sir John, who was brother of Sir Thomas Wyndham, as the pedigree ſets forth.

This Thomas married, firſt Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Rowland Lytton, knight, of Knebworth in Hertfordſhire, by whom he had John, his ſon and heir; and by Elizabeth, his 2d wife, daughter of Sir John Mead, Eſq; of Lofts in Eſſex, he had William Windham: Thomas, the father, lived to the age of 82, and died on May 1, 1653.

John Windham, Eſq; his ſon and heir, had 4 wives; firſt, Jane, daughter of —— Godfrey, Eſq; of Hindringham, who died in 1652, aged 25;—2d, daughter of Sir Roger Townſend, baronet;—3d, Dorothy, daughter or ſiſter of Thomas Ogle, of Bardwell in Suffolk;—4th, Frances, daughter of Arthur, Earl of Angleſea, and afterwards married to John Thompſon, Lord Haverſham, but died without any ſurviving iſſue.

William Windham, Eſq; his brother in law, inherited this lordſhip on his death, and took to wife Catherine, daughter of Sir Joſeph Aſh, knight and baronet, of Twickenham in Middleſex, by whom he had ſeveral ſons;--Aſh Windham, Eſq; the eldeſt, William, Thomas, &c. William Windham, Eſq; died in 1689; Aſh Windham, Eſq; was lord and patron in 1740, alſo of Inſtead, Beckham-Eaſt, Wicklewood, Aylmerton, Colby, Crownthorpe, Tuttington, Ingworth, Baningham, Tofts, Metton, Runton, Thurlton and Dilham; William Winham, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, and died lord in 1761, October 30.

The Windhams are a family of great antiquity, and took their name from Windham, a conſiderable market town in Norfolk; Alward de Wymondham was a witneſs to the foundation charter of William de Albiny, (*Pincerna Regis*) founder of Wymondham priory in the reign of Henry I. as were Richard, ſon of Alward and Edrick de Wymundham. Thomas de Wimundham was treaſurer and one of the king's council, præcentor of Litchfield, and baron of the exchequer, and died in 1277.—William de Wimundham, clerk, was overſeer of the ſilver mines in Devonſhire, in 1293.——John de Wimundham, and Beatrix his wife, held lands in Kirby-Bedon, &c. in Norfolk, in the 28 of Edward III.———William, ſon of Ralph de Windham, purchaſed by fine, rents in Norwich, in the 12th of Edward I. and in the 31, he, and Joan his wife, lands at Redenhale in Norfolk, by fine.

In the 24 of Henry III. John Rede was found to hold here the 8th part of a fee, of Hugh, Lord Bardolph, and he of the biſhop of Norwich, and John Rede claimed frank pledge of his tenants, in the 3d of Edward I. and was ſummoned to ſhew his right in the 14 of that king, before the itinerant judges, Sir Solomon de Rocheſter, Walter de Hopton, Richard Boyland, Robert Fulco, Mr. Thomas de Sothyngton, and Walter de Styvecley. In the 20 of Edward III. it was held by the Felbriggs, who paid 5*s.* ſcutage for it; Sir Simon Felbrigg had it in the 3d of Henry IV. and Edmund Windham in the 24 of Henry VIII. and paid every 30 weeks 10*d. ob.* caſtle guard to Norwich.

William Windham was colonel of the Norfolk militia, and author of a treatiſe for the uſe of that corps. His indefatigable application to ſtudy accelerated his death in 1761, leaving his ſon a minor, lord of Aylmerton, Suſtead, Metton, Parnow Hall, Barningham, Tutington, with Crackford, Ingworth, Runton-Hays, Eaſt Beckham, Iſaac's, and Eaſt Beckham Marriot's; Toft Overhall, and Netherhall, Thurlton, Baniard's, Crownthorp, Wicklewood, and Felbrigg in Norfolk.

On the pavement of the church, near to the pulpit, lies a large marble graveſtone, whereon, as under an arch of canopy work in braſs, is the portraiture of Sir Simon Felbrigg, knight of the garter, in compleat armour, treading on a lion couchant, with his hands erect, and joyned in a praying manner; between his right arm ſtands erect, on a ſtaff, the ſtandard of King Richard II. thereon the arms of Edward the Confeſſor——a croſs flory, between 5 martlets, impaling France and England, quarterly. King Richard is ſaid to have accounted and eſteemed the Confeſſor as his tutelary ſaint; and a few years paſt, on a viſit that I paid to the late Dr. Symonds, of Bury, he ſhewed me a large ſhield of ſtone, taken up lately out of the ruins of that abby, with the ſaid arms curiouſly carved on it. On the upper part of each arm, near the ſhoulder, is the ſhield of St. George——argent, a croſs, gules; on his right ſide hangs a dagger, on his left a large broad ſword, from a belt emboſſed and gilt, as his ſpurs are; and on his left leg the garter, all in braſs. In a like arch with canopy work curiouſly wrought, by his left ſide, is his lady, in a cloſe veſt, and a cloak over it, hands erect, &c. about her head a ſort of coronet, and on each ſide of it a large luſtre of jewels in the form of a roſe, about her temples. On the ſummit, between the middle of the pillar of the canopy work; are 2 ſhields, one with the arms of St. Edward, impaling, quarterly, France and England; the other, St. Edward, with the ſaid quartering, being the arms of King Richard II. impaling, quarterly, in the 1ſt and 4th, argent a ſpread eagle, with 2 heads, ſable, crowned, or; in the 2d and 3d, a lion rampant, ——— being the arms of his queen, Ann. On the middle pillar of the canopy work are the arms of this knight, a lion ſaliant, impaling a ſpread eagle, the arms of his lady; and below that, on each ſide of the ſaid pillar, is a fetterlock, his badge; which was alſo uſed by the houſe of York, and by King Edward IV. His ſupporters are not here, but are ſaid to have been 2 lions, and his creſt a plume of peacock's feathers, and ſome time a garb, argent, banded ermine, in a coronet, or; the family alſo uſed the creſt of a lion's head eraſed, in the bow of a fetterlock, as appears from a deed of Sir Simon in the time of Henry VI. and one of Sir George Felbrigg.

The inſcription at the bottom,———*Hic jacent Simon Felbrygge miles quonda' vexillari' illuſtriſſimi D'ni. D'ni. Regis Ricardi Se'di qui obijt ——— die menſis ——— Anno D'ni.* M.CCCC. ——————— *et D'na Margareta quonda' conſors ſua natione et generoſo ſanguine Boama, ac olim domicella nobiliſſime D'ne. D'ne Anne qu'da' Anglie regine, que obijt* XXVII *die menſis Junij Ao. D'ni* M.CCCC.XVI, *quar' a'i'ab; p'pitietur Deus, Amen.*

It is to be here obſerved, that no date either of the day or year of Sir Simon's death, is here fixed; no doubt, when he laid this ſtone, in memory of this lady, his deſign was to be buried by her; but it is certain, his mind was afterwards changed, and he was buried in the choir of the Preaching Friers, of Norwich, in 1442, as was his 2d lady, Catherine, by him, in 1459.———Hugh Bygot, earl of Norfolk, who married Maud Mareſchall, bore on one ſide of his ſeal, himſelf in compleat armour, on horſe back; on the other ſide a lion ſaliant, the field was party per pale, or and vert, and the lion, gules, ſo that the Felbriggs, as deſcended from him, only varied (as was cuſtomary) the field, but retained the lion; and the legend of Earl Hugh's ſeal was———*Sigill: ſecretum comitis Hugonis Bigoti.*

In the ſaid church are ſeveral graveſtones for the ſaid family.

Infantuli duo Georgius et Joh. Windham, alter patris quartus, alter filius primogenitus, hic amplexus miſcent, donec ſurgite reſenet a D'no natus et deceſſit 29 *Martij,* 1648, *natus* 20 *Maij, deceſſit* 15 *Junij,* 1648.

Quid proſunt facies formoſa, et membra decora,
Ipſa ſuh hoc gelido marmore forma jacet?

Symond de Felbrigg gyſt icy, Dieu de ſa alme eit mercy; ceſte ymage———fait en remembrance de Alice ſa feme que fuit la feme ————————

This is in remembrance of Sir Simon and his wife, who lived in the reign of Edward I.

Ceſte ymage eſt fait en remembrance de Monſ. Roger de Felbrigg q. morir. en Paris, là eſt ſons corps enterré.

Dame Elizabeth q. fuit la feme Monſr. Roger de Felbrigg gyſt icy.

Hic jacet Georgius Felbrigg, de Tutyngton, armiger, qui obiit 6 *die menſis Octob. Ao. D'ni* 1411.

Here lyeth the body of Jane Coningsbye, widow, one of the daughters of Sir Edmund Wyndham, knight, firſt married to John Pope, of Oxford, Eſq; and after, to Hump. Coningsby, Eſq; and died without iſſue November 22, 1608, *aged* 67, *in memory of whom, Sir John Windham of Orchard in Somerſetſhire, her coſin and heir, hath placed this marble.*

Jana ex antiqua familia Godfreydorum de Hindringham, uxor Johs. filii primogeniti et hæredis Tho. Windham de Felbrigg armigr. poſt ſeptenne connubium obt. pridie calend. Januar. 1652, *ætat* 25, *nulla quidem partâ ſobole, ſed inclytâ conjugatis fidei, pietatis, probitatis, comitatis memoriâ æternum ſuperſtite.*

A neat tomb for Sir Edmund Windham, quartering Scroop and Tiptoft, but no inſcription.

On a monument on the north ſide of the chancel.

Memoriæ ſacrum———*Tho. Windham de Felbrigg in agro Norfolc.*——*armigeri filij Johs. Windham de Orchard, in com. Somerſet. equitis aurati, qui bino conjugio felix, uxorem primam habuit Elizab. Rowlandi Litton, equitis aurati in com. Hertf. et ex eâ ſuſceptum filium unicum Johan. nuper defunctum. Alteram Elizab. Johs. Mead de Lofts in Eſſex. equitis item aurati filiam numeroſa prole ab eodem, Tho. fæcundam, quatuor maſculis, Tho. Guliel. Georg. et Joh. et fœminis duabus Eliz. et Johanna, maritoq; mortuo, extruxit hoc monumentum* ——— *Obijt (annorum ac opum ſatur) ætat. ſuæ* 82, 1 *Martij*, 1653.———On this monument are the arms of Windham, and of his wives; Lytton, ermine, on a chief indented, azure, 3 crowns, or; and Mead, ſable, a chevron between 3 pelicans wounding themſelves, or.

On the ſouth ſide of the chancel a monument—*In memory of Richard Chamberline, Eſq; deſcended from the Chamberlins of Aſtley Caſtle, in Warwickſhire.*

A marble monument—*In memory of John Windham, of Lincoln's Inn, youngeſt ſon of Thomas Windham, of Felbrigg, Eſq; and Elizab. Meade, &c. and of Thomas Windham, his eldeſt brother, who both died of the ſmall pox, John, June* 2, 1676, *and Thomas died in* 1661, *and were buried at Lofts.*

Here lieth the body of Thomas Windham, Eſq; 3d ſon of Sir Edmund, who lived a ſingle life, and died December 20, 1599, *to whoſe memory Sir John Windham, of Orchard in Somerſetſhire, his coſen and heir, hath ſet this marble.*

Liv'ſt thou Thomas? Yes—where? with God on high,
Art thou not dead? Yes, and here I lye.
I that with men on earth did live to die,
Dy'd for to live with Chriſt eternally.

William Windham, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Thomas, by Elizabeth, his wife, is buried in a vault; he died June 9, 1689, in the 42 year of his age, and had by Catherine his wife, 8 ſons and 3 daughters.

In the church windows were theſe arms,——Felbrigg impaling Aſpale.——Delapole and Wingfield quarterly.——Felbrigg impaling, checque, or and gules, a feſs, ermine, Thorp.———Felbrigg impaling Scales.———Felbrigg impaling, azure, an eagle diſplayed, &c. ſable.——Probably the arms of the Lady Margaret, wife of Sir Simon Felbrigg, knight of the garter.

The church is a rectory. The antient valor was 8 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 7*d*. In the reign of Edward I. the rector had 50 acres of land and a manſe. The preſent valor is 6*l*. 18*s*. 3*d*. and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

Nicholas occurs rector in 1286.

In 1340, William Waryn was inſtituted, preſented by Sir Simon Felbrigg.——1341, Thomas de Walcote, ditto.———Ralph Colby occurs rector in 1344.——Thomas de Walcote, in 1348 and 1382.———In 1384, John Zymme, preſented by George Felbrigge, and John Wolterton

1445, William Bough, on the reſignation of William Pope, by the Lady Catherine Felbrigge.———1448, Richard Laxton rector, reſigned.———1482, William Byſhop, rector.——1484, John Everard, by John Wyndham, Eſq;

Robert Gold, rector in 1603, returned 68 communicants.

Benj. Beck, A.M. rector, and prebend of Norwich, in 1708.

1729, Edward Barnes, on Beck's death, by Aſh Windham, Eſq;——1736, Tim. Jones, by ditto.———1760, John Alexander, by William Windham, Eſq;——1764, Mr. Lukin.

In the 2d of Edward I. Nicholas Panton of Felbrigg, granted to Frier Hamond de Montania, maſter of the hoſpital of St. Anthony, of Vienna in France, 40 acres of land, and 10*s*. rent in Felbrigge, by fine; of this hoſpital was a cell in

Broad Street, London. See Stow's Survey of London.

Several towns take their name from Fel, a river, as this, and the bridge over it; thus, Felmingham, Felton, Felſtead, &c.

GUNTON.

THIS town was granted to William Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, by the Conqueror, and held in his own right as a lay fee. Agelmar or Almar, biſhop of Elmham, bought it in the reign of the Confeſſor.

It conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 6 borderers, one carucate in demean, 2 among the tenants, 4 acres and an half of meadow, one mill, one beaſt for carriage, one cow, &c. and 7 ſocmen had half a carucate of land with one borderer, a mill, and half an acre of meadow; and 2 carucates valued then at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 4*l. per ann.* was half a leuca long, 6 furlongs broad, and paid 6*d.* 3 farthings gelt; of the 2 carucates, William Denvers held one, and there was one beſides his, valued at 12*s.* and accounted for in the biſhop's manor of Langham; Agelmer, biſhop of Elmham, who purchaſed it, being deprived by a ſynod in 1070, and dying probably ſoon after, William Beaufoe obtained it of the Conqueror, and on his death gave it to his ſee. In 1122, Matthew de Gunton was lord of it; Sir Roger de Gunton and Thomas de Gunton, probably his ſons, ſucceeded him, and each held a moiety or manor, called Overhall, and Netherhall, held of the biſhop.

Sir Roger de Gunton, ſon of Sir Roger, was father of Matthew de Gunton, (living in the 19 of Henry III.) and gave in marriage with his daughter to Roger Barr, 100*s.* rent here. Mathew de Gunton, ſon of Sir Roger, by deed, *ſans* date, granted to William, ſon of William de Stalham, with Iſabel his daughter, in free marriage, 100*s.* rent in Uurdeſtede, (Worſtede) and Dalling, with ſeveral homages, ſervices, cuſtomary dues, &c. to be held of him and his heirs, and if he cannot warrant it, to exchange it for lands in Gunton, or Martham manor;——Witneſſes, Sir William de Kerdeſton, Roger his ſon, Alexander de Vaux, Regind. le Groſs, Simon de Noers, &c. His ſeal to it is about the ſize of a crown-piece, and is 3 lozengey-buckles, and made of rye dough, circumſcribed.——*Sigillum Mathei de Gunton*; and in 1323, Sir Roger de Gunton, as lord of a moiety, preſented to this church, and John de Gunton in 1343 and 1349.

Sir Walter de Gunton, by Adelicia his wife, left a daughter and heir, Milecentia, who brought it by marriage to Sir Walter de Walcot, whoſe ſon, Sir Walter, marrying Joan, daughter and heir of William, 2d ſon of Sir William Clopton, left 4 daughters and coheirs; Margaret, the wife of Sir Robert Berney, of Wichingham, relict of Roger de Weleſham;——Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Bray, or rather of William Wylton, of Wickhampton in Norfolk;———Catherine, of John Dorward, Eſq; and Margery a nun, at Carhow-abby near Norwich. Joan, after the deceaſe of her huſband, Walcot, married Sir Roger Beauchamp; and on May 15, 1374, letters of adminiſtration of all the goods, &c. of Sir Roger Beauchamp, were granted to her.

Sir Robert Berney purchaſed by fine, in the 19 of Richard II. the part or ſhare of Elizabeth, wife of William Wilton; and before this, John Dorward, and Catherine his wife, conveyed all their right to him, in the 11 of the ſaid king, and was found to hold half a fee of the biſhop of Norwich; in the 17 of Edward IV. John Berney, Eſq; died ſeiſed of it, of Streto, and Cley-Hall in Wichingham, Holbrook's in Seething, &c.

Robert Berney dying lord in the 2d of Henry VII. that king granted in the following year to Sir Ralph Shelton, the cuſtody of the lands and marriage of Ralph Berney,

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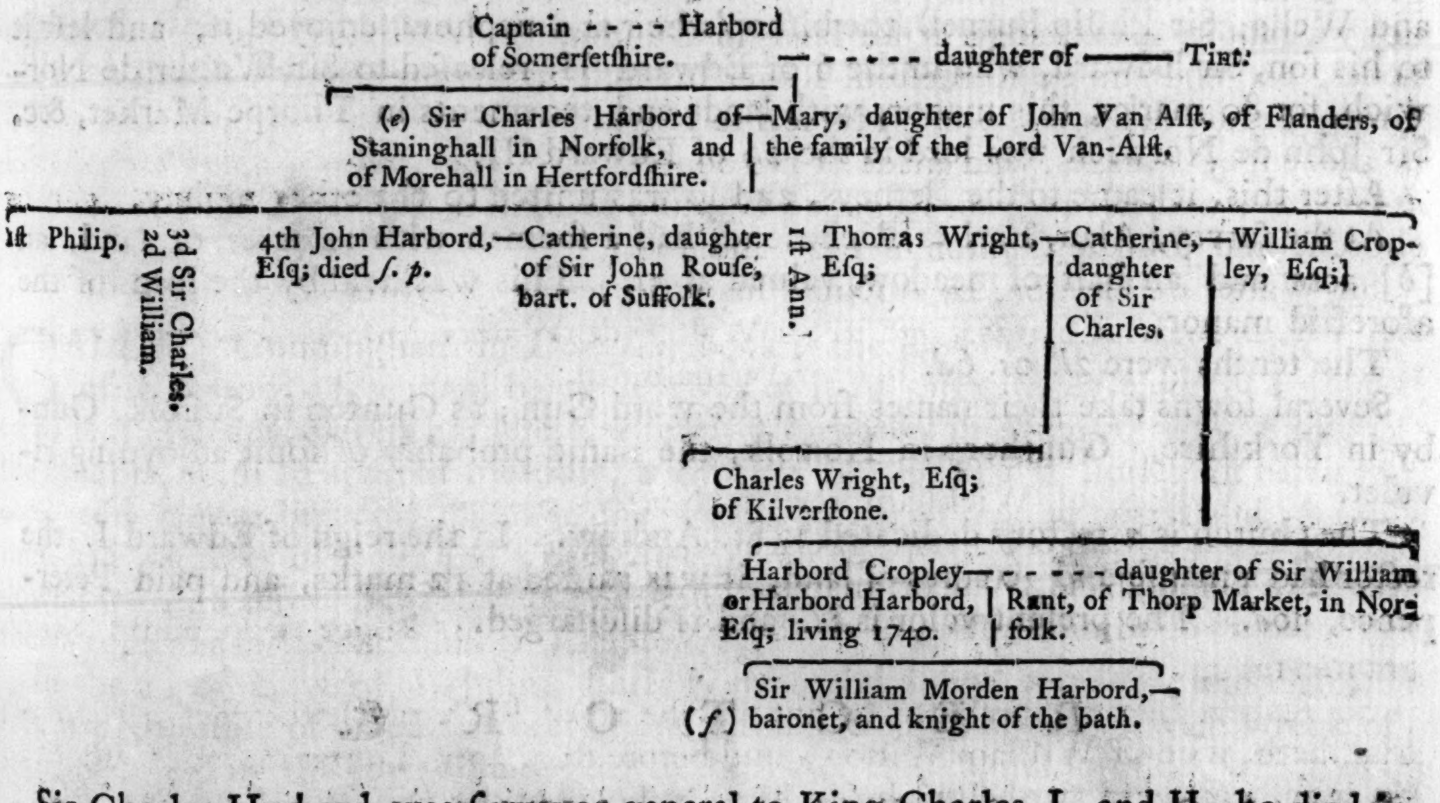
[*a*] Terra Willi. eps. Tedford. de feudo.—In Gunetune quam emit Almar. t. r. e. ad epiſcopatu. ten. die qua fuit mortuus ii car. t're. viii vill. ſemp. vi bord. ſemp. i car. in d'nio. ii car. hom. iiii ac. 7 dim. p'ti. tc. i molin. 7. mo. i. ſep. i runc et i an. 7. ii porc. et vii ſoc. dim. car. t're. 7. i bord. i mol. dim. ac p'ti. ſemp. ii car. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. iiii lib. ht. dim. lg. in longo, 7. vi qr. in lato. 7 de gelto vi*d.* 7. iii ferding. De his tenet Wills. Denvers i car. t're. et i car. ſup. eu'. 7 val. xii ſol. in eod. p'tio.

Berney, his brother and heir; this Ralph married Ann, daughter of Richard Southwell, Eſq; of Wood-Ryſing, and died about the 27 of Henry VIII. held of the biſhop by one fee.———Robert was his ſon and heir, who by Suſan his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Fermour, knight, of Eaſt Barſham, had ſeveral ſons and daughters. He was lord of Gunton-Overhall and Netherhall, Cley Hall, and Strete Hall in Wichingham; in his will, dated October 7, 1558, he requires to be buried in the chancel of Gunton church by his wife; names Martin, John, Thomas, and Kenelm his ſons, [d] Margaret and Winefred, his daughters, appoints Robert Holditch, his brother, John Berney his brother in law, John Corbet, Eſq; and Henry Baynell, executors, and Sir Richard Southwell, ſuperviſor. Margaret his daughter, married to Edmund Lyndſey, and Winfred to Philip Lewgar; he died September 29 following; Martin was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 23, who by Margaret, daughter of Robert Flynte of Elingham, gent. was father of Francis; he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Farmer, Eſq; of Eaſt Barſham, and was father of Thomas Berney. This Francis ſold Gunton to John Jermy, Eſq; councellor of Norwich, ſon of Robert Jermy, of Antingham, and Ann his wife, daughter of Richard Calthorp, of Antingham, Eſq; John married firſt, Mary, daughter of Thomas Moulſon, by whom he had Ann, married to Arthur Turner, Eſq; of Parendon in Eſſex; his 2d wife was Elianor, daughter of John Jermy of Stutton, in Suffolk, gent. by whom he had Francis his eldeſt ſon, and John Jermy, Eſq; his 2d ſon, lord of Gunton, who was father of Francis, and married ———, daughter of William Payne of Norwich, attorney. Francis ſold this lordſhip to John Harbord, Eſq; (4th ſon of Sir Charles Harbord, knight, ſurveyor general,) colonel of the militia, who died by a fall from his horſe, September 28, 1710, leaving the greateſt part of his eſtate to Harbord Cropley, Eſq; ſon of Colonel William Cropley, who married Catherine, his ſiſter, daughter of Sir Charles Harbord.

HARBORD's PEDIGREE.


Captain - - - - Harbord of Somerſetſhire.
— - - - - - daughter of ——— Tint.
(e) Sir Charles Harbord of Staninghall in Norfolk, and of Morehall in Hertfordſhire.
—Mary, daughter of John Van Alſt, of Flanders, of the family of the Lord Van-Alſt.
1ſt Philip.
2d William.
3d Sir Charles.
4th John Harbord, Eſq; died ſ. p.
—Catherine, daughter of Sir John Rouſe, bart. of Suffolk.
1ſt Ann.
Thomas Wright, Eſq;
—Catherine, daughter of Sir Charles.
—William Cropley, Eſq;
Charles Wright, Eſq; of Kilverſtone.
Harbord Cropley or Harbord Harbord, Eſq; living 1740.
— - - - - - daughter of Sir William Rant, of Thorp Market, in Norfolk.
Sir William Morden Harbord,—
(f) baronet, and knight of the bath.

Sir Charles Harbord was ſurveyor general to King Charles I. and II. he died in 1679, aged 84, and was buried at Beſthorp, in Norfolk, where againſt the north wall, is a monument in remembrance of him.

[e] Sir Charles, by Mary his wife, had ſeveral children; Philip, his eldeſt ſon, married Ann, daughter of Sir William Drury, of Beſthorp in Norfolk, and coheir of Anthony, her brother.

William Harbord, Eſq; the 2d ſon, and ſurveyor general, was of Cadbury in Somerſetſhire, married firſt, Mary, daughter of Dr. Duck, of Cadbury, L.L.D. by whom he had 3 daughters and coheirs; and by his 2d wife, Catherine, daughter of —— Ruſſell, ſiſter of the admiral who was earl of Orford, left one daughter; he built an hoſpital at Thetford, and ſettled 30*l.* *per ann.* for 6 poor people, and died at Belgrade in July, 1692.

Sir Charles Harbord, the 3d ſon, was captain of a man of war, and killed in a ſea fight againſt the Dutch, in 1672, and buried in Weſtminſter abby.

John Harbord, Eſq; 4th ſon, lord of Gunton, died without iſſue, and left his eſtate to his nephew, Harbord Cropley, ſon of William Cropley, Eſq; by Catherine, his ſiſter, 3d daughter of Sir Charles Harbord, and relict of Thomas Wright, Eſq; of Kilverſtone in Norfolk; William Cropley, Eſq; was of Stelland-Hall in Suffolk, and of Thetford in Norfolk.

Anne, the eldeſt daughter of Sir Charles, married —— Newman, Eſq; and Heſter, the 2d daughter, —— Britiffe, Eſq; of Cley.

[*f*] Sir William, created baronet, in 1446, March 29, and alſo was knight of the bath; he bore quarterly, argent and gules, 4 lions rampant, counterchanged, and in the feſs point, a cap of maintenance.

Harbord Harbord, Eſq; his ſon and heir, married in 1760, a daughter of Sir Ralph Aſhton, baronet, of Lancaſhire, and is member of parliament for Norwich.

The arms of Gunton were azure, 3 buckles lozengy, or.——Weleſham, ſable, 2 bars, and in chief, 3 cinqfoils, or.——Lyndſey bore, or, an eagle diſplaid, gules, beaked, &c. azure.–Lewgar, argent, a raguly, vert, between 3 eſcallops, gules.–Flynt, ſable, on a chevron engrailed, argent, two lions combatant, gules, between 3 creſcents, ermin.

† Bartholomew de Gunton had an intereſt or lordſhip in this town, in the reign of Richard I. as appears by a roll in the exchequer; as had John de Gunton, who was brother of Matthew, who died without iſſue in the 5 of Edward I. [*g*] his ſiſters and coheirs, were Iſabella, married to Roger de Bavent; Margaret to John de Melwode, alias Methwold; Catherine to Simon de Lenne, alias de Lincoln; Sibilla to John de Gymingham, and Juliana to Simon Peche.

John de Methelwold was patron in right of his wife, in the reign of Edward I. and in the 20 of that king, Simon de Lincoln, and Catherine his wife, conveyed a moiety of the manor of Gunton and advouſon, to Robert Burnell, biſhop of Bath and Wells; Sir Philip Burnell, the biſhop's heir and nephew, enjoyed it, and left it to his ſon, Sir Edward, who in the 6 of Edward II. releaſed to Sir Walter de Norwich, for 80 marks, this manor, with lands and tenements in Thorpe Market, &c. Sir John de Norwich was lord in the 29 of Edward III.

After this, it came to the Berneys, and ſo was united to the other moiety.

At the ſurvey, Alan, Earl of Richmond, had a ſocman with 12 acres of land, an [*h*] acre and an half of meadow, valued at 5*s.* This was held by the lords of the aforeſaid manor.

The tenths were 2*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Several towns take their names from the word Gun; as Gunton in Suffolk, Gunby in Yorkſhire, Gunthorp in Norfolk, the name probably of ſome adjoyning rivulet.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Andrew. In the reign of Edward I. the rector had a manſe and 30 acres of land, it was valued at 12 marks, and paid Peterpence, 10*d.* The preſent valor is 8*l.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

Roger de Gunton, rector, died in 1323, and Nicholas de Caſtleacre was inſtituted, preſented by Sir Roger de Gunton.——1343, Richard de Weſtacre, by John de Gunton.——1349, Roger Bacon, ditto.——1352, John de Waburn, by Sir Walter de Walcote.——John Boton rector.——1353, John Jacob, by Sir Bartholomew de Antingham, Thomas de Clopton, &c.——1372, Robert Atte-Bure, by Sir Roger de Beauchamp.——1396, John Hales, by Sir Thomas Erpingham.

1431,

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† Rot. de Eſchaet. et Ward. in Cur. Sc'cij.

[*g*] Term. Hillar. coram Rege.

[*h*] T're. Alani Comitis.——In Gunetune i ſoc. de xii ac. t're. i ac. 7 dim. p'ti. ſemp. val. vi ſol.

1431, Henry Swayn, by Oliver Groſs, Edmund Winter, John Bacon, and Sir Thomas de Erpingham.——1443, William Fuller, by John Berney of Wichingham.——1458, Henry Bolt, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1458, Regind. Steyne, by John Paſton, William Alyngton, &c. Eſq;——1464, Thomas Meſſenger, by John Paſton, ſenior, &c.——1469, John Stanton, by Sir Thomas Brews, and Ralph Shelton, Eſq;——1477, William Broke, by John Bernard, Eſq; and Joan, his wife.

1516, William Toke, by Ralph Berney, Eſq;——1521, John Delehaut, ditto.——William Buck occurs in 1550.——1558, John Ridley, by the biſhop's vicar general, a lapſe.——1563, John Stout, by Giles Fenn, on a grant from Mart. Berney.——1576, William Harmer, by Mart. Berney, Eſq;——1579, William Bentley, by the queen, a lapſe.——1580, William Vowell, ditto.——1580, William Hall, ditto; he returned in 1603, 60 communicants.

1614, Robert Flight, A.M. by Ambr. Randolph, Eſq;——1620, Chriſtopher Goſſe, by John Jermy, and Alianore his wife.——1638, John Farey, A. M. by Alianore Jermy, widow.——1661, Anthony Jermy, A. M. by John Jermy, Eſq;

1724, Robert Cremer, by Harbord Harbord, Eſq;

1732, John Tayleur, by Harbord Harbord, Eſq;——1757, John Tayleur.

On a graveſtone in the chancel, a plate of braſs *In memory of Robert Berney, Eſq; and Suſanna his wife, who had 21 children: Robert departed this life November 25, 1558, amd Suſanna December 25, 1557.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Codon filii Georgii Codon armig.—Cuddon, argent, a chevron, gules, on a chief, azure, 3 bezants, impaling Berney.

In 1509, Thomas Martyn, gent. buried in the church of St. Andrew, of Gunton; another [i] regiſter, *ao.* 1374, called St. Peter's of Gunton.

In the church windows, Berney impaling Fermer—ſable, a bend ingrailed, between 13 billets, argent,—Allington.—Berney impaling Allington. Berney impaling Southwell.—Erpingham.—Argent, a feſs dauncy, gules, between 3 eagles diſplayed, ſable, Elmham or Leeds.——2 grey hounds endorſed, reguardant, ſable, collared, gules, Bernard.

GIMMINGHAM.

CALLED Gunningham in *Domeſday* book; the Earl Warren was then lord of it, Ratho, a free man, being deprived of it; 2 carucates of land [a] belonged to it, 12 villains, eleven borderers, 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants, with 12 acres of meadow, 2 mills, 2 runci, that is horſes for carriage, &c. and eleven breeding mares in the woods, &c. 30 ſheep, 30 goats, and 36 ſocmen had 48 acres of land, and 3 carucates and an half; there was alſo a church endowed with 28 acres. Knapton and Suſtran were added to it, under which towns ſee the valor, and a farther account in Knapton.

In the 14 of Edward I. John, Earl Warren and Surry was lord, and claimed free warren, aſſiſe of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, a gallows, with wreck of ſea, here, and in the towns belonging to the ſoc of this capital lordſhip, which extended into the following towns; Mondeſley, Knapton, South Repps, North Repps, Suſtrand, Trunch, Trimmingham, all which uſed to pay ſuit and ſervice to the ſheriff's turn, for the king's hundred of North Erpingham, which the earl had withdrawn, to the king's injury; valued at 16*s. per ann.*

John, Earl Warren and Surry, in the 12 of Edward II. granted it to Thomas, Earl of Lancaſter, and his heirs, with many other lordſhips, reſerving his own right

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[i] Reg. Johnſon, fol. 47, and Reg. Heydon.

[a] T're. Willi. de Warrenna.——In Gunningeham ten. Ratho lib. ho'. ii car. t're. ſemp. xii villi. 7. xi bord. tc. ii ſerv. mo. i. tc. 7. p. 7. ii car. in dominio et mo: iii ſemp. iiii car. ho'm. ſilva ad lxxx porc. xii ac. p'ti. tc. 7 p. ii molin. 7 mo. iiii tc. ii runc. tc. xi. eque ſilvatrice mo. vii. mo. viii an. tc. xxx porc. mo. xl. tc. xxx. ovs. mo. clx. ſemp. xxx cap. 7. xxxvi ſoc. de xlviii ac. t're. ſemp. iii car. et dim. 7 ecclia xxviii ac.

right therein for life; and on his death, in the 21 of Edward III. it came to Henry, Duke of Lancaſter. Of the Earls Warren, ſee in Caſtleacre. At this time, there was a capital meſſuage, a park, eleven ſcore acres of arable land, and was held in free ſoccage, by the ſervice of a bell. Henry, Duke of Lancaſter dying without iſſue male, his eſtate and great inheritance, came to his two daughters and coheirs; Maud, the eldeſt, married William, Duke of Zealand, &c. and had this lordſhip, in part (aſſigned her) of that inheritance; ſhe dying ſoon after her marriage, the whole came to John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaſter, in right of the Lady Blanch, the other ſiſter, by marriage; and from the ſaid John, to his ſon, Henry IV. King of England, and continues at this time in the crown, having its proper officers, a chancellor, &c. belonging to it, as part of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

In the 2d of Henry V. Sir Thomas Erpingham had a grant, January 24, of 20*l.* *per ann.* out of this lordſhip.

This lordſhip was in the crown in King Charles I's. time, and was after ſold to the city of London, and pays a fee farm rent of 132*l.* 16*d.* *q.* *per ann.*

To the manor houſe belonged formerly a very large hall, ſupported by ſeveral pillars; and the cuſtom and rule was that no tenant, ſocman, &c. ſhould go beyond that pillar which was appointed for their ſtation and degree.

The temporalities of the priory of Bromholm, were 2*l.* *per ann.* and the tenths of the town, 4*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 12*s.*

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and is a rectory; the patronage of it was granted by William, the firſt Earl Warren, to the priory of Lewes in Suſſex, on his foundation of it; confirmed by his ſon, &c. he gave alſo 40*s.* of ſoccage rent, to the ſaid priory, in the ſoke of Gimingham; and the monks of Lewes had a penſion of 5 marks *per ann.* out of the rectory, confirmed to them by John de Oxford, biſhop of Norwich.

The old valor was 15 marks; and the rector had, in the reign of Edward I. a manſe, with 24 acres of land, and paid Peter-pence, 12*d.* In the year 1281, there was a controverſy between the rector of this town, and that of Trimingham, about the tithe of fiſh in the hithe of Trimingham pariſh; the tithe of the veniſon in Gimingham park; the tithes of milk, cheeſe, butter, lambs, wool, pigs, calves, chickens, &c. the tithe of a place called Aleyns, the 3d ſheaf of Rockland, and lands by Crenel fen, which was ſubmitted to the biſhop. The preſent valor is 11*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* and pays firſt fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

Joc. de Lund inſtituted about 1190, preſented by the prior, &c. of Lewes.——1300, Thomas de Querle, ditto.————1300, Bartholomew de Cardewyle, ditto.————1310, John de Dynyction.————1320, John Waron, by papal proviſion.——Mr. William de Walyngford occurs rector, in 1326.————1342, William de Mirfeld, by John, Earl Warren.——1353, William de Sutton, by the prior, &c.——Henry de Hopton occurs rector, in 1376.——William Haw rector.——1386, William de Fulmere.——Walter Winter, rector.

1401, Robert Fulbeck.————Robert Stratton rector.——1422, Thomas Glyſe.——1443, Stephen Clerk.——1448, Robert Reynold.——1453, William Reynold.——1454, Mr. Robert Cantell.————John Gooſe, rector.————1496, Mr. Hugh Barker.

1531, Richard Lache.——In the 29 of Henry VIII. Robert, prior, and the convent, conveyed this advouſon to the king; and in the ſaid year, December 22, he granted it to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk.——1564, James Lyng, by Peter Rede, Eſq;————1571, Miles Cook, by Ann Rede, gent.————1577, John Matchet, (by John Duke) A.M.——1592, Samuel Greenway, by John Duke, gent. of Kelſhall, Suffolk; he certified in 1603, 35 communicants to be in this town. 1623. Thomas Thexton, by Robert Thexton, clerk.——1650, Robert Thexton, by the maſter and fellows of Catherine Hall, Cambridge.

1709. John Jeffrey, ditto.————The preſentation is in that ſociety, as alſo the penſion abovementioned of 5 marks.————1748, Henry Stebbing, ditto.

On a graveſtone in the chancel——*Hic jacet Elizab. Berney, quondu' filia Radulfi Berney, armig. de Gunton.*

In the croſs iſle a graveſtone—*In memory of Anthony Drath, Eſq; who died May 8, 1612, and Elizabeth his wife, who died December 20, 1589.*———A marble graveſtone—*In memory of Richard Browning and Margaret his wife, 1635.*

Here was a chantrey granted with all the lands and tenements belonging to it in this town. Trunch and Paſton, to Thomas Wodehouſe, of Waxham, in the 2d year of King Edward VI.

GRESHAM.

WILLIAM, EARL WARREN, was lord at the ſurvey, Ulſton, who held it in King Edward's reign, being deprived; there belonged to it then 2 carucates of land, [a] 4 villains, and 6 borderers with one ſervus, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants; eleven ſocmen had 35 acres, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, and a mill; it extended into Sallows and Alburgh, (ſee there) and was valued at 4*l. per ann.* contained 9 furlongs in length, and 6 in breadth, paid 7*d.* gelt, and belonged to Frederic's fee, before the earl had the grant.

The antient family of Branche were poſſeſſed of this lordſhip, in the reign of Henry II. Richard, ſon of William Branche, by deed, *ſans* date, granted to the priory of Caſtleacre, the adminiſtration and diſpoſal of the tithes which they held (by the gift [b] of his anceſtors) of the demeans of this lordſhip, after the deceaſe of Simon, his ſon, rector of this church, to whom Robert, the prior, and the convent had let them to farm for life.

In the 18 of Henry III. Peter Branche held it, with the manor of Aylmerton, by 2 fees, of the Earl Warren, with the advouſon of thoſe churches, and in the 27 of that King, had a charter for a mercate, fair, and free warren, in this town.

The jury, in the 3 of Edward I. preſent, that Robert de Stutevile had, as lord, the aſſiſe of bread and beer, &c. and Nicholas Braunche impleaded Robert for a meſſuage, 2 carucates of land, &c. in this town and Aylmerton; in the 14 of that king, in a *Quo Warranto*, brought in the ſaid year againſt Robert, for his claim of the aſſiſe, view of frank pledge, &c. he called on John, Earl Warren and Surry, to warrant it, and the ſaid earl ſhewed, that his anceſtors, and they who held under him, had time immemorial enjoyed the ſaid liberties in this town, as a member of Caſtleacre; this Robert died, as appears from the eſcheat rolls, about the 34 of Edward I.

In the firſt year of Edward II. Edmund Bacon had a grant from the king, of this lordſhip, and all the lands here, late Robert de Stutevile's, eſcheated to his father, and in the 12 of that king, had a patent to embattle this manor houſe; John de Catfield, clerk, &c. in the ſaid year, his truſtee, ſettled it by fine, on his wife Margery; and Thomas de Antingham, with Catherine his wife, conveyed in the ſaid year, lands to him in Greſham, and to his heirs. This Edmund was a knight, ſon of Sir Adam Bacon of Oldton; he married firſt, Joan, and to his 2d wife, Margery, by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs; Maud, married to John de Berghurſh; and Margery to Sir William de Molins, who had each a moiety of this manor, on a diviſion of it about the 35 of Edward III. and in the 49 of that king, John de Carlton, truſtee, ſettled it on Sir William Molyns, and Margery his wife; in the 10 of Richard II. the ſaid Margery, then a widow, poſſeſſed it; and in the ſaid year ſettled it by fine, after her deceaſe, on Thomas de la Lynde and his heirs, Sir William Molyns her ſon, reſigning all his right therein, and Sir John de la Vache held it in the 3d of Henry IV.

Sir John Burgherſh was lord of the other moiety, in right of his wife Maud, and dying in the 19 of Richard II. his daughter and coheir, Maud, brought it by marriage to Thomas Chaucer, Eſq; ſon of the ſamous poet, Sir Geffrey, who in the 7 of Henry VI. granted it by fine, to William Paſton, Eſq; of Paſton, afterwards Sir William the judge, into which family the other moiety alſo came; and in the year 1740, William Paſton, earl of Yarmouth, was lord.

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[a] T're Willi. de Warrenna——In Gerſam ten. Willm. ii car. t're quas tenuit Ulſtanus i lib. ho. ſemp. iiii villi. 7. vi bord. et i ſerv. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. 7. iiii car. hom. xi ſoc. xxxv ac. 7. i car. ii ac. p'ti. i mol.---ſemp. val. iiii lib. et ht. viiii qr. in longo, 7. vi in lato, et de gelto vii*d.* 7. de feudo frederici.

[b] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 53.

About 1608, Sir William Paſton's manor here, was valued at 120*l.* 2*s.* one pound of pepper, and 12 comb of oats *per ann.* and was ſold with the Paſtons eſtate to lord Anſon.

Sir Edmund Bacon bore azure, 3 boars paſſant, or.——Bergherſhe, gules, a lion rampant with a forked tail, or.—Molins, ſable, on a chief, or, 3 lozenges, gules.—Chaucer, per pale, argent and gules, a bend counterchanged.

The town ſeems to take its name from ſome rivulet or ſtream here, antiently known by the name of Ger, or Gar; thus, Garford in Bucks; Garſton and Garret in Lancaſhire; Garboldiſham, Gerveſton, and Gernemutha in Norfolk.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had alſo a lordſhip here, which Alward poſſeſſed in King Edward I's. reign, conſiſting of 4 ſocmen, who held 13 acres [*b*] of land, and half a carucate with an acre of meadow, and were valued together in the 4*l.* abovementioned; of the other manor, and in the ſaid town, a free man had 30 acres of land, and one borderer, with half a carucate.

In the 3d of Edward I. Roger Bigot held it in *capite,* and had view of frank pledge, aſſiſe, &c. but in the 14 of the ſaid king, declined his claim, and it ſeems to have been held after by the lords of the other manors.

The tenths were 2*l.* The temporalities of Walſingham priory, 12*d.* Of Waborne, 11*d.* Of Beeſton, 9*s.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to All Saints. The old valor was 7 marks, and the preſent is 6*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged.

Walter, biſhop of Norwich, with the conſent of Peter Branch, the patron, confirmed an agreement between the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, and the rector, whereby it was agreed [*c*] that the rector and his ſucceſſors ſhould hold to farm two parts of the tithes of the demeans, late Sir Roger Branche's, ſon of William, at the yearly rent of 18*s.* *per ann.* This was about 1250.

RECTORS.

In 1305, Mr. Walter de Iſlep inſtituted rector, preſented by the king, as guardian of the lands of John, late earl of Surry.——1312, John de Clovyll, by John, Earl Warren.———1324, John de Wycheford, by John, Earl Warren and Surry. The preſentation to this church was granted to the prior and convent of the canons of the Holy Sepulchre, in Thetford, by John, Earl Warren, in 1281; and in 1339, John Dodd was preſented by the prior and canons.———1349, John Lovell, ditto.——1383, John Chapman, ditto.——1388, John Suſan, ditto.———1390, John Gungate, ditto.——1394, John Brown, ditto.——In 1331, they had the king's licenſe to appropriate it, but they could not obtain the conſent of the biſhop of Norwich.

In 1339, they had the bull of Pope Boniface, to appropriate and take poſſeſſion of it on the firſt vacancy, and retain all the profits of it, on condition they ſerved it by one of their own canons, or any ſecular curate, removeable at pleaſure, and their paying all epiſcopal dues whatever, but the biſhop would not agree to this, but obliged them to endow a vicarage.

1503, John Pulter was inſtituted to this vicarage, newly appointed by the prior and convent, preſented by the prior, and in the ſaid year was ſucceeded by John Hauker.——1504, Richard Moris, by the prior, &c.

Alexander, biſhop of Norwich, aſſigned to the vicar a manſe, all the altarage, tithe of hemp, wool, hay, reed and fiſheries, with a certain tithe called portes; the altarage valued at 5 marks; 18 acres of land valued at 6*s.* *per ann.* and an annual penſion of 7 marks to be paid by the prior and convent. How long it continued a vicarage does not appear; before the reign of Henry VIII. it ſeems to have returned to its old ſtate, and was a rectory in the patronage of the Paſtons, lords of the manor.

[*b*] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Greſham ten. Alward. iiii ſoc. de xiii ac. t're. ſemp. dim. car. i ac. p'ti. app'tiati s't cum iiii lib.——In eade' villa i lib. ho. de xxx ac. t're. ſemp. i bor. 7 dim car.

[*c*] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 128.

In 1603, Henry Beane was rector, and returned 70 communicants.

Robert Smith, died rector in 1658.——Martin Thomſon rector, and in 1678, James Catt.

John Croſſhold, on his death, 1732.——Francis Copeman, *hac vice*, by John Jermy, Eſq; &c.

In the chancel on a black marble in the wall,——*S. Robti. Smyth, eccleſiæ rector, honorab. Paſtonorum familiæ a ſacris, cui natus per Eliz. Cuddon, arm. Suff. Willielmus, S. T. P. preb. Norw. qui hoc poſuit. Obiit.* 9 *Nov.* 1658, *ætat.* 74.——*Orate p. d'i'a Jacobi Catt generoſi.*

In a north window were the arms of Paſton, and Faſtolf, Paſton and Berry, Paſton and Mautby;——alſo of the Lord Matrevers and Daubeny, with his creſt, a plume of feathers; here was alſo the gild of All Saints.

HANWORTH.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, was lord of a manor of which Withri, a free man, was deprived on the conqueſt; containing 4 carucates of land, [a] eleven villains, and 30 borderers, 2 ſervi, 4 carucates in demean, and 5 among the tenants, pannage for 60 ſwine, with 6 acres of meadow, a mill, one runcus and 14 cows,—11 ſheep, 30 goats, 7 ſkeps of bees; and Roughton was a beruite to it; 3 villains in Aldby, Ingworth and Calthorp belonged to it, with 3 borderers in Alburgh, Suſted, and Thurgarton;—ſo that in the whole, it was worth 4*l.* at the ſurvey 5*l.* &c. was 8 furlongs long, 5 broad, paid 9*d.* *ob.* gelt; Withri had the ſoc and ſac; the king and the earl, all forfeitures.

King John, in his 5th year, granted to Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, lord of this town, the privilege of a fair, on the vigil, the day, and the day after St. Bartholomew; and in the 3d of Edward I. Roger, Earl of Norfolk, and earl marſhal of England, had the lete, the aſſiſe, and a fair; in the 14 of the ſaid king, claimed the trial of any robber or thief, taken in this lordſhip with the ſtolen goods, and on conviction, the carrying of him priſoner to his manor of Colby, by Ayleſham in South Erpingham hundred, and of hanging him there.

In the 33 of that king, Simon de Hederſete was keeper or ſteward of this lordſhip, and had the king's writ to cut down 14 oaks by Hanworth wood, to repair the king's houſe at Burgh, by Ayleſham. Earl Roger died this year, and he was found to have had 140 acres of land, a meadow, called Barler's, in Aleby, paſture, called Bellows, 3 water mills, one wind mill, part of one in Aleby, and a park in this town.

King Edward II. in his firſt year, ſent his writ, dated January 16, to Sir Simon, to deliver up the cuſtody of this manor, and that of Fornſet to John de Thorp, late Roger Bigot's, earl of Norfolk, deceaſed; witneſſes, John de Sandale, *locum tenens* of the treaſurer; this John was afterwards biſhop of Wincheſter.

This earl, leaving no iſſue, had conſtituted King Edward I. his heir, to the greateſt part of his eſtate, who granted it, with the earldom of Norfolk, and the marſhalſhip of England, to Thomas de Brotherton his 5th ſon; tho' ſome hiſtorians ſay he was created earl of Norfolk, by his brother in law, King Edward II.

[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hagan-Worda ten. i lib. ho. Withri t. r. e. mo. ten. R. Bigot iiii car. t're. ſemp. xi. vill. et xxx bord. tc. 7. p. ii ſer. et mo. tc iiii car. in d'nio et p. ii. 7. mo. iii. et ſemp. v car. ho'm. ſilva ad lx porc. vi ac. p'ti. tc. 7. p. i mol. mo. ii. tc. i runc. 7 mo. v. te. xiiii an. et mo. xxiiii. tc. vii porc. 7. mo. xl. tc. xi ovs. mo. c. et v. tc. xxx cap. mo. xxvi. tc. vii vaſa apu' 7 mo. viii. huic adjac. i beruita Roſtuna, &c. h. totu. val. t. r. e. iiii lib. p. lx ſol 7 mo. vi lib. 7. ht. viii quar. i lòng. 7. v in lat. 7 de gelto 9*d.* et ob. iſte Withri habebat ſacam 7 ſocam ſup. iſta' t'ram. et rex 7 coms. forisfacturas.

Thomas de Brotherton left Margaret, a daughter and coheir, who married John, Lord Segrave, by whom he had a daughter and heir, Margaret, (Elizabeth as ſome ſay) who brought this lordſhip and the inheritance of Brotherton, by marriage, to John, Lord Mowbray. This Margaret was created by King Richard II. dutcheſs of Norfolk, her eldeſt ſon dying *ſ. p.* Thomas, her 2d, earl of Nottingham, and earl marſhal of England, was in the 20 of the ſaid king, created duke of Norfolk. In this family this lordſhip remained, till Ann, daughter and heir of John Mowbray, duke of Norfolk, married to Richard, duke of York, 2d ſon of Edward IV. dying without iſſue, Sir John Howard, knight, was created duke of Norfolk, and marſhal of England, in right of Margaret his mother, (daughter and coheir of Thomas de Mowbray, duke of Norfolk) married to Sir Robert Howard, father of the ſaid Sir John, and was lord of this manor.

In the 4 of Henry VII. the rent of aſſiſe was 26*l.* 2*ſ.* 8*d.* *ob.* *q.* cuſtomary rents and ſervices, 15*l.* 7*ſ.* 6*d.* *ob.* rent of capons, hens, 34*ſ.* 10*d.* *ob.* the farm of Wentland 10*ſ.* 1*d.* *ob.*——Of the demeans, mill, agiſtment of the park, picage of Alburgh fair, and Hanworth fair, - - - - -

On the attainder of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, it came to the crown in 1572, and Queen Elizabeth in her 35 year, December 6, demiſed to John Lane of London, gent. the ſcite and demeans of this lordſhip, the park, Alburgh fair, all courts belonging hereto, with meſſuages, houſes, mills, and barley rents; *viz.* 92 quarters, 5 buſhels and a peck, at the rent of 27*l.* 12*ſ.* 11*d.* *per ann.* for 21 years, which Lane ſoon after aſſigned it to William Dix gent.

On Thomas Howard, earl of Arundel's, being reſtored in blood, in the firſt of King James I. he had alſo in the ſaid year, June 17, a grant of this manor, &c.

Roger Bigot had alſo another lordſhip in this town, of the gift of the Conqueror, [*b*] of which Withri, a free man, as aforeſaid, was deprived, who had in the Confeſſor's time, 3 free men, (but at the ſurvey there were 5 borderers under Roger Bigot) who held 60 acres of land with a carucate and an half, and 3 roods of meadow, then valued at 10*ſ.* but at the ſurvey at 18*ſ.* *per ann.*

This was afterwards (as I take it) called the manor of Belhouſe. In the 9th of Edward II. William Clarkſon was returned to have a lordſhip here, probably this.

In the 18 of Henry VI. Thomas Holand, and Agnes his wife, paſſed by fine, to Robert Norwich, and William Norwich, junior, the manor of Belhouſe in Hanworth; ſoon after, Sir William Phelip, Lord Bardolf, died ſeiſed of it; and William, Viſcount Beaumont, held it in the beginning of Edward IV's. reign. Stephen Betrynge, by his will, in 1490, gives it for life to Elizabeth, his wife, and after to William, [*c*] his ſon.

The church was formerly a rectory, valued at 15 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 10*d.* and dedicated to St. Bartholomew. The prior and convent of Thetford, had a portion of tithe in King Edward I's. time, valued at 3 marks *per ann.* and at that time the prior of Hickling, held it appropriated to him with 30 acres of land, when there was a vicar who had a houſe, but no land; the preſent valor of which is 5*l.* 1*ſ.* 6*d.* and is diſcharged.

VICARS.

In 1306, Nicholas de Cauſton was preſented to the vicarage by the prior of Hickling, and inſtituted.——1338, Nicholas Belleward, ditto.——1349, Robert de Alby.——1384, John Garel, ditto.——1398, John Knot, ditto.

1410, John Ryche.——1432, John Bateman, canon of Hickling, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——Edmund Worſtede.——1440, William Curteys.——1483, William Thyrsford.——1493, John Botild.——1494, Thomas Marys, by the biſhop, a lapſe.

In 1507, July 16, the biſhop united this vicarage to the priory of Hickling, during

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[*b*] In Haganaworda ten. Withri iii lib. ho'es. mo. R. Bigot, mo. ht. v bor. 7. lx ac. t're. tc. i car. 7 dim. 7. ſemp. iii virgas p'ti. tc. 7. p. val. x ſol. 7 mo. xviii.

[*c*] Regiſt. Wolman, ſol, 106.

ring the life of Robert Wyndham, alias Botilde, by the prior.——1533, Thomas Hawe.——1555, Thomas Conyers, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——William Gray, vicar.——1589, Robert Roo, by Sir Edward Clere.——1597, Robert Claphamſon, ditto.

In 1603, he returned 95 communicants.

Anthony Jermy died vicar, 1723, ſucceeded by Thomas Gallant, by Sir John Hobart, baronet.——1733, George England, by Lord Hobart.——1737, Thomas Sayer, ditto.——1757, John Tayleur, (this church then conſolidated to Gunton) by Sir William Harbord, baronet.

Robert Playford, buried in the church, in 1558.—On a graveſtone in the church —*William Doughty, only ſon of William Doughty, Eſq; by Frances his 2d wife, after eleven years travel into the Barbadoes, &c. ſafely arrived at this his native town, and when he had with great joy ſeen all his friends and neighbours, took his leave, and returned to the univerſal place the earth, where all muſt reſt till the ſound of the trump, at the age of 42 years, March* 8, $167\frac{2}{3}$.——*William, ſon of Robert Doughty, of Hanworth, Eſq; and Heſter his wiſe,* - - - - - Alſo on a graveſtone—*Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Bitteryng, et Marg'te uxor. ej.*

In the church is St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's light.

Haganworda is a compound; Ha or A, Ken or Gan, a name of many rivulets; as Kenton, Ken-ford; and thus Aken, a city in Germany, called now Aix La Chapelle;——Worth, always ſignifies that ſcite, or place where 2 ſtreams meet and unite.

KNAPTON.

IS wrote in *Domeſday* book, Ranapatone, and was the lordſhip of William, Earl Warren; a free man, who held it in King Edward's time, being expelled; there then belonged to it one carucate of land, 10 villains and 5 borderers, one ſervus, [a] one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants; 2 acres of meadow, and 13 ſocmen held 3 carucates of land, with one borderer, they made always 3 carucates and an half, there were 4 cows, &c. and it was added to Gimmingham, the earl's principal lordſhip.——Gimmingham was then valued at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 8*l. per ann.* Ranapatone was in the Confeſſor's time, valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 60*s.* See in Suſtrand, for its meaſure, &c.

The antient family of de Plaiz was, ſoon after the conqueſt, enfeoffed of this lordſhip, and held it of the earls of Warren and Surry. Sir Hugh de Plaiz was lord in the reign of King Stephen. Sir Richard de Plaiz died lord in the 53 of Henry III. and Gyles was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 2 years and an half, and was the king's ward.

In the 3d of Edward I. the aſſiſe of bread, &c. and frank pledge, belonged to it; this Gyles died young, (as it ſeems.) About 1300, William de Huntingfeld was patron of this church, in right of his wife; and in 1303, the Lady Joan, relict of Sir Richard de Plaiz, preſented, as appears from the inſtitution books of Norwich.

In the 9 of Edward II. Richard de Plais held it of the Earl Warren, and in the 18 of that king, he and Margaret his wife, ſettled it in tail; in the ſaid year, he and Richard his ſon, ſettled lands in Feltwell; and Sir Richard de Plais preſented to this church in 1321.

In the 20 of Edward III. Richard de Plays held one fee of the Earl Warren, and in the 26 of that king, levied a fine to John de Plays his ſon, on his marriage with Margaret, his firſt wife, when this lordſhip was ſettled on them in tail, on paying 10*l. per ann.* to Sir Richard for life.

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[a] T're. Willi. de Warrenna—Ranapetone ten. i lib. ho. i car. t're. ſemp. x vill. et v bord. tc. i ſerv. modo ii. tc. 7. p. i car. in d'nio. et mo. ii ſemp. i car. hom. ii ac. p'ti. 7. xiii. ſoc. de iii. car. t're. et i bord. ſemp. iii car. 7 dim. et iiii an. et iiii porc. et fuit lib'atu' ad perficiendu' Gimingeham, et Gimingeham tc. val. xl. ſol et p. iiii lib. mo. viii lib.—Ranapat. val. tc. 7. p. xx ſol. mo lx.

Sir Richard died in or about the 34 of Edward III. beyond ſea, Margaret, (his wife, ſurviving him) on October 14, in the 37 of the ſaid king; John de Bois, couſin of Sir Miles Stapleton, and John Charman, parſon of Syſtern, confirmed to Sir John de Playz, and Joan, his wife, and the heirs of their body, this lordſhip, with that of Toftrys in Norfolk, and Chelsworth in Suffolk; remainder to Miles Stapleton, Sir John de Sutton, ſenior, of Wivenhoe in Eſſex, John de Cavendiſh, &c. Witneſſes, Richard de Holditch, Thomas Hounte, Oſbern de Moundeford, ſenior, John de Tydd, &c. this was on his 2d marriage to Joan, daughter of Sir Miles Stapleton; Sir John died in 1389; his will was proved on July 16, in the ſaid year, and was buried in the priory of Bromehill, in Wetyng, of which he was patron; appoints Joan, his wife, Sir John de Burgh, Sir Richard de Sutton, &c. executors; bequeaths to religious uſes many legacies, &c. and to his wife all his wardrobe, and ſilver veſſels, all his utenſis and ornaments, belonging to his houſe, not before bequeathed, with all his other goods and chattels in his manors of Knapton, Toftrys, and Cheleſworth; and to his ſon, Sir Simon Howard, all his armour and furniture of war.

Sir John Howard married Margaret, his daughter and heir, by his 2d wife, Joan, who inherited in her right this lordſhip, with that of Wetyng and Toftrys, in Norfolk; Chelſworth in Suffolk; Okely *Magna*, Hanſtead, and Benefeld Bury in Eſſex; and Foulmere in Cambridgeſhire; and dying in 1437, Elizabeth, his grand daughter, by John his ſon, and Joan his wife, ſiſter and heir of Sir Richard Walton, (which John, his ſon, died before him) was heir to the Plays' eſtate. This Elizabeth married John de Vere, earl of Oxford, lord of this town, &c. in her right; he was beheaded in 1461, and ſhe preſented to this church in 1465; in the 12 of Edward IV. ſhe ſettled this lordſhip, with thoſe of Weting, Chelsworth and Walton-Hall in Purley, in Eſſex, &c. on Richard, Duke of Glouceſter, King Edward IV's. brother, in truſt, for the uſe of her heirs, to preſerve them in thoſe difficult and dangerous times; but on November 26, in the 18 of Edward IV. the feoffees of the ſaid duke, confirmed to the dean and chapter of the collegiate church of St. George, at Windſor, this manor, with thoſe of Chelſworth, and Benefeld Hall, to endow a chantrey in the ſaid church.

John, her ſon, earl of Oxford, was reſtored in blood and honour, on the acceſſion of Henry VII. reſtored to his inheritance, and was ſucceeded by John, Earl of Oxford, his nephew; and dying *ſ. p.* in 1526, his 3 ſiſters were his coheirs; Elizabeth, married to Sir Anthony Wingfeld, of Letheringham, in Suffolk;——Dorothy, to John Nevill, Lord Latimer, and Urſula, to Sir Edward Knightley; in 1529, Ann, Counteſs of Oxford, widow, preſented to this church.

Urſula, wife of Sir Edward Knightley, dying without iſſue, the heirs of Sir Anthony Wingfeld, and the lord Nevill, held this lordſhip; Sir Robert Wingfeld, ſon of Sir Anthony, had livery of a moiety about the firſt of Queen Elizabeth, and preſented to this church, in 1564, by his aſſignees.

The moiety which the Lord Latimer held, came to the earl of Exeter, eldeſt ſon of William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, by the marriage of Dorothy, daughter and coheir of John, Lord Latimer, who died 1577, and preſented to this church in 1613.

After this, in the 16 of James I. Thomas Blofield, gent. died ſeiſed of the manor of Knapton, on February 7, in the 13 of King Charles I. held of the dutchy of Lancaſter; Thomas, his ſon, died before him, leaving by Ann, his wife, a ſon, William, who was heir to his grand father. This William ſold it, or a moiety, (as I take it) to Bernard Hale, S.T.P. maſter of St. Peter's college, Cambridge, ſon of William Hale, Eſq; of King's Walden in Hertfordſhire, and gave it to that college, who have a manor, and patronage of the church, and died in 1663; his arms were azure, a bend counterembattled, or.——John Fowle, Eſq; held it by leaſe from the college, or a moiety of the manor, and had an alternate preſentation, in 1740.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, valued formerly at 18 marks; the preſent valor is 13*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* and pays firſt fruits, &c. The Peterpence were 5*d.*

It is a ſingle pile. The roof of both church and chancel is neat, of Iriſh oak; on the wood work, under the roof of the chancel,——*Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Smithe, in decretis baccalaurei, rectoris iſtius eccl'ie, qui hoc opus fabricari fecit,* 1504, *cujus a'i'e, &c.*

A graveſtone *In memory of Frances, wife of James Thompſon, gent. citizen of Norwich, eldeſt daughter of Thomas Gill, rector of this church, who died April* 29, *in the* 21 *year of her age, and in* 1701.

Orate p. a'i'a. Nich. Larke nup. vicarii de Hale, - - - qui obt. Ao. Dni. 1486.

An old tomb in an arch of the ſouth wall.

In the church,——*Orate p. a'i'a. Willi. Smith, qui obt. quinto die Januarij,* 1506.——*Orate p. a'i'a. Tho. Thanner, qui dedit ad fabricationem iſtius eccl'ie quadraginta marcas.*——This benefaction of 40 marks, to the building of the church, was a great ſum at that time; the roof, as I have obſerved, is curious, and on the principals of it, are many angels carved, and ſaints.

A graveſtone *In Memory of Richard Flight, gent. who died November* 24, 1687, *in his* 29 *year.*

Orate p. a'i'ab; Rici Smith, et Alicie uxoris ej. Ric. obt. 1450, *Alicia,* 1498.

Here were the guilds of St. Peter, All Saints, and of our Lady, and the Plough; the lights of Weſtgate, the Maids light, and St. Nicholas's.

The chapel of All Saints in this town is mentioned in 1431.

The temporalities of Bromehill priory, were 34*s.* 3*d. q.*

RECTORS.

1303, Robert de Elmham inſtituted, preſented by the Lady Joan, relict of Sir Richard de Plaiz.——1321, Robert de Stevington, by Sir Richard de Plays.——1329, John Attefaldgate de Hengham, by Sir Thomas de Burgh, knight.——1349, Richard de Tachewell, by Sir Richard de Plays.——1371, William Smethe, by Sir John Plays.——1392, John de Tiringham, by Sir John Howard.——1394, Michael de Beverley, by Sir Richard Waldgrave.

1410, Thomas Clare, S.T.P. by Sir John Howard.——1421, Clement Cook, ditto.——1428, John Wortham, ditto.——1433, Thomas Erle, ditto.——1465, Richard Chauntrey, by Elizabeth, Counteſs of Oxford.——1471, John Smithe, by George, Archbiſhop of York, he was decret. doctor, and built the chancel.

1518, Thomas Lawney, by the duke of Norfolk.——1529, William Cutler, by Anne, Counteſs of Oxford.——1542, Richard Pranke, ditto.——1548, William Hatch, ditto.——1553, Stephen Bayly, ditto.——1556, Thomas Brown, ditto.——1564, Richard Greene, by the aſſignees of Sir Robert Wingfeld.——1573, Abel Smith, by Thomas Green, gent.——1573, William Tayler, ditto.——1581, Godfrey Pendleton, by the queen.

1613, Edmund Pendleton, by the earl of Exeter.——1626, Richard Howes, by the aſſigns of Thomas Buckworth.——Roger Loud, rector.——1661, Robert Seppons, by the maſter and fellows of St. Peter's college.——1683, Thomas Gill, by John Worts, gent.

1705, Benjamin Caſtell, by the maſter, &c. of St. Peter's college.——1709, John Seaman rector, by John Fowle, Eſq; and Mary his wife.——Humphrey Chriſtian, rector in 1759, preſented by St. Peter's college, Cambridge.

Sir Miles Stapleton, &c. aliened to the chantrey of Norton Subcroſs, lands, &c. here, in 17 of Richard II.

The town is wrote Ranapeton in *Domeſday* book, Run, or Raven, is the name of a river; thus Randworth, Raveningham in Norfolk; Ravenſworth in Durham; Ravenſborn, a river in Kent, &c.

M A T L A S K

IS called in *Domeſday* book, Matingeles and Mateleſc. Alan, Earl of Richmond, had a lordſhip, of which Eſtan, a free man, was deprived, conſiſting of 16 acres of land, [a] with one borderer, and 2 oxgangs or bovates of land, and was valued in Saxthorp, in South Erpingham hundred; 16 acres were claimed at the ſurvey, by a man or tenant of the king, who challenged any of the earl's tenants or men, (as he had the right, by verdict of the hundred, that proved it) to try the right of it by trial ordeal, or by combat, and Ribald held it under Earl Alan.

Alſo Matlaſk was a member of the Conqueror's manor of Saxthorp, which Godric took care of for him, and was included and valued with it, (as may be there ſeen) [b] and of which Earl Godwin, King Harold's father, was deprived; this part conſiſted of one carucate and an half of land, 7 villains, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. and 15 ſocmen held a carucate and half of land, and 2 acres of meadow; in all, there were always 4 carucates, valued with Saxthorp at the ſurvey, at 10*l.* it was 3 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt.

In the 9 of Richard I. William Fleming, and Maud de Boſevill his wife, conveyed the manor of Matelaſh, by fine, to Walter de Baſingham.

William de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, half brother to King Henry III. held it in *capite* of that king, with Saxthorp, in his 34 year, and was held of him by Walter de Mawteby, who married Chriſtian, daughter and coheir of Sir Piers de Baſſingham; and in the 6 of Edward I. William le Fleght, or Flegg, (probably ſon of Sir John de Flegg, who married another of Sir Pier's daughters) releaſed to Walter de Mauteby, by deed, inrolled in the common pleas in Hillary term, all his right in this manor, that of Baſſingham, and Weſt Beckham; and in the 15 of that king, the jury find, that the king, as lord of the hundred, uſed to receive 6*s.* 4*d.* lete fee, and for ſuit of court at Gunegate, out of Matlaſk, Plumſtede, &c. which had been withdrawn for 32 years laſt paſt, by William de Valentia, to the loſs of the king, 10*l.* but William proving that King Henry III. in his 36 year, had granted the lete, &c. to him and his heirs, it was allowed.

In the 9 of Edward II. John de Mauteby was lord, Sir Robert in 1347, and Sir John in 1369 and 1397; Magaret, daughter and heir of John Mauteby, Eſq; married John Paſton, Eſq; of Paſton, and it was ſettled on them and their heirs in the 20 of Henry VI.——John Paſton, Eſq; died ſeiſed of it in the 6 of Edward IV. In this family it continued in 1740, William Paſton, earl of Yarmouth, being lord; of this family, ſee in Oxnead.

About 1600, Sir William Paſton's manor here, was 15*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* *per ann.* with 29 comb and 2 buſhels of barley, 34 hens, 4 capons, and 312 eggs.

In the 3d of Edward I. the abbot of Bury was found to have a lordſhip here, and in Plumſtede; and in the 9 of Edward II. the abbot was returned to be lord; the temporalities of the Sacriſt of Bury, in 1428, were 3*s.* 6*d.*

Peter de Savoy, uncle to Queen Eleanor, wife of King Henry III. as earl of Richmond, had an intereſt herein, in the 50 of that king.

Temporalities of Lewes priory were 4*d.*

The temporalities of Merton priory, were 2*s.*——Of Walſingham, 2*s.* 3*d.*——Of the monks of Thetford, 10*d.*——And the tenths of the town, 1*l.* 10*s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Peter, valued in King Edward I's. reign, at 10 marks; the prior of Merton had then the patronage of it, and a portion of tithe of 2 marks *per ann.* Peter-pence 4*d.*——The preſent valor is 5*l.* and is diſcharged.

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[a] T're Alani comitis——In Matingeles, ten. Eſtan i lib. ho. erat t. r. e. xvi ac, t're. ſemp. i bor. 7 cu. ii bov. app'tiata s. in Saſtorp. Id. tenet.——In Mateleſc ubi Comes Alan. ten. calu'pniatr. i ho. regis xvi ac t're. offerendo judiciu, p. bellu' cont. hund. qd. teſtat. eos Comiti, ſi quida' ho. Comitis vult probare qd. hund. veru' teſtat. l. judicio' l. bello. Ribald, ten.

[b] Terre Regis qua' Godric. ſervat.——Et i beruita Matelaſc, i car. t're. 7 dim. ſep. vii vill. 7. i car. in d'nio. 7. i car. hom. ſilva xx porc. 7. xv ſoc. i car. t're. 7 dim. 7. ii ac. p'ti. ſep. iiii car. mo. val. x lib. &c. 7. Matelaſc ht. iii qr. in long. 7. ii in latit. 7. iii*d.* de gelto.

RECTORS.

1305, Henry de Reding inſtituted, preſented by the prior of Merton in Surry.——1334, Richard de Carleton, ditto.——1341, Nicholas de Hunworth.——1355, John Attewell.——William Agell, rector——1386, John Donne.——1393, John Holbourn.——1397, Robert Hoo.

1427, James Lytelport.——1458, John Tropewell.——1474, Robert Bokenham, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1483, Thomas Trylle, A.M. by the biſhop, a lapſe.

1525, William Kyngeſmill, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1544, Richard Smith.——1574, John Brown, by the queen.

1601, Thomas Settle.

Rowland Nicholſon died rector, 1715.—1715, William Reynolds, by the king.——1719, Thomas Gallant, ditto.——Stanley Leaths, by the king, in 17 1.

Mat, is an initial ſyllable to ſeveral towns; thus Matſale, Matford in Devonſhire; Materdale in Cumberland; Matlock in Derbyſhire, and Matching in Eſſex.

METTON

WAS a member or beruite to Roger Bigot's manor of Felbrigg, and as ſuch, is included in the account of that manor, in *Domeſday* book.——Metun is there [a] ſaid to be 5 furlongs long, 4 furlongs and 6 perches brod, and paid 5*d.* gelt.

In the 8 of Richard I. Alexander Poyntell, and Alice his wife, paſſed by fine, to Robert de Colevile, and Alice his wife, the 3d part of this manor, as her joynture from her former huſband, William de Nevill; remainder to Alice Poyntell, her daughter, by the ſaid William.

Joan de Bovile held half a fee of Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, in the reign of Edward I. and in † the 14 of Edward I. Joan, late wife of James de Creke, held in joynture, a meſſuage, 24 acres of land, 6 marks, and 5*s.* 4*d.* rent in Metton, Hanworth and Suſted, with the 3d part of the advouſon of this church; and 100 acres of land, 30 of wood, 50 of meadow, and paſture, with 116*s.* 4*d.* rent, in Dychingham——In the 18 of that king, William, ſon and heir of Sarah de Pirrow, granted to Robert de Swillington, ſon of Helewiſe de Pirrow, 2 parts of this manor, called then, Pirrow-Hall, and the 3d part, with the manor of Ditchingham, after the death of Joan, widow of John de Creke; William de Swillington, and Joan de Bovile, held 3 fees and an half in the 35 of the ſaid king, of Roger, Earl Marſhal of England. After this, it came to the Latimers.

In the year 1338, Sir Thomas Latymer preſented to this church, and in 1349. Sir Thomas Wingfeld, and Margery his wife, convey in the 41 of Edward III. to John Bakepool, parſon of Badingham, &c. this lordſhip and advouſon, in truſt, when it was ſettled on them for life; remainder to Robert, ſon of Sir William Carbonell, knight, in tail, and was then farmed by Sir Roger Felbrigg, at 10*l.* *per ann.* payable on the gule of Auguſt, (*viz.* 1ſt,) &c. This Margery was daughter and heir of Sir William Bovill, by Mariotta his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Moſell, and Chriſtian his wife, daughter of Sir William Latimer, which Chriſtian married to her firſt huſband, Sir John Carbonell, knight; and Margery married to her 2d huſband, Sir Thomas Wingfield.

Sir Robert Carbonell died lord in the 23 of Richard II. and John was found to be his ſon and heir; Sir John Carbonel's will was proved March 30, 1425; he was lord of this town, Braydeſton, Caſton, Shipdam, Weſt Tofts, Hapton, Tybenham,

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[a] Et Metune v quar. in longo 7. iiii. 7. vi perc. in lato 7 de gelto v*d.*

† William de Bovile married Joan, a daughter of James de Creke.

Riveſhale, and [b] Briſingham in Norfolk; of Badingham, Saxham's in Badingham; Cretyng, and Daſinghow in Suffolk, and gives this manor for life to Margaret his wife.

Sir Richard Carbonel was lord of Metton-Pirnowhall, in the 8 of Henry VI. and dying in [c] that year, John, his ſon and heir, was aged 2 years, who dying *ſ. p.* Sir Robert Wingfield was his heir, as it is ſaid; but in 1457, Robert Lyſton, Eſq; preſented as lord and heir to the Carbonels.——In the church of Belſtead *Parva*, in Suffolk, were the arms of Liſton, vert, 10 plates, 4, 3, 2 and 1, impaling Carbonel, gules, a croſs, argent, in a bordure ingrailed, or. This Robert, by his will, dated September 28, 1478, of Badingham, Eſq; [d] gives the profits of this manor, of Pernow-Hall, to Iſabel his wife, to maintain John his ſon, and to raiſe portions for his daughters, which was proved January 30, 1484. Iſabel, his wife, died ſeiſed of it in the 7 of Henry VII. held of the manor of Forncet, and Jane, wife of Robert Thra;——Elizabeth, of Leonard Hyde;——Mary, of William London, Eſq; mayor of Norwich;——Thomaſine, the wife of John Goldingham, and Margaret, of Edward Rouſe, were her daughters and coheirs.——John Goldingham, Eſq; was lord of Belſtead, died in 1518, and was buried with Jane, his firſt, and Thomaſine, his 2d wife, in the ſaid church, with his arms,——Argent, a bend, wavy, gules, and thoſe of Thomaſine Liſton, his wife. In the 5 of Henry VIII. William Bond, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife, convey the 5th part of this manor to Roger Townſend, Eſq; and ſo came to Edward Windham, Eſq; In 29th of Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, knight, of Oxburgh, and Alice his wife, with Firmine Rookwood, Eſq; ſon and heir apparent of the ſaid Alice, conveyed it to Edmund Wyndham, Eſq; of Felbrigg; this Alice was daughter of William London, Eſq; aforeſaid, and married firſt, Edmund Rookwood, Eſq; of Euſton in Suffolk, and to her 3d huſband, the Lord Burgh.

In the family of the Windhams it ſtill continues; Aſh Windham, Eſq; was lord in 1740; and his ſon and heir, William Windham, Eſq; was lord, 1760, and died in 1761, leaving his ſon and heir a minor.

Bovil bore, quarterly, or, and ſable.——Latimer, gules, a croſs patonce, or, with a label, azure.

BROMHALL-MANOR.

SIR ROGER DE HALES of Hales Hall in Lodne, Norfolk, was lord in the firſt of Edward I. and had free warren in the 9th, held of Roger Bigot, the earl marſhal.

In the 35 of Edward III. Sir John de Hales, and Catherine his wife, held it; ſhe after married Roger de Waleſham; and in the 45 of that king, John de Hales, ſon of Sir John, conveyed the manor of Bromhall, in Metton, to Roger de Weleſham and his heirs.

John Sampſon, in the 11 of Henry VI. held it (in right of his wife) of Thomas Mowbray, duke of Norfolk. It after came to the Heydons, and in the 35 of Henry VIII. Chriſtopher Heydon, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir John Heydon, Thomas Heydon, &c. ſold the manor of Hales-Hall, in Metton, with ſeveral lands, &c. to Robert Rugge, alderman of Norwich.

I find alſo the Jenneys to have an intereſt herein, in the reign of Henry VII.

Alyanore Jenney, widow of Sir William Jenney, by her will, made November 24, 1494, orders maſſes to be ſung for him; mentions her daughter Catherine, wife of Richard Blomvile, and Robert Ingloſe, Eſq; her firſt huſband; appoints her manors of Metton and Rowton, to be ſold, and John her ſon, &c. executor, proved January 9, 1496.——In the nave of St. Margaret's, of Over-Weſtwick church, at Norwich, lies a large graveſtone, which had a plate of braſs and inſcription, of which it has been deprived, but there ſtill remain four ſhields of arms:——firſt, ermin, a bend, gules, cottiſed, or——Jenney, impaling, quarterly, in the firſt and fourth, argent, a croſs patonce, gules, between 4 eſcallops, ſable,——Sampſon, that being her maiden name, and in the 2d and 3d, a chevron, between 3 cinqfoils;

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[b] Reg. Hurninge, fol. 134.

[c] Reg. Surflete, fol. 608.

[d] Reg. Caſton, fol. 231.

——In the 2d, Sampſon, and the ——chevron between 3 cinqfoils quarterly, ——the 3d ſhield, ditto; the 4th, barry of 6, argent and azure, on a canton of the firſt, 5 billets in ſaltyr, ſable,—Ingloſſe. After this, John Heydon, Eſq; of Baconſthorpe, was lord, and Chriſtopher Heydon, Eſq; with Thomas and Richard Heydon, convey the manor of Hayles Hall, in Metton, in the 35 of Henry VIII. to Robert Rugg, Eſq; of Norwich.

Thomas Rugge, Eſq; was lord in the 15 of James I. and it was conveyed by —— Rugg, Eſq; to Sir Thomas Herne of Heverland; and Clement Herne was lord in 1690. Paſton Herne, Eſq; was lord, and dying *ſ. p.* it deſcended to Everard Buckworth Herne, Eſq; in 1762.

The tenths were 1*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Andrew. Robert de Creyk was patron in the reign of Edward I. when it was valued at 10 marks, paid Peter-pence, 9*d.* and the rector had edifices, with 9 acres of land. The preſent valor is 7*l.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

In 1338, John Attecherch was inſtituted, preſented by Sir Thomas Latymer.—1349, John Dorward, ditto.——1380, Stephen Edward, by Mr. John de Derlyngton, &c.——1392, Henry Elmſale, ditto.——1399, Robert Clere, by the king, on account of the lands of Sir Robert Carbonel, knight.

1404, Richard Tyttyng, by Mr. John de Derlyngton, &c.———1405, John Mowe, ditto.———1418, John Femmote, by John Carbonell, and Margery his wife.——1428, William Roper, by Sir Richard Carbonell.———1429, John Atte Medow.——1457, Stephen Heron, by Robert Liſton, Eſq;

1504, John Foſter, by Andrew Sullyard, and Edward Rous.——1518, William Conam, by Sir Thomas Windham.———1539, Thomas Heyes, by Sir Edmund Windham.——1559, William Rede, ditto.——1579, John Bartram, by Roger Windham, Eſq; in 1603, he returned 39 communicants.

1721, Robert St. Cleer, by the biſhop.———1728, Jonathan Wrench, by Aſh Windham, Eſq;——1733, Jonathan Wrench, ſenior, ditto.———1738, Timothy Jones, ditto.——John Alexander, rector, 1760, preſented by William Wyndham, Eſq; conſolidated to Felbrigg. See there.

On a large marble graveſtone in the church,——*Orate p. a'i'a. Robti Doughty, qui obijt 9 die Maij, 1493, ac p. a'i'a. Matildis uxoris ejus.*

Several towns take their name from Met;——thus, Mettingham, and Metfield in Suffolk; Meth, in Devonſhire; Metham in Yorkſhire; Metheringham in Lincolnſhire, &c.

MUNDESLEY

IN *Domeſday* book is wrote Muleſlai, and was the Earl Warren's manor; Griketel, [a] a free man, poſſeſſed it at the conqueſt, and had 30 acres of land, with 2 borderers, and a carucate; and the ſaid earl had 10 acres and a carucate of land, which 3 free men of Edric held in the time of the Confeſſor, and was valued at 4*s.* To this there belonged a church, endowed with 12 acres.

This lordſhip belonged to the ſoc or great lordſhip of the Earls Warren, (of Gimmingham) and came from them to the dukes of Lancaſter, and ſo to King Henry IV. as duke of Lancaſter, and continues in the crown at this day, as part of that dutchy, as may be ſeen in Gimmingham; wreck of ſea and all royal fiſhes, between Moneſley, Beck, and Loodyard, belonged to it, &c.

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[a] T're. Willi de Warenna.———In Muleſlai ten. Griketel i lib. ho. xxx ac. tc 7. ii bord. ſep. i car. 7. adhuc ten. Wills. in ead, iii lib'os ho'es, Edri. t. r. e. de x ac. t're 7. i car. ſemp. reddit. iiii ſol. i ecclia de xli ac.

Here was alſo another lordſhip which R. Malet laid claim to; *viz.* 19 free men, [b] 3 of whom were only under protection or commendation; the other paid all cuſtomary dues, and lived in this town, Trunch, and Thorp Market, but William, Earl Warren, held it.

In the 14 of Edward I. Agnes Spriggy was impleaded by Juliana, wife of Simon Peche, to render to her the guardianſhip of the heir and lands of William Priggy, who held of her a meſſuage, 18 acres of land in Muleſly, by the ſervice of 8*s. per ann.* and the payment of 3*s.* ſcutage; and in the 33d of Edward I. John Spriggy, ſon of William, held it.

Oliver le Groos, and Roger Chartres, granted by fine, the manor of Muneſle, with lands in Paſton, to John Spriggy, in the 9 of Edward II. being ſettled by them as truſtees on the ſaid John, for life; remainder to Laurence Spriggy, and Margaret his wife, in tail.

In the 17 of Edward IV. Robert Elingham of North Walſham, was found to die ſeiſed of the manor of Riſhes or Roſes, in this town, held of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

John Bradfield, of Burnham Thorp, gent. held it in the reign of King James the I. and was father of Edward Bradfield, of Mondeſley, and of Troſton in Suffolk; he married ——— daughter of ——— Coke, of Livermore, in that county, by whom he had John Bradfield, who by Roſe, his wife, daughter of Edward Bromley, of Lynn Regis, was father of Edward Bradfield of Lynn, living in 1721.

In this town is a little brook with a mill on it, which runs into the ſea, and ariſes at North Repps; in antient days probably called Mul; thus, Mulbarton, Multon or Moulton, Norfolk; Moulford in Berkſhire; Mulwith in Yorkſhire, and Mulby; Mulle is a river in Montgomery in Wales.

The temporalities of St. Bennet's, of Holm, were 4*l.* 11*s.* *ob.*——Of Bromholm priory, 14*s.* 1*d.*——Bartholomew de Glanvill confirmed to the monks of Caſtle-acre, [c] the gift of his father, William de Glanvill, of a mill in this town. The tenths were 2*l.* 15*s.* Deducted 15*s.*

The church is a rectory. In the reign of Edward I. the rector had a competent houſe, with an acre, and 30 perches of ground, alſo 12 acres of land; it was valued at 15 marks, paid Peter-pence, 13*d.* The preſent valor is 8*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* *ob.* and is diſcharged.

The church is a ſingle pile, covered with lead, the chancel with reed; there is no ſteeple, but in the church yard are 3 bells in a frame.

RECTORS.

In 1324, Alexander de Chiqwell inſtituted rector, preſented by John, Earl Warren.——1344, Henry Hap, ditto.——1371, Peter de Wele, by John, Duke of Lancaſter.——1375, John de Broghton, ditto.—1380, John de Dalton.——1391, John Collis.

1404, John Slyngeſby, by King Henry IV.——1405, William Fourbour, ditto. ——William Edrington, rector.——1411, Alane Thame, by the king.——1426, Thomas Molenes, by Henry, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, &c. feoffees of the king. 1464, Robert Williamſon, by the king.——John Wryght, rector.——1484, William Davies, by the king.——1485, Thomas Aſſehewe, by the king.—1490, William Aſſehewe, ditto.——1493, John Ruſtell, ditto.

In 1603, Mr. James Matchet occurs rector, and returned 81 communicants.—— John Novell, 1637, rector.

John Tomiſon compounded for his firſt fruits in April, 1640, and ejected for his loyalty, father of Archbiſhop Teniſon.——John Mountford died rector in 1721.—— 1721, Edward Bilſton, by the king.——1756, William Claggot, ditto.

Here was the guild of All Saints, probably the church ſo dedicated.

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[b] In Muleſlai 7. in Tru'chit calu'pniatur R. Malet 7. in Torp xviiii l'bos ho'es.——tres com'datione 7 alios de o'i conſuetudine.

[c] Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 61.

OXSTRAND.

WAS [*a*] the lordſhip of Berner, captain of the croſs bowmen, of which Eſchet was deprived, who held 2 carucates of land, 6 villains, 18 borderers and 2 ſervi; in his time there were alſo 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, a mill, &c. 18 goats and 5 ſocmen, with 32 acres of land, (and the king had the ſoc,) alſo one acre and a carucate of meadow, then valued at 40*s.* it was 7 furlongs long, and four broad, paid 6*d.* 3 farthings gelt.

The town takes its name from its ſcite, on the ſtrand by the water; that is by the ſea ſhore, being contiguous to it. Soon after the ſurvey, probably on the deceaſe of Berner, it came to the Earl Warren, and was held of him by the family of de Reymes. Geffrey, ſon of Herlewin, owed 20 marks of ſilver, † in the 5 of King Stephen, to have his land of Robert de Reymes.

Agnes de Ratleſden, wife of Adam de Ratleſden, in the 34 of Henry III. impleaded Richer de Reymes, for a fourth part of a fee in this town, (then wrote Overſtrand) [*b*] and in North Repps: Richer had releaſed it to Roger de Herleberge for 80 marks of ſilver; Roger was called to warrant it, and a duel, or combat of trial, was fought on this account between the ſaid Roger, and a free man of Simon, ſon of Hugh, in the behalf and right of Agnes, and after that they came to an agreement. This Agnes was daughter and coheir of William de Reymes; the other daughter and coheir, was Maud, and died without iſſue; William was ſon of Ralph, who was the ſon of Roger, the ſon of Richer de Reymes, who lived in the reign of King Stephen.

This family ſeems to be deſcended from Roger de Reymes, or Reynes, who came into England with the Conqueror, and had the honor and barony of Raines, Reynes, conſiſting of 10 knight's fees in Eſſex, given to him.

In the 3d of Edward I. Hugh de Reymes, as lord, claimed wreck at ſea, and in the 19 of that king, ſold lands here; about the ſame time, John de Reymes, and Agnes his wife, were living, and John his ſon; in the 33 of that king, Roger de Reymes, and Alice, his wife, ſettled in truſt, a moiety of this manor. † After this, John de Reymes was lord, and John, ſon of John de Reymes, preſented to this church, in 1355. On May 4, 1383, adminiſtration was granted of all the goods, &c. of Sir John Reymes of Overſtrand, and of Sir Roger his ſon, knights, [*c*] who died inteſtate, to Bartholomew Reymes of the ſaid town. Sir John Reymes, knight, (father of John) is ſaid to have married Chriſtian, daughter of —— Jeckerſon, Eſq; and John married Margaret, daughter of Edmund Winter, of Berningham, Eſq; John was brother to Sir Roger, (as I conceive) and 2d ſon of Sir Roger.

In the 10 of Richard II. John Reymes, Eſq; attended John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, in his expedition into Spain, and had the king's letters of protection, and died in the 7 of Henry IV. In 1443, Roger Reymes, Eſq; preſented to this church, and William Reymes, Eſq; in 1482, who is ſaid to have married Emma, daughter of Robert Brampton, of Brampton in Norfolk, Eſq; and was father of Robert Reymes, Eſq; who was lord, and preſented in 1492; by his will, made in 1508, he requires to be buried in this church, mentions Oliver and John Reymes, his brothers, Jane Grave his ſiſter, and Thomas Breton, his couſin; to Anne his wife, this manor, and advouſon, &c. " To the intent that ſhe find my ſon Francis at ſcole, [*d*] and if he " live to 21 years, he to have the ſaid manor; if he dye before or after, without iſſue, " then the manor to remayn to the ſaid Anne, during her natural life."—By Anne his wife, he had Francis Reymes, Eſq; who preſented to this church in 1531; by his will, dated September 5, 1558, and proved March 15, 1559, he was buried in the ſaid church; it appears that he had ſeveral ſons, Will. Robert, Edw. &c. appoints Elizabeth his wife, and his brother Bertram Calthorp, executors, and gives to his wife the manor of Overſtrand for life; ſhe was the daughter of Gregory Davy of Gunthorpe, in Norfolk, gent. It [e] is to be obſerved, that Bertram Calthorp, called brother by Franc. Reymes in his will, was the 15 child of Richard Calthorp, Eſq; and Anne his wife, (relict of Richard Reymes, Eſq; and mother of Francis) daughter of Sir Edmund Haſtings, and lies buried in Antingham church, as may be there ſeen; Bertram was a counſellor of the Middle Temple in London.

[*a*] Terre Berneri Arbaliſt.——In Otheſtranda ten. Eſchet t. r. e. p. ii car. t're ſep. vi villi. 7. xviii bor. 7. ii ſer. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. 7. mo. i. 7. ii car. ho'um. i mol. ſilv. iii por. tc. i. r. mo. ii tc. ii. an. mo. vi. tc. iiii mo. v por. mo. xviiii ov. tc. xviii cap. 7 v ſoc. d. xxx. ii ac. t're. 7. Rex ht. ſocam. 7 ac. p'ti. ſep. i car. tc. val. xl ſol. 7 ſep. 7. ht. vii qr. in longo 7. iiii in lato, 7 de gelto vi*d*. 7. iii ferd.

† Madox Hiſt. of the exchequer, P. 330.

[*b*] P'lita 34 Henry III. Rot. 20. in Dorſo.

‡ In the 4 of Edward III. John de Peyto, and Alice his wife, paſſed by fine to Alan, ſon of Geffrey de Shipedene, the advouſon and 6 marks rent *per ann.* with the homage of Roger de Reymes.

[*c*] Reg Haydon, fol. 72.

[*d*] Reg. Spyltymer, fol. 106,

William Reymes, Eſq; ſon and heir of Francis, was lord in 1599, and 1606, and preſented; he married Mary, daughter of ——Payne, gent. of Itteringham. In 1639, John Reymes, Eſq; was lord and patron, living in 1662, and William Reymes, Eſq; in 1670.

In a letter that I have ſeen of John Reymes, Eſq; dated at Edgfield in Norfolk, September 27, 1660, to Edward Pepes, Eſq; he complains that his eldeſt ſon being dead, and having ſold part of the eſtate, and mortgaged it together, leaving a wife and 5 children to his care, had almoſt undone him. His ſon's name that died was William Reymes, Eſq; who married Muriel, daughter of Martin Sidley, Eſq; of Stalham, in Norfolk, in 1648; and in the year 1656, he brought his action againſt John Sidley, Eſq; ſon and heir of Martin, and brother of Muriel, for moneys due by marriage contract to him, on the death of Martin; ſo that William Reymes, Eſq; who preſented in 1670, was probably grand ſon of John, and ſon and heir of William, by Muriel his wife, who married Anne, daughter of —— ——

After this it was ſold by —— Reymes, Eſq; to Thomas Baxter, (as it is ſaid) who gave it to his ſiſter's ſon, —— Bodham, and Bodham to his ſiſter.

In 1714, Nathaniel Life was lord, and high ſheriff of Norfolk, in 172–, he died in 1727, and left by Mary his wife, daughter and heir of Philip Vincent, Eſq; of Marlingford, a ſon and 2 daughters.——The patronage is in the lord of the manor.

The tenths were 2*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 15*s.* 4*d.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Martin. In the reign of Edward I. Roger de Eccleburgh was patron, when the rector had a grange with 20 acres, valued at 10 marks and an half. Peter-pence 22*d.* The preſent valor, 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

In 1345, Richard de Shippeden inſtituted, preſented by Jeffrey Fitz-Alan de Shippeden.——1349, Simon Cary, ditto.——1355, Thomas Goodknape, by John, ſon of John Reymes.——In 1383, Robert Madeſone, by Simon Blickling, citizen of Norwich.

In the laſt year of King Richard II. John Reymes aliened half an acre of land for a church yard to bury the dead; and in the firſt year of Henry IV. a patent was granted to build thereon the pariſh church. This ſeems as if the old church had been ſwallowed up by the ſea, otherwiſe the ſcite of that and the old church yard would have been ſufficient for this little pariſh.

1432, William Dolle, by Sir Thomas Erpingham, Stephen Clerk, &c.——1443, John Wyttebury, by Roger Reymes.—1445, Richard Halyday, ditto.—1482, William Crowmer, by William Reymes, Eſq;——1483, James Willyams, ditto.——1492, Thomas Garforth, a Ciſtercian monk, by Robert Reymes, Eſq;

1508, Thomas Ward, by Anne, late wife of Robert Reymes, Eſq;——1526, Robert Stone, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1531, Cuthbert Huddys, by Francis Reymes.——1546, John Shereborn, by Thomas Punder.——1568, William Harper, by Clement Comfort, gent.——1577, William Fourd, by Clement Comfort, in right of Elizabeth his wife.——1580, Thomas Nabbs, ditto.——1599, John Money, by William Reymes, gent. In 1603, he returned 44 communicants.

1606,

1606, Thomas Money, ditto.———1639, Robert Springall, by John Reymes, Eſq;——1641, Charles Warde, ditto.——1662, Thomas Rule, ditto.——1670, William Aſhmore, by William Reymes, gent.

1714, George Bearfoot, by Nathaniel Life, Eſq;———1748, Samuel Johnſon, by Cæſar Life, a minor.

In the chancel, on a marble graveſtone——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Willi. Warde et Iſabelle uxoris ejus, qui obt.* 3 *Julij*, 1455.——In the body of the church, round a large ſtone on a rim of braſs——*Joh'is Reymes armigeri - - - - - Dni. Regis Henrici quarti et Marg'te filie Willi. Wynter - - - - - ſepulti fuer. in ao. ſept. Henry 4ti.*———On the ſcreen painted———*Orate p. a'i'ab; Jobs. Amy et Agnetis uxor. ſue, et p. quib; teneamur.*—In the north iſle——*Orate p. a'i'a. Robti. Reymes qui obijt* 8 *Julij*, 1408. ——Roger Rugge of this town was here buried in 1442, Thomas Rugge of North Reppes, his executor.

In the windows were the arms of Calthorp, impaling quarterly, Haſtings and Foliot.—Reymes, ſable, a chevron between 3 lions rampant, argent; creſt, a plume of feathers, out of a coronet, or, impaling Winter;—alſo of Felbrigg, Le Groſs, Mautby, Berney, Winter and Hetherſet impaled; and in a window——*Jobs. Pelham miles fecit - - feneſtram - - -* with theſe arms, azure, 3 pelicans, argent, vulned gules, the creſt a peacock, proper.

PLUMSTEAD

WAS the lordſhip of William, Earl Warren, granted to him by the Conqueror, Turold being deprived of it, who had a freeman with a carucate and 12 acres of land, [a] paunage for 12 ſwine, valued then at 10*s.* at the ſurvey at 20*s.* Drogo de Beſrerere, or Drew de Bevers, claimed the homage of this free man, and ſome others in Berningham.

The family of de Plumſtede were enfeoffed of this lordſhip, under the Earls Warren. William, ſon of Bartholomew de Calthorp, conveyed, as a truſtee, to Clement de Plumſtede, † and Catherine his wife, four meſſuages, a mill, 80 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 16 of heath, 40*s.* rent in this town, Baconſthorp, Matlaſk and Hemſtede, in the 2d of Edward II. and William de Plumſtede, and Pleaſance his wife, were living in the 20 of Edward I.

‡ Sir John de Repps, in his will, dated in the 47 of Edward III. gives a legacy to John de Plumſtede his grandſon.———John Plumſted, Eſq; by his will, dated September 22, 1560, was buried in this church, lord alſo of Nethercourt in King's Walden, in Hertfordſhire; appoints his wife Frideſwide, executrix, and William Nott, his nephew, ſuperviſor. He left 2 ſons, John and Thomas, and ſeveral daughters; his will proved in 1561.

William Plumſtede, Eſq; was lord in the 33 of Henry VIII. and Bartholomew Plumſtede, Eſq; in * 1572, who married (as is ſaid) Jane, daughter of R. Symonds. ——John Plumſtede, 2d ſon of William Plumſtede, Eſq; married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Sharnborn, Eſq;——Thomas, the 3d ſon, married Anne, daughter of Philip Winter.

John Plumſtede, Eſq; of Plumſtede Hall, died in June, 1639.

After this, it came to the Britiffs, and Charles Britiff, Eſq; ſon of —— Britiff, of Cley, ſold it to John Harbord, Eſq; of Gunton.

LOSE-HALL.

RICHER, ſon of Hugh de Cauſton, and Julian his wife, confirmed to Thomas, ſon of William de Loſe, lands here. On the death of this Thomas, who died ſ. p.

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[a] T're. Willi. de Warenna.——In Plumeſtede ten. id. Turoldus i liberu' homine' de xii ac. t're. ſemp. i car. ſilva ad x porc. tc. 7. p. x ſol. mo. xx hos calumniatur Drogo de Beſrerere p. homag. tantu.

† Clement de Plumſtede was living in the reign of Edward III. and married Alice, daughter of Sir John de Repps, and was father of John de Plumſtede.

‡ Regiſt. Byrcham, Norw.

* William was ſon and heir of Bartholomew.

it came to Claricia his ſiſter; and Beatrix, late wife of Stephen de Cauſton, in the 14 of Edward I. impleaded Richard de Hemſted, for 40 acres of land, 20 of heath, and 3*s*. 6*d*. rent in Plumſtede, by Baconſthorp and Hempſtede; Claricia aforeſaid brought it by marriage, to Thomas de Ubbeſton.

William de Valentia's (earl of Pembroke) manor of Matlaſk, extended into this town (of which ſee there) and the Mautebys, &c. held it under him, &c.

The tenths were 2*l*. 2*s*.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Michael, and the patronage was, in the reign of Edward I. in the priory of Merton; the rector had 6 acres with a manſe; the valor was 6 marks. Peter-pence 3*d*. and the aforeſaid prior had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s*. The preſent valor is 5*l*. 3*s*. 2*d*. and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

1320, Thomas de Colyngham inſtituted, preſented by the prior, &c. of Merton.——1326, Richard de Maunceſtre, ditto; this Richard had a place in the king's exchequer.——1335, John de Belton, ditto.——1338, John de Wyntringham.——1341, Robert de Tholouſe.——1347, Walter de Kent.——1350, Thomas Fever.——1389, John Smith.——1393, William Howlyn.——William Burgh rector.

1440, Clement Chevere.——1448, John Fulburn.——Giles Stranbridge rector.——1450, Philip Loy.——1453, Nicholas Benet.——1459, John Wype.——1467, Jeff. Mayn.——1488, Chriſtopher Walton.——1492, William Werkworth.——1493, Mr. John Perkinſon, *Decret. Bacc.*——John Jubbe rector.——George Scoley rector.

1557, Jeffrey Turner, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1565, William Ampleforth, by the queen.——1568, George Wekes, by the queen; he occurs in 1603.

Mr. Nicholſon died rector in 1715.——Timothy Bullemer rector in 1737; on his death in 1750, Stanley Leathe, by the king.——Patronage in the crown.

[*b*] In this church of St. Michael was the guild of St. Mary in 1435.

In the chancel were the arms of Plumſtede, ſable, 3 chevronels, ermin, on the upper one 3 annulets of the firſt.

On the north ſide of the church a graveſtone *In memory of John Plumſtede, Eſq; receiver for the queen of her dutchy of Lancaſter*.——Plumſtede impaling Gawſell, barry of 6, or and azure, a canton, ermin.——The temporalities of the priory of Norwich, were 8*s*. 3*d*. Of Ely, 22*d*. Of Bury, 4*s*. 11*d*. *ob*. *q*. Of Wayborn, 9*d*. Of Caſtleacre, 10*s*. And of Bynham, 3*d*. Robert de Brueria, of the heath of Plumſted, gave to this priory 2 pieces of heath ground.

Plum ſeems to be the name of ſome river; thus Plomley in Cheſhire, Plumton in Lancaſhire, and Suſſex, &c.

NORTH REPPS and

SOUTH REPPS.

THE principal lordſhips of theſe towns were granted at the conqueſt to William, Earl Warren. In North Repps a free man of Ketell was deprived of 30 acres of land, held by 2 villains, and 5 borderers, and a carucate [*a*] and 2 acres of meadow, 2 mills; to this there belonged a church with 18 acres of land, always

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[*b*] Reg. Surflete.

[*a*] T're. Willi. de Warenna——In Norrepes i lib. ho. Ketelli de xxx ac. t're. ſemp. ii villi. 7. v bord. ſilva de v porc. ſemp. i car. ii ac. p'ti. ii mol. i ecclia de xviii ac. ſemp. val. x ſol.——In Sutreps 7 Norrepes vii lib. ho'es. ii Oſuoldi abbs. v Rachon. de Gimingham, i Oſbti. de xvi ac. 7. h'nt. ii car, ſemp. val. iiii ſol. ecclia xii ac. Tot. ht. dim. leug. in longo, 7. ii per. 7. iiii qr. 7 iiii pedes in lato, 7 de gelto vid. 7 obolu. 7. dim. ferding. et h. tota terra fuit liberat. W. p. i. man. v car. t're.——In Repes ii libi. ho'es Edrici ten. xxx ac. t're. ſemp. ii villi. ii car. 7 iiii bord. ſemp. val. vi ſol.

ways valued at 10s. *per ann.*——In South Repps and in North Repps, 8 free men, 2 of them belonging to Alwold the abbot, 5 to Rachon de Gimingham, and one to Oſbert, were deprived of two carucates, and 16 acres, valued at 40s. with a church, (*viz.* of South Repps) and 12 acres; the whole was half a leuca long, and 2 perches, and 4 furlongs and 4 feet broad, paid *6d. ob.* and half a farthing gelt; and all this land William, Earl Warren, had livery of for one manor, conſiſting of 5 carucates of land.——The ſaid earl had alſo a grant of 39 acres of land, with 2 villains, and 2 carucates with 4 borderers, which 2 free men of Edric held in the reign of King Edward, valued at 6s.

Theſe lordſhips in North and South Repps, were held of the Earl Warren, by the antient family of De Repps, in ſoccage, and were part of the earl's great lordſhip of Gimmingham.

In the 34 of Henry III. Sir Thomas de Repps, knight, was living; and in the 40 of that king, Sir Richard de Plaiz granted to his mother, Alice, then widow of Hugh de Plaiz, certain ſervices with the homage of Sir Thomas de Repps; and in the following year, Sir Robert, ſon of Warin de Suth Repps, diſſeiſed Richer, ſon of John de Thorp, of right of common, in South Repps, for a tenement in Thorp Market.

Edmund de Repps was living in the 52 of Henry III. Ralph de Reppes was bayliff of the manor of Gimmingham, in the 3d of Edward I. In the 14 of that king, Edmund of North-Reppes, conveyed by fine, to Reginald, ſon of John de North Reppes ſeveral meſſuages, and parcels of land, with a mill in theſe towns, &c.

Laurence de Reppes was querent, and John, ſon of Edmund de Repps, impedient of a meſſuage, 50 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 15 of marſh, 50 of heath, and 40s. rent in North and South Repps, &c. ſettled on Laurence in the 30 of Edward I.——Beſides theſe, I find Nicholas Repps to have lands in right of Avelyne his wife, daughter of Mr. Henry de Hemeſby, of Ingworth in Norfolk, given to her by Peter, ſon and heir of Peter de Haubois, in Calthorp, which he loſt by the judgment of the court of North Erpingham-Hundred, about the 30 of Henry III. and Roger de Reppes was witneſs to a deed of Thomas Bigot's confirmation of lands to the priory of St. Croſs, of Bungey, *ſans* date.——Roger de Reppes, Bartholomew de Runhal, &c. gave in 1198, the rectory of Runhale in Norfolk, to the priory of Weſtacre, on condition of being partakers of the prayers of that priory, with Mabel, wife of Roger.——Of moſt of theſe, the pedigree of the family that I have ſeen, makes no mention, but is as here follows.

REPPS

REPPS's PEDIGREE.

Ralph de Repps lived in the reign of King William I.—

Sir Thomas de Repps, *aa.* 34 Henry III.

Bartholomew de Repps—

Warin de Repps— Sir Robert de Repps— Bartholomew—

Richard de Repps—

Ralph de Repps— William— Bartholomew Repps— (1) John 2d. William. Bartholomew.

Ralph de Repps—

(2) Laurence Repps.—Joan (3) Sir Robert Repps—Sibill, daughter and coheir of Laurence Repps.

Sibill, daughter and coheir, married Sir Robert Repps.—Elizabeth, daughter and coheir, married John Wilby.

(4) Nicholas Repps—Agnes Laurence Repps—Margaret. 1 Sir John de Repps eldeſt ſon.

Sir Richard Repps—

(5) Sir John Repps— Catherine, daughter & coheir, married John Marſhall. Alice, dr. and coheir married John Bures.

(6) Sir Henry Repps—Joan, daughter of Sir John Faſtolf.

(7) Henry Repps, Eſq; of Thorp Market.—Ann, daughter of Richard Holditch of Didlington, Eſq; (8) Robert Repps, Eſq;—Margaret.

(9) Henry Repps of Heveningham, Eſq;—Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Jermy, relict of Edi Garneys, Eſq;

2 John, *ob. ſ. p.* 1 Henry Repps, Eſq;—Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Grimſton, of Riſhangles, Eſq; Elizabeth,—Thomas Segrave, gent.

1 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Holland of Swineſhead in Lincolnſhire.—Henry Repps, Eſq; of Mendham, in Suffolk, *ob. ſ. p.*—2 Ann, daughter of John Wootton of Tudenham. Fran. Repps of Wiſbeach, Eſq;—Catherine, daughter of Thomas Lemmar, of Walpole, Norfolk. Ann married Sir William Woodhouſe of Hickling. John R. married Dorothy, daughter of - - Sydner.

Margaret, daughter and coheir of Henry Smith, Eſq;—John Repps, (10) Eſq; of Weſt Walton.—Thomaſine, daughter of Thomas Derham Eſq;

John Repps,— Eſq;

Bridget—John Cawdron, and 2d huſband, William Balden of Iſlington, Norfolk.

Winefride—Sir William Ogard, of Emneth.

Elizabeth—Richard Stanhow, of Bedingfeld, in Suffolk.

Joan—John Richardſon, of Taterſall, Lincolnſhire.

Catherine—Robert Everard of Walpole.

Dorothy, daughter of Sir Chriſtopher Jenney.—Henry Repps, of Weſt Walton, Eſq;—Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Franc. Lovell.

Ann, daughter of Sir Henry Weſton.—1 John Repps, Eſq; of Weſt Walton.—Mary, daughter of Richard Lambert, Eſq; of London. Francis Repps, Eſq; married Jane, daughter of Hump. Guybon, Eſq;

1 Henry Repps, Eſq; died in 1628.—Ann, daughter of Cotterell 2 Weſton

(11) John Repps, Eſq; of Matſale.—Anne, daughter and heir of Nicholas Howlet, D.D. prebend of Norwich.

Henry died *ſ. p.* 2 Mary, daughter of John Leman, gent. *ſ. p.*—Franc. Repps, Eſq;—1 Lucy, daughter of Richard Calibut, gent. of Saham. Nicholas, Rs. D.D. married Jane, dr. of Sir Thomas Willis, bt.

1 John Repps, Eſq; of Salle, died 1723.—Dorothy, daughter and heir of James Fountaine, Eſq; of Salle. 2 Franc. died *ſ. p.*

John Repps, Eſq; of Matſale—Virtue, daughter of James Bordman, Eſq; alderman of Lynn.

1 Frances, daughter and coheir.—James Baldwin rector of Brandon *Parva*, 2 Dorothy,—- - - Schutz, Eſq; ſon of Colonel Schutz. 3 Virtue—married to Edward Hale, Eſq; of Eaſt Derham.

(1) John, ſon of Sir Robert de Repps, granted to Beatrice, his daughter, in marriage to Nicholas, ſon of John Attelound, lands in South Repps, *ſans* date.

(2) Laurence de Repps died ſeiſed of North Repps, Deepham, and Edythorp, in 16 of Edward II. and held this lordſhip in ſoceage, of the Earl Warren, valued at 5*l. per ann.* and the ſervice of 6*s.* 8*d.*

(3) John de Warren, earl of Surry, granted to Robert de Repps, his valet, a parcel of waſte ground in this manor of South Repps, near the meſſuage of Robert, to enlarge it, in the 22d of Edward II.——Laurence de Repps, in the 6th of Edward III. paſſed by fine, to Robert and Sibill his wife, (daughter of Laurence) and Laurence their ſon, the manor of Heſington, in Norfolk. This Sir Robert was living in the 12 of Edward III.

(4) Nicholas Repps was living at South Repps in 1357.

(5) Sir John Repps was living in 1373.

(6) Sir Henry Repps married a Faſtolf, who bore quarterly, or and azure, on a bend, gules, 3 croſs croſſlets, or.

(7) Henry Repps married a Holditch, who bore azure, on a chevron or, 3 pies, proper.

(8) Robert Repps and Margaret, ſold in 1419, to John Stratton of London, mercer, a manor and lands in Weſton by Norwich.

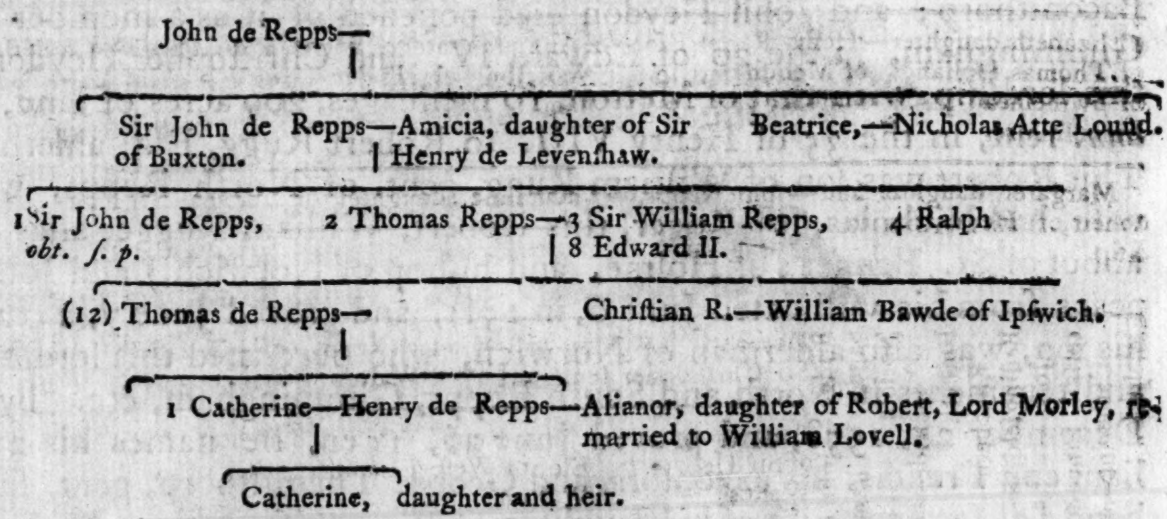
(9) Henry Repps called junior, in 1514.

(10) John Repps, Eſq; lived at Weſt Walton, and was buried there. See in Weſt Walton.

(11) John Repps, Eſq; had Mateſhale eſtate, by his wife. This John had 8 ſons who all died *ſ. p.* but Francis his 5th ſon. Of theſe, &c. ſee in Matſale.

Having thus given an account of the eldeſt branch of the family, I ſhall here add that of the youngeſt, which deſcended from John, 2d ſon of Sir Robert, and brother of Sir Bartholomew de Repps.

A PEDIGREE of the younger Branch of the REPPS.


John de Repps—
Sir John de Repps—Amicia, daughter of Sir Henry de Levenſhaw.
of Buxton.
Beatrice,—Nicholas Atte Lound.
1 Sir John de Repps, *obt. ſ. p.*
2 Thomas Repps—
3 Sir William Repps, 8 Edward II.
4 Ralph
(12) Thomas de Repps—
Chriſtian R.—William Bawde of Ipſwich.
1 Catherine—Henry de Repps—Alianor, daughter of Robert, Lord Morley, re
married to William Lovell.
Catherine, daughter and heir.

Sir John de Repps made his will in the 47 year of King Edward III. at Norwich, wherein he gives to the Lady Alice his daughter, the 3d part of his manor of Thorp-Market; and to John de Plumſted, his grandſon, his tenements in Shipden and Cromer, with the mill, villains, &c. on condition that he made no claim to any other of his poſſeſſions; and to the daughter of John de Plumſtede, 40*s.* to the nunnery of Bruſyerd one of his cups; and to John Launey a cup called Blakebolle, with a ſilver cover, that 4*l.* be laid out to pray for his ſoul; to Beatrix, his ſiſter, 10 marks; to Cecilia de Hedyrſet 20*s.* that on his burial there be ———— 5 tapers, and 6 torches of wax, each of the weight of 5 pound, and that 40*s.* in bread be diſtributed to the poor of Norwich, and more if neceſſary; that every brother of the convent of Grey Friers have 12*d.* the nunnery of Crabhouſe half a mark; the nuns at Thetford 20*s.* and thoſe of Redelingfeld two marks.

By this it appears, that this Sir John died without iſſue male; Alice, his daughter, is ſaid to have married Sir John de Redyſham, and alſo Clement de Plumſtede, John de Plomſtede being called his nepos or grand ſon; and by Redeſham ſhe had a daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married to Sir John Heveningham, as appears from their pedigree. Sir John was buried in the priory of Grey Friers, of Norwich, in 1373; he alſo gave 5 marks for an annual, for the ſoul of Florence de Plumſted, probably his wife; 20*s.* to South Repps altar; 26*s.* 8*d.* to that of St. Olaves. Alice his daughter, relict then of Sir Edmund de Redeſham, was one of his executors. So that this Sir John de Repps ſeems to be the eldeſt ſon of Sir Robert de Repps, by Sybill his wife, and dying without iſſue male, the inheritance came to Laurence his brother. There was alſo a Sir John de Repps who died, as by the eſcheat rolls, in the time of Edward I. and John de Repps, junior, his ſon, had an intereſt then in the manor of Town-Berningham, in right of —— his wife, deceaſed, who was widow of Curſon, lord of that manor in Edward III's. reign.

(12) Thomas de Repps was one of the commiſſioners of ſewers for the banks, &c. between Wigenhale, Terington, Lenne, and to levy money for their repair in the 2d of Edward III.

In the 7 of Richard II. John Marſhall, and Catherine his wife, and John Bures, and Alice his wife, the daughters and coheirs of Sir Richard Repps, had each a moiety of North Repps manor——Joan, the wife of Sir John Herling, having her thirds herein. This Joan was probably the relict of Sir Richard Repps, and was then held of the dutchy of Lancaſter, into which it came on the death of John, Earl Warren, in the reign of Edward III. and in the 4 of Henry IV. John de Bures, (ſon and heir of John de Bures, and Alice his wife,) releaſed all his right of his moiety to his feoffees.

John Reppys, of Heryngflete, orders his body by will, dated September 23, 1473, and proved in December following, to be buried in the chancel of Herynflete, St. Margaret: [b] gives 2 acres of land to that church; to John his ſon, 20 marks; and 20 to his ſons Nicholas, William and Thomas; Alice his wife, to have her 3d part of the manors of Thorp-Market and South Repps, for life; remainder to Henry his ſon, intail.

The manor of North Repps came, in the reign of Henry VI. to the Heydons of Baconſthorp; and John Heydon died poſſeſſed of it as a member of the manor of Gimmingham, in the 20 of Edward IV. and Chriſtopher Heydon, Eſq; conveyed this lordſhip, with that of Metton, 10 meſſuages, 200 acres of land, &c. and 10*l. per ann.* rent, in the 35 of Henry VIII. to Robert Rugg, Eſq; alderman of Norwich. This Robert was ſon of William Rugg, gent. of North Repps, who by Agnes his wife, had Nicholas, [c] Roger, this Robert, William Rugge, alias Repps, (who was abbot of St. Bennet's of Holme, and biſhop of Norwich,) and John his ſons, as appears from his will dated June 6, in 1511, and proved June 7, 1512. Robert Rugg his ſon, was alſo alderman of Norwich, who purchaſed this lordſhip, had alſo lands and tenements in North and South Repps, Gimmingham, &c. by his will, dated December 24, 1558, and proved June 26, 1559, he names his 2 eldeſt ſons, William and Francis, his executors, and George Themilthorp, gent. ſuperviſor, the huſband [d] (as I take it) of his daughter; ——— alſo Robert his ſon, archdeacon of Suffolk, and Alice his wife. Robert Rugg, alderman of Norwich, and lord here, married, as I take it, Alice, daughter of ——— Wayte, relict of William Hare, Eſq; of Beeſton.

William Rugge, Eſq; was lord in 1572, and married Thomaſine, daughter of Sir Robert Townſend, of Guieſt, &c. relict of William Curſon, of Beckhall and Billingford.

Thomas Rugge, gent. in or about 1660, mortgaged it, with the manor of Hardingham, &c. to Robert Clayton, Eſq, afterwards a knight, and lord mayor of London.

The arms of perſons abovementioned.——Repps, who bore ermine, 3 chevronels, ſable; creſt on a ducal coronet, between 2 wings, a plume of feathers.——Levyſhawe, 5 fuſils in feſs, between 3 eſcallops. ——Faſtolf, quarterly, or and azure, on a bend, gules, 3 croſs croſſlets of the firſt.——Grimſton, argent, on a feſs, ſable, 3 eſtoils, or.————Wotton, gules, a chevron between 2 croſſes, formy in chief, and an annulet in baſe, argent.——Woodhouſe, quarterly, in firſt and 4, ermine, in 2d and 3d, azure, a leopard's face, or.——Sydner, a feſs, nebuly between 3 creſcents, each charged with a lys, ——Holland, per pale, indented, or and gules ;. in the church of Mendham, in Suffolk, Repps impaling Holland thus, was to be ſeen there.——Smith, or, a bend, azure, between 3 trefoils, vert.——Everard, gules, a feſs, nebuly, between 3 eſtoils, or.——Balden, p feſs, gules and vert, 3 ſwans, proper.——Lambert, argent on a bend ingrailed, ſable, between 2 lions rampant, gules, 3 annulets, or.—Weſton, ermine, on a chief, azure, 5 bezants.—Rugg, gules, a chevron ingrailed between 3 mullets, pierced, argent—Creſt, a plume of oſtrich's feathers.

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[b] Reg. Hubert, Norw. fol. 22.

[c] Reg. Johnſon Norw.

[d] Reg. Colman Norw.

The nunnery of Bruſyerd in Suffolk, had alſo a lordſhip in South Repps, which on its diſſolution was granted to Nicholas Hare, Eſq; on March 9, in the 30 of Henry VIII .and in the 33 of that king he had licenſe to alien it to Sir John Greſham, with meſſuages, &c. in North and South Repps, Cromer, &c.—Sir Richard Greſham conveyed it September 7, in the 12 of King James I. to Robert Blofield.——Robert Blofield, and Elizabeth his wife, ſold it in the next year to Ralph Hartſtong, gent. Sir Standiſh Harſtonge, baronet, of Ireland, and chief baron of the exchequer in King Charles II's. reign, poſſeſſed it, who by a daughter of Francis Jenney, of Gunton, had Francis his eldeſt ſon.

Ralph Hartſtong died April 17, 1634, and left by Thomaſine his wife, Francis, who married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Standiſh, father of Sir Standiſh, and John, a biſhop in Ireland.

I find the rent of aſſiſe of this lordſhip, to have been 17*s.* 11*d.* *ob.*

The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* The temporalities of Bromholm priory 14*s.* 11*d.* *ob.* of the ſacriſt of St. Edmund of Bury, 6*s.* 10*d.* *ob.* *q.*

The jury in the 15 of Edward I. preſent that King Richard I. uſed to receive a mark yearly, out of certain tenements in North Repps, Plumſted, Matelaſke and Antingham, and the ſaid king gave the rent to the abby of Bury, to find one wax candle burning before the ſhrine of St. Edmund, and the jury teſtify that a wax candle was at that time there burning.

[*e*] William de Scohics had at the ſurvey a free man of Earl Guert, whom Arduin held when Earl Ralph forfeited, and Quintinus held this of William, and calls on Robert Blund, who gave him livery ; to him belonged 30 acres of land, one villain, one borderer, one acre and a carucate of meadow, valued formerly at 11*s.* at the ſurvey at 10*s.* This was after in the Earl Warren.

North Repps church is a rectory dedicated to St. Mary, and was always in the patronage of the Earls Warren and Surry. In the reign of Edward I. the rector is ſaid to have edifices and 4 acres of land. The valor was 30 marks. Peter-pence 13*d.* *ob.* The preſent valor is 18*l.* and pays firſt fruits, &c. In the fourth year of Edward II. John de Warren, earl of Surry, granted a meſſuage, with 4 acres and an half of land, to the rector and his ſucceſſors.

RECTORS.

William de Rolleſby occurs rector in the 22 of Edward II.——1315, William de Cuſancia inſtituted, preſented by the Earl Warren and Surry: of the great preferment ſpiritual and temporal that this William held, ſee Newcourt's Repertor. Vol. I. p. 220.——Peter de Cuſancia, ditto.——1378, Gregory de Stanford, by John, Duke of Lancaſter. On the death of John, laſt Earl Warren, &c. this lordſhip, &c. came by his ſettlement to the Lancaſter family, and ſo to the crown, being part of the dutchy of Lancaſter at this day.——1385, Mr. William de Aſhford, ditto.——1390, Henry Spicer, ditto.—1390, John Longeville,† by John, King of Caſtile, &c.

1395,

[*e*] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Repes ten Gert. t. r. e. i lib'u ho'em. 7. Arduinus ten qu'do. Radulf. foriſfecit mo. tenet Quintinus de Willo. 7. revocat liberate Rotb. Blundu' xxx ac. t're. ſep. i vill. 7. i bor. 7. i ac. p'ti. 7. i car. tc. val. xi ſol. 7 mo. x.

† Longeville had the prebend of Axford, in the church of Sarum, and that of Bedford Major in the church of Lincoln, and died 1426.

——1395, Mr. Thomas Bryghtwell, S.T.P. ditto; he was prebend of Holborn, in the church of St. Paul's, London, in 1386.

1476, Robert Aſpatre, by the queen.——1484, Hugh Lovered, by the king. 1493, Peter Greves, ditto, prebend of Offley in the church of Litchfield.

1519, Mr. Thomas Greſham, by the king, chancellor of Litchfield, 1535.——1559, Jeffrey Turner, by the queen.——1578, Richard Blake, ditto.——1583, William Bennet, ditto.——1583, Libertus Alman.

In 1603, Andrew Carr was rector, and returned 160 communicants.

Edward Corbet rector, compounded for his firſt fruits May 11, 1636; the patronage is in the chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter.——Richard Heyrick, ſon of Sir William Heyrick, died rector, and in 1667, warden of Mancheſter college.

Benjamin Beck, A.M. rector, and prebend of Norwich, 1708.

1729, Charles Stokes, by the king.——1736,——Thomas Wilſon, ditto.

On a graveſtone in the church——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Robt. Ward et Marthe, uxor.* 1463.

Orate p. &c. Robt. Sley; 1482.——On the ſcreen——*Orate p. &c. Johs. Playford, et Kather. uxor. et p. omnib; benefactorib; ſuis.*

The town takes its name from a brook that runs here; thus Repham in Norfolk; Repton, and Repington in Derbyſhire, &c.

The church of South Repps is dedicated to St. James, and is a rectory, and had the ſame patrons as North Repps. John, Earl Warren, was lord in the reign of Edward I. the rector had then a manſe with 12 acres of land; it was valued at 24 marks, paid Peter-pence, 3*d*. The preſent valor is 16*l*. and pays firſt fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

In 22 of Edward I. William de Rolleſby occurs rector.——1317, John de Wyſet was inſtituted, preſented by John, Earl Warren, &c.——1323, John de Cuſancia, by the king.——1324, William de Cuſantia, by John, Earl Warren.——Oliver de Wyſet, in 1327, occurs rector.——1328, John de Langeburgh, by John, Earl Warren.——1339, John de Helpeſton, ditto.——1377, Adam Pope, by John, King of Caſtile.——1390, William Frere, ditto.

1421, John Holbrook, by the king; he was maſter of St. Peter's college in Cambridge.——1437, Robert Cherbury, by Henry, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, feoffee of King Henry V. deceaſed.——1454, Richard Bower, by the king.——1471, Mr. John Talwyn, by the queen.——1488, William Hales, by Margaret, Counteſs of Richmond.——Richard Goodman rector.

1515, Thomas Greſham, by the king.——1558, John Wilſon, by the king and queen.——1588, Samuel Otes: he was chaplain to the Lord Chief Juſtice Hobert, and preſented by the queen.

Edmund Pendleton rector in 1620.——John Dawſon in 1635.——George Downham, in 1638.——Ed. Broome, 1647.

Wormley Martin, junior, in 1716, on the deprivation of W. Martin, ſenior.——1756, John Ellis, by the king, as chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

The temporalities of Caſtleacre priory were 15*s*. The tenths, 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. Deducted 1*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.

John Herward of this town, gent. buried here in 1524.

ROUGHTON.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had by a grant of the Conqueror, a [a] lordſhip in this town, held by 2 free men under Withri, who was expelled on the conqueſt; it contained 30 acres of land, &c. half an acre of meadow, valued then at 5*s*. at the ſurvey at 10*s*. and 8*d*. and Edric alſo, (who was deprived)

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Ruſtuna ten. Withri t. r. e. ii lib'os ho'es. de xxx ac. t're. ſilva ad ii

deprived) had a free man with 3 acres; who could not leave it without the licenſe of Edric, but theſe men Robert Malet laid claim to.

Part of this town was a beruite to Roger Bigot's lordſhip of Hanworth; to this there belonged 2 villains, 8 borderers, one ſervus, one carucate of land in demean, and half a one among the tenants, with 3 acres of meadow.

Roger de Glanville, who married Gundreda de Warren, relict of Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, had an intereſt in this lordſhip in the reign of King Henry II. when he and his lady, Gundreda, on their founding the nunnery of Bungey, in Suffolk, gave the patronage of this rectory to them, which was alſo appropriated to them; and in the firſt of King John, Gundreda, widow of Roger, demanded her dower herein, of Robert Creke, and he called to warrant Agnes his wife, whoſe inheritance it was, ſhe being a daughter and heireſs of Glanvile; and in the 9 of that king, an aſſiſe was brought to find if Roger, brother of Robert de Glanville, was ſeiſed of a carucate of land here, which William de Eggefeld held, who called to warrant the earl, Roger Bigot, the capital lord.

In the 16 of Edward I. Agnes, widow of Thomas de Grimſton, held Roughton manor of Robert de Valoines, in free marriage by the 8th part of a fee, and this Robert was her ſon and heir. In the 5 of Edward II. Sir Robert de Ufford, and Cecilia his wife, ſettled it in tail on William, their ſon and heir, which Cecilia was daughter and heir of Robert de Valoines. Cecilia in the 10 of Edward II. then a widow, by her deed, dated here on Saturday after the feaſt of St. Botolph, the abbot, covenants with the abbot of Coxford, reciting, That whereas the abbot and convent held the water mill of Thorp Market, with the pond, pool and cauſeway, ſituate in Thorp and in Roughton, and had by the grant of her anceſtors, free augmentation of water upon her land in Roughton, by certain bounds on the weſt head of the pool and cauſeway, to mend the bank, paying 7*s.* *per ann.* as appears by a fine levied; and there being then a controverſy between her and the prior, for the herbage growing on the pool, the cauſeway, and the fiſhing of the pool; ſhe for the ſoul's health of Sir Robert, her late huſband, releaſes to the prior and his ſucceſſors, all her right in the herbage and ſoil, within certain bounds then ſet out, ſaving for herſelf and tenants, a free way over the cauſeway, the herbage thereof, and liberty to make a bar, to prohibit carts going, but the prior's cart to go freely; and if the water in the pool ſhould riſe higher than it ought, her miller to have liberty to let the water out; and if her cattle went within the bounds, they were not to be impounded, but to be drove away;——witneſſes Sir John de Thorp, Sir Richard de Weyland, William de Peyvere, John, ſon of John de Repps, &c.

In the 16 of Edward II. the ſaid lady ſettled it on Edmund de Ufford, her youngeſt ſon; and Sir Edmund de Ufford had free warren in his demean lands here, in the 6 of Edward III. On the death of Sir Edmund *ſ. p.* it came to the earl of Suffolk; William Ufford, being lord in the 43 of that king, and leaving his 3 ſiſters coheirs; Catherine, the eldeſt, brought it by marriage to Sir John Willoughby, Lord Willoughby of Ereſby; William, Lord Willoughby, died ſeiſed of it and of Edgfield in Norfolk, in the 11 of Henry IV. and Robert was his ſon and heir. In this family it continued till, on the death of William, Lord Willoughby, in the 18 of Henry VIII. it came to his daughter and heir, Catherine, who had livery of it, in the 26th of that king, and brought it by marriage to Robert Bertue, Eſq; whoſe ſon, Peregrine, on the death of his mother, had ſummons to parliament, as Lord Willoughby of Ereſby. Of theſe lords ſee in Edgfield.

After this, Richard Stubbs is ſaid to have held it.

In the 16 of James I. Robert Claphamſon had a *præcipe* to deliver the manor of Roughton to Henry Faucet, gent. and John Faucet was found to die ſeiſed of it, October 10, 1625; he had by Jane, his wife, a ſon and heir, William, who died a minor the following year, ſo that his 2 ſiſters, Anne and Elizabeth, were his heirs, who both died *ſ. p.* about 1633.

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por. dim. ac. p'ti. tc. 7. p. val. v ſol. mo. x. 7. viii*d.* hic ten. Edricus i liberu' hoe. iii ac. q. n. pot'ant. recede ſine licentia Edric. ſ. ho'es. Robts. Malet calumpniatur.——Adjacet (viz. Hanworth) i beruita Roſtuna i car. t're. ſemp. ii vill. 7. viii bord. 7. i ſerv. ſemp. i car. in d'nio. 7. i car. 7 dim. hom. iii ac. p'ti.

Giles Tenant, councellor at law, was lord in 1694; and James Tenant ſold it to Mr. Richard Kett, wool-comber of Norwich, a quaker, in which family it continues.

HALES HALL.

SIR ROGER DE HALES held here and in Metton, one fee of the earl of Norfolk, in the firſt of Edward I. and Sir John de Hales was lord in the reign of Edward III.

John Sampſon held it in right of his wife, in the 11 of Henry VI. Elianore Jenney, widow of Sir William Jenney, daughter of Sampſon, died poſſeſſed of it in 1494. After that it was ſold to the Heydons, and Chriſtopher Heydon, Eſq; in the 35 of Henry VIII. conveyed it to Robert Rugg, Eſq; from them it came to —— Herne, of Heverland, and Clement Herne was lord in 1690.

The tenths were 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

* Beſides the lordſhips abovementioned, Robert, Earl of Morton, brother to the Conqueror by the mother's ſide, and made earl of Cornwall by him, had the grant of a lordſhip here, of which Ulnoth, a younger ſon of Earl Goodwin, and brother to King Harold, was deprived; conſiſting of a carucate of land, 2 villains, and the moiety of another, and 5 borderers, one carucate in demean, with one and an half among the tenants, &c. 2 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. 20 ſheep and 12 goats, always valued at 20*s.* it was 9 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 10*d.* ½. gelt.

The ſaid earl had only another manor in this county, Clare in Tunſted-Hundred. His ſon William, rebelling againſt King Henry I. was deprived of theſe and his earldom; and this lordſhip, (as I take it) was then granted to Roger Bigot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, and ſo united, as it ſeems, to the other lordſhips.

Pauline Peyvere, one of the king's juſtices, was lord of a manor in this town, *ao.* 33, Henry III. and that family had an intereſt here in the reign of Edward II. See in Thorp Market.

The church of Roughton was a rectory, valued at 18 marks, which being granted to the nunnery of Bungey by Roger de Glanville, and the Lady Gundreda his wiſe, it was appropriated to that convent; the ſaid convent was found to hold it, and to be patrons of the vicarage which was founded on the appropriation of it, in the reign of King Edward I. when the vicar had a manſe with 24 acres of land; the impropriate rectory had alſo a manſe, but no lands, the vicarage being then valued at 2 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 9*d.* The preſent valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* The church is dedicated to St. Mary.

VICARS.

1320, Adam Wombe inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prioreſs and convent of Bungeye.——1329, Nicholas de Banyngham, ditto.——1333, Richard Hermer, ditto.——1334, Mr. John de Roughton.——1345, Richard Wade.——1349, John le Deen.——1349, Thomas Godknap, ditto.——1355, Simon Cary, ditto.——1379, Henry Barfoot, ditto.——1381, John Swetman.——1385, William Atte Chirch.——1399, Robert Tulby.——Richard, ſon of Walter Parſon of Walpole, rector.

1402, John Dynnyngton.——1408, Richard Joſeph.——1409, Thomas Hogun.——1410, John Knot.——1420, John Pyttock.——1422, Thomas Pope.——1430, Thomas Egleſden.——1434, Nicholas Man.——1438, Walter Wellys.——1438, William Barber.——1443, John Borell.——1446, William Barbour.——1472, John Cantall, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1476, Henry Lucas.——1485, John Biſhop.——1490, Richard Mooke.

1508, Roger Dawſon.——1540, William Mepall, by Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk; on December 28, in the 29 of Henry VIII. this duke had a grant of this impropriate rectory, and the patronage of the vicarage from the king, with all the manors, tenements, and lands in the county of Norfolk, belonging to the priory of Bungey, and the advouſon of the church of Redenhale.——Pagwine Browne.——1570, Edward Read, by Edward Clere, Eſq;——1580, James Perſon, by Lancelot Brown, M.D.——1584, Bernard Hargar, by Philip, Earl of Arundel; in 1603, he returned 94 communicants.

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* Tere Comitis R. de Mauritanio.—In Ruſtuna ten. Ulnoth t. r. e. i car. t're. ſep. ii vill. 7 dim. 7. v bor. 7. i car. in d'nio. 7. i car. 7 dim. hou'. ſilva viii porc. 7. ii ac. p'ti. ſep. i mol. tc. i. r. 7 mo. 7. iii an. tc. v porc. 7 mo. xx ov. 7. xii cap. ſep. val. xx ſol. 7. ht. ix quar. in long. 7. x in lato. 7. x*d.* 7 obolu'. in gelto.

1603, William Fleming.

Michael Frere, died rector, 1719, preſented by the biſhop of Ely.——1719, Joſeph Hogun, by the biſhop of Ely.——1746, Edward Hawkins, ditto.——1747, Allen Aldhouſe, ditto.

In the church——*Hic jacet corpus Jac. Tenant gen. filij Johs. Tenant de Nealſing in com. Eborac. gen. qui obt. Feb.* 9, 1668, *ao. ætat.* 71.—*Hic jacet corpus Janæ uxor. Jaci. Tenant. filiæ Rob. Faldo de Northmins in com. Hertf. quæ obt.* 4 *Nov.* 1678, *ao. ætat.* 76.—William Hogan buried here in 1551.

Here were the guilds of All Saints and the Holy Ghoſt.

RUNTON.

ROGER Bigot had, at the conqueſt, livery of a free man, with 30 acres of land, who held it under bond in King Edward's reign: at the ſurvey, 2 free men, 5 villains, [a] and 2 borderers, and one carucate of land belonged to it, and an acre of meadow, paunage for 4 ſwine; valued in King Edward's time, &c. at 8*s.* and had been after let at 20*s.* but it could not be paid; ſo that at the ſurvey it was let at 15*s. per ann.*

FELBRIGG's-MANOR.

IN the 4 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Mary de Merlai, petent in dower, and Richard de Felbrigg tenant, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in Felbrig, and 40*s.* in land in this town, with which William de Felbrigg, (ſon and heir of Richard) late huſband of the ſaid Mary, endowed her, with the conſent of his father; and Richard grants the rents and ſervices of ſeveral perſons, and 13 acres of land in Runton, which Jeffrey le Neve held, together with the ſaid Jeffrey, and his poſterity, to Mary and her heirs for ever, paying a rent; and ſhe releaſed all her right in the reſidue of the inheritance. In the 24 of Henry III. Nigel de London, and Clementia his wiſe, convey to John de Merlai the 5th part of the advouſon of the church of Runton, and lands there, to be held of Nigel and Clementia, and her heirs.

On the death of Richard de Felbrigg, his inheritance came to his daughter and heir, Maud, who married Sir Simon le Bigot, 3d ſon of Hugh Bigot, earl of Norfolk; and in the 56 of Henry III. is was agreed between the ſaid Maud, and her ſon Roger, and Roger the prior of Beeſton, that the prior and they ſhould preſent alternately to this church.

In this family it continued till the death of Sir Simon Felbrigg, in 1443; after this, it was ſold by Tho. Lord Scales, one of his truſtees, to John Wymondham, Eſq; as may be ſeen in Felbrigg, and it remains in the deſcendants of the ſaid John; Aſh Wymondham, Eſq; being late lord in 1740, and patron, as was his ſon, William Wymondham, Eſq; who died in 1761, leaving his ſon and heir a minor.

BEESTON.

[a] Terrra Rogeri Bigoti——In Runetuna i lib'um. ho'em. tenuit. Bundo t. r. e. de xxx ac. t're. lib'atus fuit p. uno lib'o. ſ; mo. tenent ii lib. v villi. et ii bor. ſemp. i car. ſilv. ad iiii por. i ac. p'ti. te. 7. p. val. viii ſol. fuit. p. xx ſol ſ; n. potuit redde. 7 ideo e. mo. p. xv.

BEESTON-PRIORY MANOR.

OF this priory and its foundation ſee at large in Beeſton-Regis. In the 15 of Edward I. the prior claimed wreck at ſea, on his lands in this town, aſſiſe of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, which he held of the earls of Norfolk.

At the diſſolution it was granted by King Henry VIII. in his 37 year, to Sir Edmund Wynham, and ſo was united to the manor of Felbrigg. Their temporalities here in 1428, were valued at 5*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* *ob.* *q.*

Pauline Peyvere had alſo a ſmall fee or lordſhip in the reign of Henry III. and William his ſon, claimed in the 3d of Edward I. aſſiſe of bread and beer, and other liberties as in his manor of Thorp Market. This afterwards was given to the priory of Beeſton, and ſo came to the Windhams on its diſſolution, and was held of the earls of Norfolk.

William de Scohies or Eſcois, had a lordſhip which Ingulf held under him at the ſurvey, of which Turkel, lord in the Confeſſor's time, had been deprived, conſiſting of a [b] carucate of land, 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. 60 ſheep, and 5 ſocmen had 15 acres of land, with half a carucate, then valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* and a church with 6 acres, all meaſured in Beeſton.

The antient family of De Norfolk was enfeoffed of this; Gilbert de Norfolk, the laſt of the family, died poſſeſſed of it, and left 5 daughters and coheirs, (as may be ſeen in Beeſton-Regis) who inherited it.

It after came in part, by one of theſe daughters, to Roger de Felbrigg, and ſo to Richard de Felbrigg and William his ſon, who dying *ſans* iſſue, Maud, his ſiſter, brought it by marriage to Sir Simon Le Bigot, whoſe heirs changed their name to Felbrigg, and on Sir Simon de Felbrigg's death, came as is above obſerved, to John Wymondham; and in 1740, his immediate deſcendant, Aſh Windham, Eſq; was lord, and his ſon, William, died ſeiſed of it 1761, &c.

Hugh de Montfort had alſo a lordſhip, of which Bond, a free man, [c] was deprived: there belonged to it a carucate of land and 12 borderers, a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, with one acre and an half of meadow, one runcus, 5 cows, &c. 20 ſheep, and 8 ſocmen, with 24 acres of land, and a carucate, valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.*

In the 9 of King John, Hubert de Burgh purchaſed of Roger de Burnham, and Julian, his wife, William de Noiers, Robert Fitz Ralph, and Alice his wife, and Robert de Utlagh, their ſeveral nine parts of two knights fees in Runton, and Beeſton, and Hindringham, for which they paid caſtle guard to Dover.

Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, poſſeſſed it in the 3 of Edward I. and had wreck at ſea, &c. who with Alice his wife, gave it in the 13 of that king, with the advouſon of the church, to William, ſon and heir apparent of John, Earl Warren, on his marriage with Joan, their daughter; and in the 9 of Edward II. the Earl Warren was lord. See in Beeſton.

The tenths were 3*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 10*s.*

The temporalities of Coxford priory were 10*s.* Of Bromholm, 5*s.* 7. and of Beeſton, 5*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* *ob.* *q.* The town is called Runton by the ſea, and Eaſt Runton.

Run is the name of a river; thus, Runwell in Eſſex; Runwick in Glouceſterſhire; Runham and Runhall in Norfolk.

The church is a rectory, dedicated, as ſaid, to the Trinity. Ancient valor 26 marks. Peter-pence 6*d.* In the reign of King Edward the rector had a manſe with 22 acres of land; and the prior of Bromholm a portion of tithe valued at 2 marks. The preſent valor is 10*l.* and is diſcharged.

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[b] Terra Willi de Scohies——In Runetune tenet ide' i car. t're. ſep. x bor. 7. i car. in d'nio. 7. i car. ho'um. ſilv. ad x por. mo. vii por. mo. lx. ovs. 7. v ſoc de xv ac. t're. ſep. dim. car. tc. val. xxſol. mo. xl. i ecclia vi ac. 7. ſ. m'ſurata in beſetuna.

[c] Terra Hug. de Monteforti.——In Rugutune ten. ide' Hugo q. ten. Bundo i lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. t're. ſep. xii bor. ſep. i car. in d'nio 7 dim. car. hou' ſilva ad xii por. i ac. 7 dim. p'ti. ſep. i. r. tc. v aul. 7 mo. iii. tc. v por. mo. vii. tc. xx ovs mo. xv. 7. viii ſoc. de xxiiii ac. t're. ſep. i car. tc. 7. p. val. xx ſol mo. xxx.

RECTORS.

In 1300, Robert Bigod inſtituted rector, preſented by the prior of Beeſton.——1312, John de Wy, by Simon Felbrigg,——1325, Nicholas Mareys, by the prior; the prior and the lord of Felbrigg preſented alternately.——1376, Robert Stulle, by the prior.

Thomas Makk rector, 1428.

William Fleming rector.——John Firmery rector, ſucceeded about 1590.——William Clapham, rector in 1603, returned 153 communicants.

Roger Flynt, died rector, 1675; ſee Blomfield's Hiſtory of Norfolk, vol. 2. p. 723.

Thomas Smith occurs rector, 1683.

James Banfield rector, died 1743; and Ellis Bullemer was preſented by Aſh Windham, Eſq;——1746, John Ellis, ditto.

The church has a nave and 2 iſles, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled.——

In the church the arms of Felbrigg;——Albiny, Earl of Arundel, and Walcot.

SHERINGHAM.

SEIAR BAR [a] was lord of this village at the conqueſt, who being deprived, it was granted by King William I. to William de Scohies, or Eſcois, a Norman lord, who held it at the ſurvey with 3 carucates of land, 10 villains, 12 borderers, 6 ſervi, 3 carucates in demean, and 4 amongſt the tenants, paunage for 160 ſwine, and 4 acres of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, 60 goats; and one ſocman had 12 acres of land, always valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* with a church endowed with 15 acres, valued at 3*s.*——It was one leuca or league long, and one broad, and paid eleven pence ½ gelt.

William de Scohies conveyed it to Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, who on his founding the abbey of Notley, in that county, gave the church here to it, on the death of his ſon, Earl Walter the 2d, who died *ſans* iſſue; King Henry II. granted this town in his 2d year, as an eſcheat, to Richard de Humet, or Humee, with the lordſhip of Stamford in Lincolnſhire. Richard was that king's conſtable of Normandy, cofounder of Aulnay-Abby there; in 9 of that king, one of the pledges in a 100 marks, on a league between the king and Theodorick, Earl of Flanders. In 1164, he entered into Bretagne in France, took ſeveral places, and is called by Lobineaux [b] in his hiſtory, Earl of Humiers. By Agnes his wife, daughter and heir of Jordan de Say, he left William his ſon and heir, and in 1181, died a monk of Aulnay.

The ſaid king by patent, *ſans* date, granted to William his ſon, the aforeſaid conſtableſhip, with that of Stamford, thoſe of Keton, and Dudington in Northamptonſhire; Wadon, Wichendon, and Riſingburgh in Bucks;——Witneſſes, R. biſhop of Wincheſter, H. biſhop of Baieux, Nichol the chaplain, Walter Fitz-Robert, Ralph de Glanvil, Hugh de Creſſi, &c. dated at Caen in Normandy.

King Richard I. confirmed it to him by patent, dated June 21, in his firſt year;——witneſſes, Godfrey, biſhop of Wincheſter, Hugh, biſhop of Cheſter, William Fitz-Ralph, ſeneſchall of Normandy, Pagan de Rocheſter, ſeneſchall of Anjou, &c. dated at Tours, under the hand of John de Alencon, archdeacon of Lyſieaux, the king's vice chamberlain.

In the 7 of King John, this lordſhip deſcended to John de Humet, who then gave the king 100*l.* and a palfrey, to have ſeiſin of his lands in England, which the king had taken into his hands, by reaſon of the war in Normandy.

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[a] Terra Willi. de Scohies.——Silingeham ten. Sciardus Bar t. r. e. iii car. t're. ſep. x villi. 7. xii bor. tc. vi ſer. p. 7 mo. v. tc. iii car. in d'nio. p. 7. mo. ii. tc. iiii car. ho'um. p. 7. mo. ii. tc. ſilv. ad clx por. mo. ad c. iiii ac. p'ti. ſep. i. r. 7. ii an. tc. v por. mo. xv. tc. lx cap. mo. l. 7. i ſoc. de xii ac. t're. ſemp. val. iiii lib. i eccla. xv ac. 7 val. iiii ſol. 7. ht. i leug. in long. 7. i in lato, 7 de gelto xi*d.* 7 obolu'.

[b] Neuſtria pia 758.—Lobineau vol. 1. p. 154.

In the 7 year of King Henry III. a writ was ſent by the king to the ſheriff of Norfolk, to give poſſeſſion to Richard de Grey, of Codnor in Derbyſhire, and Lucia his wife, of all the lands which John de Humet her father, (whoſe heir ſhe was) held in *capite*; and that if he had ſeized any land after the death of John, he would reſtore it; and likewiſe to enquire diligently by lawful men of the county, what land the ſaid John held in *capite*, in his baily-wick, &c. and to return the inquiſition to Hubert de Burgo, chief juſtice of England, under his own ſeal, and the ſeals of the jurors;——witneſs, the king, at Woodſtock, March 18. This ſeems, as if at this time there was no officer, as feodary or eſcheator in any county; but that the king's chief juſtice had the juriſdiction over the king's wards, perhaps with the barons of the exchequer, and the ſheriff of the county, who acted in this affair, and had the cuſtody of the lands. This Richard had a charter for free warren, of a weekly mercate on [b] Thurſday, and of a fair for 2 days on the eve and the feaſt of the Aſcenſion; alſo at Thurrock in Eſſex, and Elesford in Kent, in the 23 of Henry III. The jury, in the 56 of that king, find John de Grey to die poſſeſſed of it, being part of the barony of Gifford, and held of the king's manor of Ayleſham, by the payment of 12*d. per ann.* on the gule, (1ſt) of Auguſt, and that Henry was his ſon and heir, who in the 18 of Edward I. recovered damages, (and the king his forfeitures) againſt William de Waborne, for taking 3 hares in his lordſhip of Sheringham; he was found to die lord in the 2d of Edward II. and by his will, made in the foregoing year, was buried in the Carmelite Friers church, of Eleſham in Kent; he ordered his horſe †to go before his herſe; gives to thoſe friers 40*l.* his croſs to Richard, and his diamond to Nicholas, his ſons; legacies to the cathedrals of Lincoln and Litchfield, and to ſeveral convents; this manor then valued at 26*l. per ann.* and the lord claimed wreck at ſea, a gallows, &c.

Richard de Grey was lord in the 4 of Edward III. and had a charter for a fair on the eve and the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, and a mercate on Thurſday; and in the 13 of that king, Sir John de Grey, ſon of Richard, conveyed it to Sir Richard Willoughby, of Wollaton in Nottinghamſhire, who married Joan, his ſiſter; and Sir Richard died ſeiſed of it in the 36 of the ſaid reign.

How this after paſſed I have not found; probably it came to the family of Baſſet, who had antiently an intereſt in the town; Philip Baſſet had a charter of free warren in the 37 of Henry III. and in the 44 of that king it was found that he and Richard de Grey, had ſeveral liberties in Sheringham. In the Baſſets it continued till iſſue male failing in Ralph, Lord Baſſet, of Drayton; in the reign of Richard II. it came to the Staffords, earls of Stafford, in right of Margaret, daughter of Ralph, Lord Baſſet, who married Edmund de Stafford, in the reign of Edward I.

Edmund, Earl of Stafford, who was ſlain at the battle of Shrewſbury, in the 4 Henry IV. poſſeſſed it, and in this family this lordſhip continued till by the attainder of Edward Stafford, duke of Bucks, it eſcheated to King Henry VIII. and was granted by him to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk. In the 14 of that king it was valued at 32*l.* 4*s.* 9*d. per ann.* and there was a cuſtom that the lord was to have the beſt turbut that was taken out of every fiſhing boat here, and every ſtranger's boat that came to Sheringham hithe, paid 4*d.*

On the attainder of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, in 1572, it came again to the crown, and was re-granted to the ſaid family, by King James I. and Henry, Duke of Norfolk, is ſaid to have conveyed it in 1694, to —— Seaman of Norwich. Mr. Flower of Sheringham is the preſent lord.

Here were 3 lordſhips in this town; that of Sheringham, the principal one, has the lete, and is poſſeſſed by Mr. Cook Flower.———Nutley Hall belongs to Mr. Thomas Windham of Cromer, and Beeſton priory manor to the Windhams of Felbrigg.——See in Beeſton priory.

The town is divided into Upper Sheringham, and Lower Sheringham, alias Sheringham-Hithe, as lying by the ſea ſhore.

The tenths were 3*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*

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[b] In the 14 of Henry III. he was pardoned by the king 13 marks, due for the lands, late John de Humet's; 66 marks due as heir to his father, Henry de Grey; alſo 17*l.* 10*s.* arrears, due for the caſtle of Dunſter, and the king's foreſt of Chipenham, late in his keeping.

† This horſe was for a mortuary.

The church was a rectory dedicated to All Saints; it had a manſe and 16 acres of land, valued at 27 marks, and was appropriated to the abby of Nutley, in Buckinghamſhire, by Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, lord of the town, and founder of that abby, and paid Peter-pence, 12*d*. It was ſerved by a canon of Nutley or ſome ſtipendiary curate, and ſo continues to be a curacy at this time. The church is a regular pile, having a nave, 2 iſles, and a chancel covered with lead.——On a graveſtone in the chancel——*Hic includit corpus D'ni. Walteri Marlow canonici de Notteley, quonda' rectoris de Sheringham*, M. CCCC. LVII.——In the nave——*Here lyeth Thomas Heath, ſon of Mr. William Heath of Norwich, wool-chapman, who was robbed, and murdered the 4th day of Febr.* 1635.——A graveſtone *For Elizabeth, wife of John Fenn, who died April* 15, 1741, *aged* 48; with the arms of Fenn;—Argent, on a feſs azure, 3 eſcallops of the firſt, in a bordure ingrailed of the ſecond.

In the church were the arms of Stafford, impaling Thomas of Woodſtock, duke of Glouceſter, and thoſe of Reymes; alſo Rookwood, argent, 6 cheſsrooks, ſable.

On the diſſolution of Nutley abby, the appropriated rectory was granted in the 34 of Henry VIII. to the dean and chapter of Chriſt College, Oxford, but was revoked, and again in the crown; Francis Guybon, junior, gent. Alice Stubs, daughter of Richard Stubs, and Henry Yelverton, ſon of William Yelverton, Eſq; had a leaſe of it from Queen Elizabeth, in her 39 year; and before this, in the 14 of that queen, John Merſhe and Franc. Greneham; in 1603, there were 220 communicants in the pariſh.

Here were guilds of St. John Baptiſt, St. Nicholas and All Saints; in the lower town or hithe, was a chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas, part of it is ſtill ſtanding.

Thomas Thompſon, baylif of Great Yarmouth, gave 20*s*. *per ann.* for 2 ſermons to be preached here; and John Cook, fiſh-monger of London, was a benefactor to the poor.

The rectory is now in the ſee of Ely, (the biſhop has the nomination of the curate) and is held by Mr. Windham of Cromer, of the biſhop.

The prior of Waborn had a lordſhip here in 1428, then valued at 2*l*. 6*s*. 1*d*. *per ann.* which at the diſſolution was granted to John Heydon, Eſq; &c. as in Beeſton.

Here was a cell for ſome time of Black Canons, belonging to Nutley abby; mention is made of them in 1256.

SUFFIELD.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had a grant from the Conqueror of 2 carucates of land, held by four free men, one of them held of Withri, another of King Edward, the other two of Harold; [a] there were alſo 10 villains and eleven borderers, with 4 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, &c. 4 acres of meadow, and 2 mills, valued then at 4*l*. at the ſurvey at 6*l*. 15*s*. It was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 13*d*. *ob.* gelt.

In the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, it continued, and Roger Bigot, earl, dying without iſſue, it came by his grant to the crown, and ſo to Thomas de Brotherton, a ſon of King Edward I. created earl of Norfolk; from him to the Mowbrays, and the Howards, dukes of Norfolk. In the 26 of Henry VIII. Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk, was lord, when the rent of aſſiſe was 16*l*. 10*s*. 3*d*.——Cuſtomary works and rents, with hens, capons, &c. 22*l*. 4*d*. *ob.*——New rents 3*l*. 9*d*. farm of the demean lands, 8*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.—Of the paddock, windmill and fiſhery, 66*s*. 8*d*.——Sale of grain 16*l*. 6*d*. &c. On the attainder of the duke of Norfolk, in 1572, it eſcheated to the crown, but King James I. re-granted it to the ſaid family, and was ſold about 1690, by Henry, Duke of Norfolk. Sir William Morden Harbord, baronet, is the preſent lord.

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Sutfelle iiii lib'os ho'es. 7. i de iſtis ten. Withri et Rex alt'um 7 Herald ii alios ii car. t're. ſep. x villi. 7. xi bor. tc. 7 ſep. iiii car. in d'nio. 7 iii car. ho'um. ſilva ad xii por. iiii ac. p'ti. tc. 7. p. ii mol. mo. iiii tc. 7. p. val. iiii lib. 7 mo. vi lib. 7. xv ſol. 7. ht. viii qr. in longo 7. v in lato 7. xiii*d*. 7 obolu'. de gelto.

Alan, Earl of Richmond, had a grant of half a carucate of land, held by Gun, a free man of Ralph Storle, in King Edward's reign; [a] to this there belonged 4 borderers, half a carucate in demean, with half a carucate among the tenants, and half an acre of meadow.

Sir Hugh de Cayly held in the reign of Henry III. a quarter of a ſee of the honor of Richmond; and in the 14 of Edward I. a fine was levied between John, ſon of Hugh de Caleye querent, William de Ormeſby, and Agnes his wife, tenants of lands in this town, Gunton, Antingham, Felmingham, &c. granted to John, for the life of Agnes, late wife of Hugh; and in the 10 of Edward II. William de Cailly of Hecham, conveyed the manor to Simon Kenyng, of Banyngham.

John, Duke of Bedford, lord of the honor of Richmond, held it in *capite*, and died poſſeſſed of it in the 14 of Henry VI.

Clement Herward, of Aldburgh, held it in 1426, Robert Herward, Eſq; in 1483, and Robert Herward, and Alianore his wife, conveyed it with 4 meſſuages and lands in Gunton, Antingham, &c. to Robert Symonds, in the firſt of Edward VI. Francis Symonds was lord in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

John Symonds of Suffield, ſold it to John Wigget of Norwich, merchant, about 1700; Wigget, to John Morden, Eſq; of Bradley Hall in Suffolk, whoſe ſon, William Cropley, Eſq; by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir Charles Harbord, was father of Harbord Cropley Eſq; who took the name of Harbord, Eſq; and was lord in 1714, and Sir William Morden Harbord is the preſent lord.

The tenths were 5*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 12*s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Margaret. In the reign of Edward I. Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, was patron; the rector had a manſe and 6 acres of land, valued at 26 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 13*d.* The preſent valor is 14*l.*

RECTORS.

In 1306, Robert Miles inſtituted, preſented by Roger le Bigod, earl of Norfolk: ——1326, Richard de Burghſtede, by Thomas, Earl of Norfolk, the king's ſon. ——1328, William Brekiſton, ditto.——1333, William Barker, ditto —— 1349, Peter Denne, by Sir John Segrave.——1355, William Cheleſton, by the king.——1356, Mr. Peter Denne.——1356, Richard de Eveſham, by Walter, Lord de Manny.——1364, John de Burton, ditto.——1368, Richard de Eveſham, ditto.—1380, William Creak, by Margaret, Counteſs of Norfolk.——1397, John Hervey, ditto.

1424, Richard Swanland, by Elizabeth, Dutcheſs of Norfolk.——1447, Mr. Thomas Joy, by John, Duke of Norfolk.——1453, John Grimeſby, ditto.—— 1453, Mr. Gilbert Fayercloth, A.M. ditto.——1471, Mr. William Wybbe, ditto. ——1482, Robert Male, by the king.——Mr. William Bridges rector.

1519, Thomas Seman, by the earl of Surry.——1543, Robert Betts, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1562, Nicholas Miller, ditto.——1580, Andrew Carre, by the queen.——1581, William Bennet, by Philip, Earl of Arundel; in 1603, he returned 138 communicants.

1622, John Cayworth, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1637, Thomas Symonds, by Thomas, Earl of Arundel.——1684, James Clough, by Henry Meriton, and Matthew Novell, clerks.

1714, Jos. Church, by Harbord Harbord, Eſq;—1724, Franc. Green, ditto.—— 1738, John Tayleur, ditto.

In the ſouth iſle of the church is a tomb,——*Johs. Symond conditur hoc, qui obt.* 14 *Dec. A. D.* 1584, *unicam habuit uxorem Mariam filiam Franci. Moundeford armigi. reliquit filios duos, Franciſc. et Edwardum; filias quatuor. Brigettam, Margaret. Dionyſiam et Annam.*

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[b] T're. Alani Comitis——In Sutfulle ten. Gun. i lib. ho. Rad. Storle t. r. e. dim. car. t're. ſep. iii bord. 7 dim. car. in d'nio. et dim. hom. 7 dim. ac. p'ti.

† See in Gunton.

Near the font, a graveſtone with a braſs plate——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Johans. Symonds et Cecilie uxor. ej. obt.* 1453.—*Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Theobald qui obt.* 26 *Martii*, 1468.

Arms in the church: Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, impaling, azure, cruſily, a lion rampant, or.——Morley, impaling, ditto.——Herward impaling Reymes.——Herward impaling Gourney.

John Reymes, of Suffield, gent. buried here in 1553.

The Symonds were an antient family, and bore azure, 3 trefoils, ſlipped, argent.

[c] Richard Symonds of Suffield, was living in the reign of Henry V. the will of Margaret his wife, is dated July 13, 1426; and John, her ſon and heir, was her executor; he married Jane, daughter of William Theobald, and was father of Adam Symonds, of Suffield, and of John, of Cley. Adam, by Agnes, daughter of —— Rugge, of Roughton, had Robert his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of ——Calthorp, of Cockthorp, and left John Symonds, and by Mary his wife, daughter of Francis Mundeford, Eſq; was father of Francis Symonds, who took to wife Catherine, daughter of James Underwood, and relict of William Hobart, of Metton; this Francis was buried in Suffield church, in 1626, and had Francis his ſon, who (as I take it) married Anne, daughter of Thomas Bedingfeld, Eſq; of Ditchingham, and here buried 1659, and was father of John Symonds, gent. who by Anne, his wife, daughter of William Bladwell, of Swanington, had John Symonds, Eſq; who married Alice, daughter of Walter Bridges, vicar of Enfield, in Middleſex, who ſold this lordſhip, and was much reduced.

Suffield, Sutfelle, or Southfield.

The Suthfields were an antient family and lords of this town; Simon de Suthfield was grand ſon of Peter de Suthfield; John, ſon of Simon, called Simonds, lived in time of Henry III.

SUSTEAD.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had the grant of one free man of Withri, and one of Ulſtan, who held in the time of the Confeſſor, [a] 30 acres of land with one borderer, and the moiety of another, a carucate and an acre and an half of meadow, &c. then valued at 8*s.* at the ſurvey at 12*s.* alſo of 3 villains and a borderer here belonging to his manor of Hanworth, and 13 borderers with half a carucate, of which Alward was poſſeſſed.

By the Bigots, earls of Norfolk, the antient family of the Felbriggs, were enfeoffed of it, and from the Felbriggs it came to the Windhams, as may be ſeen at large in Felbrigg; and in 1740, Aſh Windham, Eſq; of Felbrigg, was lord, and ſucceeded by his ſon, William Windham, Eſq; who died in 1761.

William, Earl Warren, had alſo the moiety of a free man, with 15 acres of land, [b] and a borderer with a rood of meadow, the moiety of a mill, and half a carucate, valued then at 2*s.* 6*d.* at the ſurvey at 3*s. per ann.*

This was held by the family of Damme. In the 19 of Henry VI. John Damme, ſenior, and John, junior, were living; John Damme was lord in 1462, and made his will on Auguſt 2d, in that year, which was proved December 29, following, and deſires to be buried in the church of Suſted; names [c] Elizabeth his wife, and Simon, his eldeſt ſon, which Elizabeth was the daughter (as I take it) of John Greſham, of Aylmerton; and Simon Damme died lord in 1498. Robert Damme, and Iſabel his wife, were living in the 21 of Henry VIII.

Thomas Damme was living in the 38 of the ſaid king. In the 35 of Elizabeth, Nicholas Baldwyn, clerk, and Martin Lyndſey, had a *præcipe* to render to Henry Stow, and Simon Burgall, the manor of Damms in Suſtede; and in the 41 of that queen,

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[c] Regiſt. Hurning——pt. 2 fol. 141.

[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Suſtede ten. Withri i lib'um. hom. 7. i. ten. Ulſtan t. r. e. mo. R. 7 h'nt. xxx ac. t're. 7. i bor. 7 dim. ſep i car. i ac. p'ti. 7 dim. 7 mo. i mol. te 7. p. val viii ſol. 7 mo. xii.—— 7. iii vil in Suſtede 7. i bor. de man. p'dicto. (viz. Hanworth.)——Ten. Alward. iii bor. 7 ht. dim. car.

[b] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——In Surſtede i dim. lib. ho. d. xv ac. t're. 7. i bord. 7. i virga p'ti. 7 dim. mol. ſemp. dim. car. te. 7. p. ii ſol. 7. vi*d*. 7 mo. iii ſol.

[c] Regiſt. Broſyd. p. 2, fol. 35.

queen, John Smith, gent. and Stephen Drury had one, to render to Martin Fountain, and John Dodman, the ſaid manor, with 3 meſſuages, 200 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 100 of paſture, 20 of wood, 100 of heath, and 100*s.* rent.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by the Windhams, and William Windham, Eſq; of Felbrigg, died lord of it in 1761, leaving his ſon and heir a minor.

The tenths were 1*l.* 16*s.*——Suſted or Sutſtod, that is Southſtede.

The church is dedicated to St. Peter, and St. Paul, and was a rectory, valued at 16 marks, granted by William Bigod, (ſon and heir of Roger, and ſteward of the houſhold to King Henry I.) to the priory of Thetford, and appropriated thereto. In the reign of Edward I. there belonged to it a houſe, and 16 acres of land, paid Peter-pence, 4*d.*——On the diſſolution this rectory was granted by King Henry VIII. to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk, and is ſerved by a ſtipendiary curate; in 1542, Nicholas Prat held it, nominated by the duke of Norfolk; and in 1603, 52 communicants were herein. In the 6 of King James I. Sir Edward Carrel, knight, &c. aliened it on the firſt of April, to Thomas Blofield, &c. and in 1740, the heirs of Mr Leonard Blofield, nominated the curate.

In the chancel, on a graveſtone, *In memory of Thomas Blofield, gent. who died Feb 7, 1637.*——One *In memory of Leond. Blofield, gent. who died February* 13, 1676.—*Margaret Blofield, relict of Thomas Blofield, died Feb.* 7, 1639.——In the church *Orate p. a'i'a Simonis Damm, qui obt.* 8 *Oct.* 1498.—*Mary, late wife of Tho. Blofield, gent. died September* 29, 1611.——*Hic jacet Johs. Damme, qui obt.* 12 *cal.* - - - - *Ao. Dni,* 1462.

Alſo theſe arms, per pale, or and vert, a lion rampant, gules, Bigod, earl of Norfolk.——Sable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 mullets, or, rather 3 dolphins, ermine, Damme ——Azure, an eagle diſplayed, with 2 heads, ſable, beaked, and peded gules, and crowned, or, being the arms of Sir Simon Felbrigg's lady, who was niece to the king of Bohemia.——Damme, impaling, quarterly, Jermy and Mounteney.——Sable, 3 talbots, paſſant, argent.

SYDISTROND.

WILLIAM, EARL WARREN, had this lordſhip, of which a free man of Stigand, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, was deprived, [a] who had a carucate of land, 8 villains, one ſervus, a carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, with 5 ſocmen who held 21 acres of land, and there was a carucate with an acre and half of meadow, 2 runci, 3 cows, &c. Waleran gave the earl livery of it, to make up the lordſhip of Gimingham; Siſtran was then valued at 20*s.* after at 60*s.* and this and Knapton the earl had livery of, as one manor, and together were 2 leucas long; with 8 perches and 5 feet, and one leuca, with 12 perches and 4 feet broad, and paid 5*s.* 1*d.* gelt. The earl had alſo in Siſtran, 2 free men, one of Edric, the other of Almar, who held 60 acres of land with 5 villains, 5 borderers, and 3 carucates, and one acre of meadow, &c. valued at 10*s.*

Out of theſe tenures aroſe two manors, both belonging to the Earl Warren, who held them in *capite,* and each of the lordſhips had a moiety of the advouſon of the church. John, Earl Warren, preſented as lord, in 1333; from the Earls Warren this came to the dukes of Lancaſter, as may be ſeen at large in Gimmingham, and Henry, Earl of Lancaſter, preſented in 1350, and John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, and king of Caſtile, in 1385, and 1391. After this, it was in the crown, and in 1406, the king preſented, it being part of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and ſo continues part at this time.

The family of de Plaiz was enfeoffed of the other moiety of this town, or a lordſhip;

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[a] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Siſtran ten. i lib. ho. de Stigando archiepo. p. mo. i car. t're. ſemp. viii vill. 7 i ſerv. tc. 7 p. i car. in d'nio. 7 mo. ii 7 i car. hom. 7 v ſoc. de xxi ac. t're. ſep. i car. i ac. 7 d. p'ti. ſep. ii runc. tc. iii an. 7 iii porc. hoc lib'av. Waleran. ad p'ticiend. maneriu' Gimingeham. Siſtran val. tc. 7 p. xx ſol 7 lib'atu' (cum Ranapato.) p. uno man. hoc totu' ht. in longo ii lg. 7 viii per. 7 v pedes, 7 in lato. i leug. 7 xii perc. 7 iiii pedes. 7 de gelto v ſol. 7 i den.——In Siſtran ii lib. ho'es. unus Edrici, alter Almar. de lx ac. t're. ſep. v vill. 7 v bord. 7 iii car. i ac. p'ti. ſilva iii porc. ſep. val. x ſol.

ſhip; and on the death of Richard de Plaiz, in the 53 of Henry III. Luke de Ponyngs was found to hold the 3d part of a fee, of the manor of Knapton; in the 14 of Edward I. Jeffrey de Gotherſton claimed view of frank pledge, aſſiſe, and called Luke Ponyngs to warrant the ſame; in 1306, and 1309, Sir Thomas de Ponyngs. in 1349, Sir Michael Ponyns, and in 1373, Richard de Ponyng.

In the 13 of Henry VIII. Sir Edward Poinings died lord, and Henry, Earl of Northumberland, was his couſin and heir, and by the ſaid Henry, was conveyed to Robert Ratcliff, viſcount Fitz-Walter, in the 21 of the ſaid king, and in 1533, then earl of Suſſex, preſented to a moiety of this church, as Thomas Ratcliff, earl, &c. did in 1568. In 1603, the king was patron of one moïety, and lord, and Thomas Kemp, Eſq; of this.

The tenths were 4*l.* Deducted 20*s.*——Temporalities of Bromholm priory, 12*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Michael, and had two moieties or medieties; John de Ringſted was rector of one, in the patronage of the Earl Warren, valued at 10 marks, and Sir Luke de Ponyngs of the other, valued at 5 marks in the reign of Edward I. Peter-pence 4*d.* The preſent valor is 5*l.* 10*s.*

RECTORS.

In 1306, John de Howton to a mediety, preſented by Thomas de Ponyngs.——1309, Richard de Heydon to a mediety, by Sir Thomas de Ponyngs.——1318, Richard de Heydon to a mediety.——1333, Roger de Dunwich, by John, Earl Warren.——1349, John Davy, by Sir Michael Ponyns.——1350, John de Weſton, by Henry, Earl of Lancaſter.——1360, Edmund Godfrey, by Sir Robert le Mare, knight.——1361, Richard Markaunt.——1373, John Swyket, by Richard de Ponyng——1385, Thomas Anterous, by John, King of Caſtile.——1390, Thomas de Houton, ditto.—— 391, Richard Munden, by John Attewode, &c.——1391, John Merigo, by John, King of Caſtile.——1399, Hugh Germon, by James Attewode de Sydeſtrond.

1401, Thomas Hilbrond, ditto.——1402, Bartholomew Benet, ditto.——1404, Clement Albon, ditto.——1406, Thomas Pecke, by the king.——1408, William Uſher, ditto.——1408, William Towres, ditto.——1409, John Aſhurſton, by the king.——1410, John Cunray, ditto.——1414, Jeffrey Lecok, ditto.——1427, Edward Barker, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1439, John Winter, by William Attewood.——1442, John Burton, ditto.——1462, Robert Tayler, by the king.——John Kooſe, rector.——1477, Edmund Pylgryne, by John Attewood, gent.——1492, John Tokry, by Henry Quarles, gent.

1533, John Benwell, by Robert, Earl of Suſſex.——William Mepall, rector.——1555, William Johnſon, by Henry, Lord Fitz-Walter.——William Tyler, rector.——1559, Thomas Pundea, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1568, William Cockman, by Thomas, Earl of Suſſex.——1586, Thomas Nabbs, by the queen.——1598, John Money, ditto.

1600, Thomas Munday, by Thomas Kemp, Eſq; he returned 59 communicants in 1603.——1639, Richard Alliſon, by the king.——1661, Edward Corbet, by Thomas Doode, gent.——1662, Vincent Pearſe, S.T.P. by Robert Houghton, of Ranworth, Eſq;——1662, Peter Lock, by Thomas Doods.

1712, George Bearfoot, on the death of William Aſhmore, by Roger Duncomb, gent.——1748, Charles Vaughan Baker, by Thomas Thornbury, Eſq;

In the church were the arms of Poinings, barry of 6, or and vert, on a bend, gules, 3 mullets, argent;——and the guilds of St. Mary and St. Michael.

The town takes its name as ſeated on the ſtrand or ſhore of the ſea.

THORP-MARKET.

WILLIAM, EARL WARREN, was lord, and Ralph held of him at the ſurvey, 2 carucates of land, which a free man of Stigand, the archbiſhop, held in the reign of the Confeſſor, and was deprived of at the conqueſt, 4 villains, 24 borderers, and one ſervus belonged to it, there were 2 carucates in demean, 3 among the tenants, [a] and paunage for 40 ſwine, 2 acres of meadow, 2 mills, one ſkep of bees, 2 runci, 3 cows, 20 goats, &c. and 5 ſocmen with 32 acres of land, and a carucate; alſo a church endowed with 10 acres, valued in the whole, then, at 40*s.* but at the ſurvey at 8*l.* The ſaid earl had alſo here and in Mundeſley and Trunch, 19 free men, 3 of which were only under protection or commendation, but the reſt all paid cuſtomary dues in King Edward's time, and R. Mallet laid claim to theſe men. Pauline Peyver was lord, and a judge in King Edward III's reign built at Tuddington in Bedfordſhire, a magnificent manor-houſe, &c. of ſtone, with a park, garden, &c.

The family of de Peyvere were enfeoffed of this lordſhip, under the Earl Warren; it appears by an original receipt of Sir John de Grey, lord of Wraſt in Bedfordſhire, dated 1257, that he had the wardſhip and marriage of John Peyvere, ſon and heir of Lord Pauline Peyvere, and Mr. Peter Peyvere, one of Pauline's executors, paid then to Sir John, 100 marks, (a very great ſum at that time) by way of releaſe of the ſaid wardſhip and marriage, and for certain goods and chattels, late Pauline's.

This family of de Peyvere deſcend from Roger, the great biſhop of Saliſbury, in the reign of King Stephen, who had a ſon by Maud de Ramſbury, his harlot, called Roger de Paupere Cenſu, chancellor of England, whoſe ſon Sir Walter, was lord of Odington, in Oxfordſhire.——*Kennet's Parochial Antiq.*

Sir John having married to his 2d wife Joan, † widow of the ſaid Pauline, by whom he had no iſſue; but by his firſt wife he had a daughter, afterwards married to John de Peyvere the minor. The ſaid Pauline died in the aforeſaid year; he was lord of Wendlebury in Oxfordſhire, and one of the king's juſtices in the 33 of Henry III. when a fine was levied before the king in perſon preſent, Ralph Fitz-Nicholas, John de Lexington, Pauline Peyvere, ſeneſchal, Henry de Bath, Jeremy de Caxton, and Henry de Bracton, the king's juſtices, which Henry was author of the famous treatiſe—*De Conſuetudinibus Anglicanis.*

William de Peyvere, a younger ſon, (as I take it) of Pauline, was lord; and in 52 of Henry III. recovered damages of the bayliff of Gimmingham, for diſtraining in this town, and in Roughton, which lordſhip he held in demean; in the 3d of Edward I. he claimed royal privileges, a gallows, aſſiſe, a mercate and a fair, and died before the 20 of that king, when Margaret his late widow, then the wife of Gilbert Hacon, claimed her thirds in this town.

John was ſon and heir of William, who in 30 of the aforeſaid king, granted by deed, on Tueſday next after the feaſt of the nativity of the bleſſed Virgin Mary, to Sir Walter de Norwich, ſome paſture ground, by way of exchange, and in 31 of that king, a piece of land called Bygot's in Thorp, for 30*l.*

In the 30 of the ſaid king, John de Broghton, by a fine levied at York, paſſed to the ſaid Walter, 12 meſſuages, 57 acres and an half of land, 2 of meadow, 5 and an half of wood, 4 of paſture, and 59*s.* 1*d.* *ob.* rent in Thorp Mercate and Bradfield, with 2*s.* rent out of the profits of the mercate. This was a diſtinct lordſhip from that of Peyvere's, but held of the Earl Warren, and in the 5 of Edward II. Sir Walter had a grant of free warren.

In the 16 of Edward II. 2 parts of this manor were ſettled on William de Peyvere, and Hawys his wife, by their truſtees, with a mill; in the 30 of Edward III. Richard de Kent, and Iſabell his wife, convey the 3d part of this manor to Sir John Repps; and in the 3d of Henry IV. Edmund Reedeſham, John de Repps, &c. held the manor of Thorp Market, by the ſervice of one fee of the heirs of John Peyvere, and he of the Lord Say, who held it of the dutchy of Lancaſter; and John Repps of Heringfleet, had the 3d part of it in 1473, from whom it came to his ſon Henry, as in South Repps.

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[a] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——In Torp ten. Rad. ii car. t're. quas tenuit i lib. ho. de Stigand. t. r. e. ſemp. iiii villi. 7 xxiiii bord. 7 i ſer. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. 7 iii car. ho'm. ſilv. ad xl porc. ii ac. p'ti. 7 ii molin. i vas apu'. ſep. ii runc. et iii an. tc. vi porc mo. xi 7 mo. l. oves ſemp. xx cap. et v ſoc. de xxxii ac. terre. et h'nt. i car. i ecclia. x ac. tc. 7. p. val. xl ſol. 7 modo. viii lib.——In Torp, Muleſlai et Truchet xviii lib'os ho'es. tres com'datione 7 alios c. o'i. conſuitudine, calu'pniatur R. Malet.

† Joan, in the 35 of Henry III. held the manor of Todington in Bedfordſhire, Licheſcumb, Wavendon and Subbury manors in Bucks, and Lees manor in Rutlandſhire.

Sir John Heveningham, and Elizabeth his wife, ſettled by fine, 1441, on Robert Rands, and Cecilia his wife, the 3d part of the manor of Reedeſham, in this town. This Elizabeth was daughter and heir of Sir John Reedeſham, by Alice, daughter and coheir of Sir John de Repps; after this, it came to the Greſhams, and Sir John Greſham, knight, and lord mayor of London, in 1547, died ſeiſed of it, October 23, 1556; he was ſon of John Greſham, of Holt, Eſq; by Alice his wife, (daughter of Alexander, and heir to her brothers John, and William Blith, of Stratton in Norfolk,) and John was ſon of James Greſham, gent. of Holt, by Margery, daughter of William Billingford, Eſq; of Blackford-Hall, in Stoke, Norfolk; and John Greſham, gent. of Greſham in Norfolk, was father of the ſaid James. Sir John, by Mary his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Ipſwell, had ſeveral children, and left this lordſhip to Edmund his 3d ſon, who died lord in 1586, whoſe ſon Sir Richard Greſham, by Joan his wife, daughter of Auguſtine Hind, alderman of London, inherited it, who married Ann, daughter of Thomas Crofts, Eſq; of Saxham *Parva*, in Suffolk, whoſe ſons dying without iſſue, Elizabeth their ſiſter and coheir, brought it by marriage to Henry Page, Eſq; of Saxthorp in Norfolk, councellor at law, whoſe ſon John Page, Eſq; was lord in 1695, and at his death, left it to his ſon Greſham Page, Eſq; of Saxthorp.

COXFORD-PRIORY MANOR.

THIS was given to the priory on the foundation thereof, by Sir John de Cheney, the founder. In the 9 of Edward II. the prior ſued perſons for fiſhing here; the temporalities in 1428, were valued at 106*s*. 4*d*.——At the diſſolution it was granted by King Henry VIII. on May 9, in his 29 year, to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk; Edmund Greſham died ſeiſed of it, as was found by an inquiſition taken at Norwich, June 7, *ao*. 29 Elizabeth, and of the manor of Thorp Mercate and Bradfield, with the manors of Sanderſted, and Wallingham in Surry.

Sir Thomas Richardſon afterwards poſſeſſed it, and ſold it to Sir Thomas Rant, who married ——, daughter of —— Burwell, of Rougham in Suffolk, and dying without iſſue, it came to William Rant, M.D. whoſe ſon Sir William Rant, held it in 1692; he married Elizabeth, daughter of William de Grey, of Merton, Eſq; and left 2 daughters and coheirs, Elizabeth and Jane;—Jane married to Harbord Cropley, Eſq; and Elizabeth, to Robert Britiff, Eſq; councellor at law, at Norwich.

[*b*] In Thorp, Robert Grenon had at the ſurvey, 40 acres of land and one of meadow, of which 7 free men were deprived, and Oſbert held it under Robert, with 40 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and one carucate, valued at 12*s*.

The church is dedicated to St. Margaret, was a rectory, and being granted to the priory of Coxford, by Jeffrey, Lord Say, who married Alice, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir John de Cheney, the founder, was appropriated to it, and a vicarage ſettled; the rectory was valued at 18 marks, the vicarage at 15*s*. and paid Peterpence, 9*d*. the vicar had a manſe with 3 acres of land, and the rectory 13 acres; the preſent valor of the vicarage, is 5*l*. 11*s*. 1*d*. *ob*. and is diſcharged.

VICARS.

Walter Atte Strete occurs vicar in the 16 of Edward I.——1324, Richard de Rudham inſtituted, preſented by the prior of Coxford.——1356, Bartholomew de Norton, ditto.——1361, Bened. de Kempſton.——John Baldwyn vicar.——1368, Jeffrey de Toftrys.——Richard Maſon vicar.——1381, Edmund Heyford.——1391, Robert Stanhow.

1400, Stephen Honyter.——1401, Thomas Hildebrond.——1405, John Benet.——1411, John de Mateſhale.——1417, Robert Ware.——1422, Thomas Brightmer.——1430, John Hert.——1432, John Grane.——1437, Roger Hawe.——1459, Robert Keſon.

[*b*] Terra Robt Grenonis——In Torp tenet Oſbt. vii libo. ho'es. de xl ac. t're. i ac p'ti. ſep. i car. 7 val. xii ſol.

1536, William Munds.——Robert Barton, vicar.——1555, Cuthbt. Dayles, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——Bernard Hargar vicar; in 1603, he returned 64 communicants.

1603, Edmund Bury, by the biſhop, a lapſe.—1608, Richard Youngſband, by Bartholomew Thompſon, and Thomas Woorts.——1615, William Comfort, ditto.——1625, Edward Hall, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1626, Robert Chawmer, by Edward Tompſon, and Richard Wiggot.——1634, Thomas Colby, by Roger Wiggot.——John Dibald, vicar.——1680, Jos. Ward, by Sir William Rant.——1690, John Oliver, ditto,——1692, Michael Hart, ditto.

1700, Thomas Martin, ditto.——1705, Samuel Salter, ditto.——1709, Theoph. Rice, ditto.——1748, Thomas Woodger, by Sir William Harbord.

On a large black marble tomb-ſtone——*This ſtone covers the duſt of William Rant, Dr. of phyſick, and fellow of the college of Phyſicians in London, who after that he had there exerciſed his art with much honor and ſucceſs for full 20 years, upon the 15 day of September, 1653, and in the 49 year of his age, finiſhed the race of his life at Norwich, where he firſt took breath to run it.——Under this ſtone alſo do lye the aſhes of his dear wife Jane, 3d daughter of Sir John Dingley, Kt. of Wolverton in Hampſhire; ſhe ended this life on the 11 of Jnne, 1656: they left iſſue, William and Jane.*—— A graveſtone with a braſs plate *For Edmund Greſham, Eſq; who died Auguſt* , 1586.

In the church theſe arms;——Azure, on a chevron, gules, 3 boars heads couped, between 3 croſs croſslets, fitchée, or——Butrey; impaling, ſable, a chevron, between 3 dolphins, ermine——Damme——*John Buttry of London, gent. and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of —— Damme, of Suſted, were here buried; he died July* 30, 1488.

Hetherſet, impaling Berningham, gules, a maunch, ermine;—Hetherſet impaling Rands, ſable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 croſs croſslets, fitchée, argent; ——and Peyvere, azure, a maunch, gules, in a bordure, argent.——Here was the guild of St. Margaret.

It was decreed in the dutchy court of Lancaſter, in the 36 of Henry VIII. that the king's tenants of his manors of Gymingham, Antingham, Thorp, Bradfeld, Trunch, and South Repps adjoyining to the common, ſhould have their accuſtomed right in the commons between the ſaid towns, and that Sir John Greſham, and his tenants of Thorp, ſhould have but 300 ſheep on the common called Oldfield Heath, &c.

The tenths were 4*l.* 1*s.*

THURGARTON.

THE abbot of St. Bennet of Holme, was lord of this manor in Edward the Confeſſor's reign, and at the ſurvey. This abby was founded by King Canute, and this lordſhip [a] was given to it by a Saxon lady, Edgiva Swanehals, as the regiſter of Holme ſays.

At the ſurvey the abbot had 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, and 4 borderers, 2 carucates in demean and one among the tenants, 4 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, [b] one runcus, 2 cows, &c. with 30 goats; and 49 ſocmen had a carucate of land with 5 carucates and 2 acres and an half of meadow, valued in King Edward's time at 4*l.* at the ſurvey at 6*l.* it was 13 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 16*d. ob.* gelt, and the ſoc belonged to it.

In the 15 of King John, Thomas, ſon and heir of John de Thurgarton, held lands of the abbot, which his father had; and in the 7th of that king, a fine was levied between Ralph the abbot, and Euſtace Fitz-John, tenant of the whole land of Thurgarton, when he releaſed it to the abbot, who re-granted to Euſtace all the land which Cecilia, his grand mother, held of him, by 5*s.* rent; and in the 12 of the ſaid reign, Peter de Hobois paid 20 marks for ſeiſin of lands here, and in Antingham, claimed of the abbot, when the abbot pleaded that he had not diſſeiſed Peter, but that the king had ſet over the religious houſes certain guardians or keepers: and in the 19 of that king, Peter releaſed all his right to the abbot.

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[a] Regiſt. Hulm. fol. 6.

[b] Terr S'ci Benedicti de Hulmo—Thurgartuna tenet ſep. S'es B. ii car. t're ſep. iiii vill. 7 iiii bor. 7 ii car. in d'nio. 7 i car. hom. iiii ac. p'ti. ſilv. xx por. i mol. tc. i runc. 7 ii an. mo. iii tc. ix por. mo. xi. tc. xxx cap. mo. xviii. et xlix ſoc. de i car. t're. ſep. v car. ii ac. p'ti. 7 dim. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. vi ht. xiii qr. in long. 7 vi in lat. 7 de g. xvi*d.* 7 ob. 7 ſoca hab. Sc's. Bened.

The abbot in the 3d of Edward I. claimed the lete, aſſiſe, &c. and would not permit his maltſters and brewers to come before the king's baylif of the hundred to the view of frank pledge, &c. and ſigned and marked his flagons with his own mark, &c.

In 1428, the temporalities of the abbot were valued at 17*l.* 7*s.* 6*d. per ann.* and in 1535, King Henry VIII. by act of parliament, on the diſſolution of the monaſteries, ſettled the revenues of this abby on the ſee of Norwich, and took to himſelf the antient revenues of that ſee; by which act this lordſhip of Thurgarton, called the Chamberlain's, came to be annexed to that ſee. In the 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary, by the account of Thomas Rugg, then baylif, the rent of aſſiſe was 21*l.* 11*s.* 1*d. q.*—1*l.* penſion out of the rectory;—Lete fee to North Erpingham hundred, 16*d.*—To Thurgarton rector 2*s.*—The convent's manor and rents 30*s.*—A penſion of tithes belonging to the chamberlain, 33*s.* 4*d.*—To the penitentiary out of Honylands in Baningham and Tuttington, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—The farm of the demean lands was 7*l.* of the herbage, 15*s.* 8*d.*—Farm of the ſcite of the manor, 4 quarters, 6 buſhels of barley at 3*s.* 4*d.* a quarter; perquiſites of court with fines included, 55*s.* 8*d.*—and 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* rents, &c. belonging to the cellarer, out of lands here and in Twayte, demiſed to Miles Hobart Eſq;—And the biſhop of Norwich is lord at this time.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, had, at the ſurvey, 2 borderers in this town, belonging to his manor of Hanworth, [c] alſo one free man of Ilvingus, who held in king Edward's time, 12 acres of land, which he always plowed, and half a carucate, valued then at 2*s.* at the ſurvey at 5*s.*

Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, was lord in the 3d of Edward I. and about this time, William, ſon of Robert of Felmingham, purchaſed of John, ſon of Euſtace of Thurgarton, lands here, in Suſtede, &c. In the 9 of Edward II. Richard de Walkeſtede, and Margeret his wife, had in this town, Baſingham, Suſtede, &c. meſſuages, 52 acres of land, 7 of meadow, 12 of paſture, ſettled on them for life, by John de Felmingham.

In the 29 of Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, Alice his wife, and Firmin Rookwood, her ſon and heir, conveyed to Edmund Windham, Eſq; a manor in Thurgarton.

William Windham Eſq; died lord in 1761, leaving his ſon and heir a minor.

The tenths were 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

The church is a rectory, formerly in the patronage of the abbot of St. Bennet of Holm, who had a portion of tithes valued at 2 marks *per ann.* The preſent valor is 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged of tenths, &c. The biſhop of Norwich is patron.

Dedicated to All Saints.

RECTORS.

In 1316, John de Claxton held it by ſequeſtration.——1323, Euſtace de Ryſing, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1327, Adam de Murimouth, junior, by the abbot of Holm.——1328, Ralph de Erpingham, ditto.——Ralph Aylmer occurs rector, 1333.——1342, Edmund de Freſingfeld, by the pope.——1352, Ralph Urri, by the abbot.——1392, John Bridale, ditto.

1406, Robert de Wolſtan.——1407, John Merchaunt.——1421, William Snyterton.——1435, Thomas Dannard.——1438, James Burbach.——1441, Philip Lewys.——1450, Richard Wyſton.——1471, Edward Wrenne.——1478, Simon Croſſe.——1483, Thomas Bokenham.——1485, John Bakon.

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[c] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Turgartuna ii bord. p'tinentes man. (viz. Haganworda)——In Turgartuna i lib. ho. que' ten. Ilvingus de xii ac. t're. ſemp. arat cu' dim. car. tc. 7. p. val. ii ſol. mo. v.

1509, John Warmolle.———1534, Walter Roper, by the aſſigns of the abbot. ——1556, Robert Rugge, by Sir Thomas Woodhouſe.——William Dawſon, rector.———1563, John Machet, by the biſhop.———1583, Henry White, by the biſhop; in 1603, he certified that there were 104 communicants

1617, John Taylor, by the biſhop.——1628, George Franklyn, ditto.——1652, Thomas Hennant, by John Kendal.—1662, John Scambler, by the biſhop.—1668, Benedict Rively, by the biſhop.—1695, Thomas Geffrey, by the biſhop.

1701, Patrick St. Clair, by the biſhop.—1740, John Cuſtance, ditto.

In the church was the gild of St. Margaret.

In the chancel on a graveſtone——*Hic jacet ſepultus in gra. et m'ia Dei D'n'us Johes. Bakon, quo'da' rector de Thurgarton, qui obt* 1509. John Bacon of this town, by his will, proved May 19, 1526, [*d*] requires to be buried in the church of Thurgarton, All Saints.——In the church were the arms of St. Bennet's abby, of Holm, ſable, a croſier ſtaff, in pale, between 2 crowns, or;—alſo gules, a boar paſſant, argent, in chief a creſcent, between 2 eſtoils, or.—Bacon.

TRIMINGHAM.

I FIND no mention made of this town in *Domeſday* book, being included (as I take it) and accounted for under the Earl Warren's great lordſhip of Gimingham, to which it joyns, and paid ſuit and ſervice to it. William, Earl Warren, was lord of it at the ſurvey, and John, Earl Warren, granted it to Thomas, Earl of Lancaſter; from this family it came to John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, and to Henry IV. and continues in the crown as part of the dutchy of Lancaſter. There was a family of Grime living in this town.———Robert Gryme, of Trimingham, had by Anne, his wife, daughter of —— Dyes, Thomas Gryme, who married Amphillis, daughter of Robert Thymelthorp, and was father of George Gryme, of Foulſham, living in the 8 of King James I. Thomas was his ſon; Amphillis, one of his ſiſters, married Sir Roger Milleſent of Bergham, by Linton, in Cambridgeſhire, and the other Thomas Oxburgh, gent.

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 16*s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. John baptiſt. In the reign of Edward I. the rector was found to have a competent edifice, with half an acre of land, and was valued at 9 marks, paid Peter-pence, 12*d.* and the Earl Warren was patron.

The preſent valor is 6*l.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

William de Rolleſby occurs rector in the 22d of Edward I.—Nicholas de Caſtleacre, in the 10 of Edward II.—1317, Richard Pykot inſtituted, preſented by John, Earl Warren.—1324, William de Hay, ditto.——1349, James de Plat, by Henry, Earl of Lancaſter.—1384, William de Pountfrevit, by John, King of Caſtile, &c. ——1392, William de Bynnebrook, ditto.—1393, John Salteby, ditto.

1405, Robert Tymworth, by the king.—1411, William Stoke, ditto.—1419, Richard Proo, ditto.—1424, William Pete, by the archbiſhop of Canterbury, feoffee of King Henry V.—1434, John Grimſby, ditto.—John Hore, rector.—1448, William Pomel, by the king.———1457, Thomas Eyre, ditto.——1464, John Stery.—1471, Richard Colfex, by Elizabeth, Queen of England.——1477, William Stokes, ditto.

In 1603, James Matchet, rector, returned 67 communicants.

John Mountford died rector in 1721, and was ſucceeded by Edward Bilſton, preſented by the king.—1756, William Clagget, ditto.

The patronage is in the chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

In this church was (as pretended) a famous relick in times of popery, the head of St. John the baptiſt, to which pilgrimages, great worſhip, and offerings were made.

[*d*] Reg. Hayward, Norw. p. 34.

In one of the will books of Norwich is that of Alice Cook, of Horſted, wife of Robert Cook of Croſtwheytin, in 1478;——"*It.* I wyll have a man to go a pilgrimage to St. John hys bede of Trymmyngham."

Temporalities of Bromholm priory 2*d.*

TRUNCH.

WILLIAM, EARL WARREN,† had the lordſhip of this town, of which 3 freemen [a] were deprived, one of them belonged to Herold, late king of England, another to Ralph Stalre, and the 3d to Ketel, who held 90 acres of land, and 14 borderers belonged to it, with 5 carucates among them; there was a church endowed with 10 acres, &c. 3 acres of meadow always valued at 30*s.* and there were alſo 5 free men of Edric in King Edward's time, who had 34 acres of land, with 2 carucates, 2 acres and an half of meadow, always valued at 7*s.* 4*d.*

This town alſo belonged to the Earl Warren's capital manor of Gimmingham, and paid ſuit and ſervice to it. In the 34 of Henry III. Maud de Norwich, granted by fine, to Richer, ſon of Nicholas, a meſſuage, 48 acres of land, a mill, and the ſixth part of another in this town, Swathefeld and Bradfeld. In the 15 of Edward I. the Earl Warren claimed a weekly mercate, on Saturday, in this manor; and on the death of John, Earl Warren, in the 21 of Edward III. the mercate was valued at 10*s. per ann.* The manor came after to the earl of Lancaſter, (as is before obſerved) and ſo to John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, and King Henry IV. and is ſtill in the crown, as part of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

The tenths were 4*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 15*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Botolph, and is a regular pile, with a nave, 2 iſles, and a chancel covered with lead, and has a tower with 4 bells.

In the chancel, on a little monument—*Lancelotus Thexton capellanus Regis Edw.* VI. *ſacre theologie baccalaureus, et rector de Trunch obt.* 25, *Febr.* 1588, and this ſhield of arms—Quarterly, in the firſt and 4, a croſs between 4 lions heads, eraſed, gules, in the 2d and 3d, ermine, fretty, azure.——In a window here, argent, a feſs between 2 chevrons, ſable.——On a graveſtone——*Hic jacet Magr. Robt. Cantell, quo'd. rector iſti. ecclie, qui obt.* 1 *Sept. Ao. Dni.* 1480.

Graveſtones *In memory of Thomas Worts, gent. who died November* 13, 1693, *aged* 45, with his arms 3 lions rampant, - - - — *William Worts, gent. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Riches Brown of Fulmodeſton, Eſq; died Auguſt* 25, 1694, *aged* 60, with the arms of Worts impaling Brown; - - 2 bars, between 3 ſpears heads, - - -

The patronage of the church was granted to the priory of Caſtleacre, by William, Earl Warren, the firſt, on his founding that priory. In the reign of Edward I. the rector had a manſe, and 13 acres of land valued at 16 marks, Peter-pence 13*d.* and the prior of Caſtleacre had a penſion or portion of tithe valued at 40*s.* the preſent valor is 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt fruits, &c. The Norwich regiſters ſay that William, the 2d Earl Warren, granted the patronage, and Eborard, Biſhop of Norwich, confirmed it; and that Simon the biſhop confirmed the penſion in 1268.

RECTORS.

In 1338, Robert Joye inſtituted, preſented by Bartholomew de Stanhow, aſſignee of the prior of Caſtleacre.——1338, Thomas de Lewes, by John, Earl Warren. 1339, Ralph Bygot, ditto.——1349, John Veyſel, by the prior.——1349, Ralph Bygot, by the prior.——1352, John Edward, ditto.——John Wyneſton occurs rector in 1365.

1401, Richard Hildegard, by the prior.——1405, Mr. John Wyſebech——

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† Reg. Caſtoh, fol. 71.

[a] T're. Willi de Warrenna——In Trunchet iii libi. ho'es. un' Heroldis alter Rad. i Salr. tertius Ketelli lxxxx ac terre. et xiiii bord. ſemp. v car. int'r. eos i ecclia x ac. ſilva ad iii porc. iii ac. p'ti. ſemp. val. xxx ſol. et adhuc s't. ibi v libi. ho'es Edrici t. r. e. de xxxiiii. ac. terre. 7 ii ac. 7 dim. p'ti, ſemp. val. vii ſol. et iiii*d.*

1438, Mr. Robert Cantell.——1481, Richard Mytton.

1504, Robert Lake.——1505, Mr. Bartrand Wodehouſe, L.L.B.——1548, Thomas Powle; by the king.——1554, Richard Gatefeld, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk; in the 29 of Henry VIII. Thomas, the prior of Caſtleacre, granted by fine, to that king, the advouſon; and the king in the ſaid year, on December 22, gave it to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk.——1556, Mr. John Saleſbury, S.T.B. by Peter Read, gent. he was ſuffragan biſhop of Thetford, dean of Norwich, &c.——1572, Lancelot Thexton, S.T.B. by the queen, prebend of Norwich.——1589, Robert Thexton, by John Duke, gent. in 1603, he returned 152 communicants.

1619, Robert Thexton, by the aſſigns of the maſter, &c. of Catharine Hall in Cambridge.——1660, Robert Thexton, by the king.

1709, John Jeffrey, by the maſter and fellows of Catharine-Hall.——1748, Henry Stebbing, ditto.

Here were the guilds of St. Botolph and St. Mary.

The temporalities of Bromholm priory were *4s. 7d. ob.*

The deanry of Repps, included all the churches in the hundred of North Erpingham, and was taxed at 2 marks.

DEANS.

In 1304, Richard de Sneteſham was collated to it by the biſhop.——1308, Robert de Boſco.——1311, Mr. Gilbert de Meleford.——1330, Richard de Barwe.——1337, Thomas de Norwich.——1339, William de Hiltoft.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM

EYNFORD HUNDRED.

SO called from ſome ford over the river Eyn, which was (as is ſaid) at Repeham. It was in the crown till King Richard I. on his return from the Holy Land, granted it to Sir Baldwin de Betun, earl of Albemarle, and Holderneſs, [a] with the lordſhip of Folſham, from whom it came to William Mareſchal, earl of Pembroke; from the Marſhals to Sir Robert de Morley, and from the Morleys, to the Lovells, and Parkers, Lords Morley; Edward Parker, Lord Morley, ſold it in 1582, to Sir Thomas Hunt.

In 29 of Henry VI. I find the hundred court to be kept at Repeham, and there alſo on Wedneſday, in Eaſter week, in the fourth year of Edward VI. when the village of Wichingham was preſented for not keeping the bridge called Stockbridge, in good repair, as they ought to do.

ALDERFORD.

THIS village is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, it being wholly included and accounted for under the lordſhips of Walter Giffard, Earl of Bucks in Wichingham, which extended herein, and alſo under Giffard's manor of Swanington.

In the 10 of Richard I. William de Huntingfeld, and Iſabel his wife, convey by fine to William Batail, 60 acres here and in Swenington, with his right in thoſe churches, and that of Felthorp, to be held of Huntingfeld, and the heirs of Iſabel, by the ſixth part of a fee, and the ſervice of 40*s. per ann.* payable to them, and 20*s.* to W. Briton, for life. This was before R. archdeacon of Ely, William de War, Robert Fitz-Roger, William Dawbeney, &c. the king's juſtices. Ralph de Batail of Sweynington, granted in the 5 of Edward I. the advouſon of the church of Alderford, to the prior and convent of Norwich; and William, Lord Roos, of Hamelak, confirmed in the 30 of that king, to Simon Eſt, and Joan his wife, the ſuit of a water-mill, with the mill-dam and water-courſe, here and in Wichingham.

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[a] See in Foulſham.

Alan Hovell, or Holywell, had free warren here and in Swanington, in the 2d of Edward II. and heldin thoſe towns, &c. half a fee of the honor of Clare.

Roger Mortimer, lord of Chirk, by deed, dated on the feaſt of St. Matthew, *anno* 9 Edw. II. granted to Sir Walter de Norwich, and his heirs, all his lands in Alderforth, and appointed Symon de Hederſete his attorney, to deliver ſeiſen; and in the ſaid year, the prior of Longvile, William de Breton, John, ſon of Walter de Wichingham, and Roger de Antingham, had lordſhips there, that extended into this village.

Sir John de Norwich, knight, conveyed to Robert Mayn of Crouch Stoke, all his lands, &c. which Sir Walter his father had purchaſed of Sir Roger de Mortimer, in Alderford, the Wichinghams, Swenyngton and Attelbrigg, dated on Monday next after the feaſt of St. Martin, in the 22d of Edward III.

In 22d of Richard II. Roger Mortimer, earl of March, had half a fee here, in Swenyngton, &c. part of the manor of Clare, held by Alan Holywell.

Henry Richers was lord in 1570, and Robert Richers in 1572. John Richers, Eſq; lord in 1609.

The tenths were 1*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. John baptiſt, and is a rectory. The old valor was 8 marks and an half, Peter-pence 8*d.* The preſent valor 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged; the preſentation is in the dean and chapter of Norwich.

RECTORS.

1297, Gilbert Lamberd rector, by papal proviſion.——1332, Gilbert de Melton, by the prior and convent of Norwich.———John Schirloe rector.———1337, Oliver de Wytton.——1353, William de Aldeby.——Hugh Smith, rector.———1359, Robert de Burghwode.——1368, Robert de Thurgarton.—1390, Thomas Smithe.——1395, John Turvey.——1398, Ralph Gerard.

1401, John Hancock.——1421, John Anghouſe.——1444, John Samſon.———1454, Nicholas Dallyng.

1506, William Cartlinch.——1540, Robert Nuttell.——1550, Richard Skippe.——1557, John Skot, by the aſſigns of the dean and chapter of Norwich.———1568, Lanc. Robinſon.——1591, Richard Foſter.——1594, Robert Kendall.

In 1686, it was conſolidated to Attlebridge.

Alexander Croſhold occurs in 690.

1713, John Stewley.———1729, Lynn Smear.

The church has two ſmall iſles, and 3 bells; here was the guild of St. John baptiſt.

On a graveſtone was a braſs inſcription, now broke off, alſo 4 eſcutcheons, only one remaining;———Gules, a feſs nebuly, between 6 billets, argent———Chape; (as I take it) impaling gules, on a chevron, argent, 3 croſſes pattee fitchee, of the firſt, Wilton.

On another———*Tho. Wolman, attornat. de communi banco.*———Alſo one for John Wilton, impaling, azure, an eſcotheon, and orle of martlets, argent,——Walcote.

[*b*] *Orate p. a'i'a. Rici. Angos qui obt.* 20 *die menſ. Decemb.* 1523.———By his will, he orders the church to be hallowed at his coſt and charge, and all things concerning my lord Suffragan.

In the windows of the church, the arms of the Eaſt Angles, azure, 3 ducal coronets, or.——Of Edward the Confeſſor,——Azure, a croſs patonce, between 5 martlets, or.———Berney, impaling Allington, alſo impaling Southwell, and Jenney.

[*c*] Robert Mayn gives by will, a chief meſſuage in the town, to the building a porch in Alderford church, and a window on the ſouth part in the 47 of Edward III.

The temporalities of Norwich priory were 3*s.* 6*d.* in 1428.—Of St. Faith's, 6*d.*

BALD-

[*b*] Reg. Alabaſter, fol. 156.

[*c*] Reg. Heydon, fol. 39.

BALDESWELL

TAKES it name from Bald. Bald is often found in compoſition, thus, Gerbaldeſham, in Norfolk; and may be the name of a quick running water, or river, thus Balderſdale in Yorkſhire; Boldre in Hampſhire.

Godric's lordſhip of Foxley, extended into this town, held by him under Alan, [a] Earl of Richmond, twelve ſocmen had 48 acres of land, and 2 carucates and an half, there was paunage for 10 ſwine, and was valued with Foxley, this village was 6 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 8*d.* ½ gelt whoever poſſeſſed it, beſides what lay in Foxley was meaſured there: ſee in Foxley.

After the death of Godric it was granted with Foxley, *&c.* to the Munchenſy's by king Henry II. and ſo came to Valence, and Haſtings, Earls of Pembroke, and the Greys, Earls of Kent. Sir John de Grey, knight of the garter, (ſon of Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn.) In the 16th of Henry VI. John Enderby, Thomas Boughton, *&c.* releaſed to John Grey, of Ruthyn, Eſq; and Sir Thomas Wanton, Kt. this manor, *&c.* to this deed hangs a ſeal of red-wax, of the bigneſs of a crown piece, with theſe arms,——quarterly——Grey, of Ruthyn——2d. Haſtings and Valence, quarterly,—3d. as 2d.—4th. as the firſt, with a label of 3 points, over all an helmet ſideways; ſupporters, 2 goats; the creſt, a wyvern, the creſt of Haſtings.

It is obſervable that this Sir John Grey, was eldeſt ſon and heir of Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn, then alive, and calls himſelf by his father's title, and dyed before his father; and John de Grey, Eſq; here mentioned, was 2d. ſon of the ſaid Lord Reginald, and calls himſelf likewiſe de Ruthyn, and precedes Sir Thomas Wanton, Kt. Batchelor, as a baron's younger ſon, and laſtly that the arms of Sir John de Grey, tho' a knight of the garter, are not incircled with the garter, it not being (as it ſeems) the faſhion at that time.

From the Greys it came to the Somerſets, Cordels, Winwood, Pitfield, and Lombe, *&c.* as in Foxley.

The honour of Clare, extended into this town, and was held in capite by Richard de Clare, Earl of Glouceſter and Hertford, with lands in Whitwell, Reffham Wichingham, *&c.* poſſeſſed by Roger Jenny under the Mortimers, Earls of March, *&c.* in the reign of Henry VI.

The tenths were 3*l.* 16*s.*—Deducted 13*s.*

The temporalties of Walſingham priory were 1*s.* 1*d.*——of St. Faith's, 13*s* 4*d.*—Langley abbey, 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church is a rectory dedicated to All Saints, ancient valor 12 marks, and paid Peter-pence 8*d.* the preſent valor is 7*l.* and is diſcharged of the payment of tenths and firſt-fruits.

The church has a nave, and chancel covered with lead, and a ſquare tower with 5 bells.

In the chancel lies a graveſtone—*In memory of Anth. Eglington, A. M. who died March* 31, 1644, *A°.* 27.—And one for *Henry Eglinton, who died April* 5, 1681.——*Franciſca, uxor Henr. Eglinton, Gen: ſeptem liberor. mater obt. Mart.* 3, 16—*Ætat.* 30.

In the church was the chapel of our lady. John Beck in 1525, wills to be buried in this chapel, on the north ſide of the chancel.

RECTORS.

In 1313, William de Meaſdone, was inſtituted, preſented by Sir Hugh de Vere.——1319, Thomas de Caſtel-Godric, by Adom. de Valentia, Earl of Pembroke.——1323, Adam de Mountz, ditto.——1333, Alexander de Synton, by

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(a) Terre Alani Comitis——Godric. tenet de eo In Baldereſwella xii ſoc. 7 ht. xlviii ac. tre. ſep. ii car. et dim. ſilva. x por. Baldereſwella ht. vi. quar. in long. 7 vi in lat. 7 viii*d.* 7 i obolu. de gelto quiſquis ibi teneat. pt. m'ſura. de Foxle.

Mary de St. Paul, Counteſs of Pembroke.——1334, Adam de Waynflet, ditto. 1357, Mr. Thomas Gryffyn, on an exchange for a canonry in the church of Southwell, ditto.——1362, John Tarzim, ditto.——1373, Mr. John de Tinnemouth, ditto.——1375, Richard de Walſham, ditto.——1400, John de Welington, by Sir John Scroop, and Elizabeth, Hugh de Mitford, and William de Norton: this Sir John Scroop married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of David de Strabolgi, Earl of Athol, and relict of Sir Thomas Percy, which earl married Joan, daughter of John Comyn, by Joan his wife, ſiſter and coheir of Aymer, Earl of Pembroke.

1419, John Bukden, by Hugh Holt, *&c.*——1420, William Redere, by Richard Holt, *&c.*——1435, John Smyth, by Peter Shelton and Edward Hunte.——1461, Mr. Robert Ippeſwell, *L. L. B.* ditto.——1467, William Muſtarder, ditto.——1493, Mr. John Wardall, *S. T. B.* by George Grey, Earl of Kent.——1493, Richard Wright, ditto.——----, Adam Oſee, rector.

George Grange was rector in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and Mrs. Jane Allington, patroneſs——1605, William Newport, rector, compounded in June.——1614, Edward Franklin, compounded in April.——1644, Thomas Cadiwold, compounded in November.——1647, William Wells, compounded in January.

1721, On Edm. Ivory's death, Robert Burrow, rector, by Edward Lombe, Eſq;

BELAUGH, or BELOW, or BELEGA,

Beſpeaks a fine Water, or a River.

GINGON held this lordſhip under Alan, Earl of Richmond, of which Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, was lord in King Edward's reign, [a] and afterwards deprived on his rebellion againſt the Conquerer. It contained 4 carucates of land, 9 villains, and 7 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, *&c.* 6 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 ſwine, a mill, 1 runcus, or horſe for carriage, 8 cows, *&c.* 100 ſheep, 3 ſkeps of bees, and 12 ſocmen had 2 carucates of land, *&c.* a freeman had 30 acres of land, a carucate, and an acre of meadow. It was valued with Bec, a beruite belonging to this town, at 3*l.* before the conqueſt; at the ſurvey at [illegible] was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 4*d.* ½ gelt.

In the 6th of King Richard I. Theobald Walter was petent in a fine, and William Hervie, tenent of the 3d. part of a knight's fee in this town, and that of Boxted in Suffolk, conveyed to Theobald, who reconveyed it to William and his heirs, and the ſaid William releaſed his right in all the lands which were Hervey Walter's, grandfather of Theobald; and in the 33d of Henry III. Theobald le Botiller was found to die ſeiſed, and his heir was aged 6 years, this Theobald was anceſtor to the Butlers, Dukes of Ormond.

John de Pakenham, by fine levied, purchaſed *A°.* 55, of Henry III. of Robert Walerand, the manor of Belowe, with the homages and ſervices of the prioreſs of Campeſe in Suffolk, and of William Hervey, their heirs and ſucceſſors, for lands in Perham and Boxted, in the ſaid county, to be held of Robert and his heirs, by one penny yearly rent, and in the firſt of Edward I. by an extent of the 3d. part of it, valued at 6*l.* one penny, it was found to be held by Maud, wife of Robert Walerond. *Eſcheat.*

In the 15th of Edward I. Edmund de Hemegrave and Iſabel, his wife, claimed free warren, view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, in this manor, held by one knight's fee, of Robert, Lord Tateſhale, and he of the earl of Britain, but in the

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(*a*) Terre Alani Comitis.——Belega, tenet Gingon. qua. ten. Rad Comes t. r. e. iiii car. tre. ſemp ix vill. 7 vii bord. ſemp. ii car. in dnio. tc. iiii car. hou. p. 7 m°. ii 7 vi ac. pti. ſilva xxx por. 7 i mol. m°. i r. tnc. viii an. m°. xii tnc. xxxv porc. m°. xl. ſemp. ii c. ov. m°. iii vaſa apu. 7 xii ſoc. ii car. tre. tc. vi car. pt. iii m°. ii. ſilva xxx porc. 7 i lib. ho xxx ac. tre. ſep. i car. 7 i ac. pti. hic jacet i beruita que dr. Bec, *&c.* val. iii lib. m°. c. ſol. 7 ht. i leug in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 reddit. iiii*d.* 7 obolu. de gelt.

the 20th of the ſaid king, John, ſon of William, ſon of John de Pakenham, for 300*l.* ſterling, ſettled this lordſhip with that of Pakenham, in Suffolk, on Edmund de Pakenham and his heirs. Edmund was lord in right of Mary his wife, daughter of Edmund Comyn.

The ſaid Mary, then widow of Sir Edmund, died poſſeſſed of it in the 35 of Edward III. and Euſemia was her ſiſter and heir, who entered on it, and alienated it to Sir Ralph de Hemenhale, Sir John de Wingfield, Kt. Gilbert de Debenham, *&c.* but Sir Roger Elmrugge and Elizabeth his wife had alſo an intereſt herein, ſhe being ſiſter and heir of John de la Beche, ſon and heir of Sir William de la Beche, by Euſemia, who alſo died in the 35th of the ſaid king, and Elizabeth ſold her right or moiety about the ſame time to Sir Ralph Hemenhale, ſhe ſurvived Sir Roger her huſband, who died in the 49th of Edward III. *ſans iſſue.* Sir Ralph was lord in the 42d of that king, and Sir Richard his ſon in the reign of Richard II. but in the 5th of Henry IV. Sir William Bardwell, who married Margaret, daughter and heir of ----- De Pakenham, and Robert Bardwell, 2d. ſon of Sir William, in 1439. At an aſſiſe in the 4th of Henry IV. it was found that Hervy de Pakenham, was ſeiſed of the manor of Belagh and died *ſans iſſue*, and that the ſaid Sir William and Margaret his wife, as cozen and heir of the ſaid Hervy, *viz.* daughter and heir of John, ſon of Theobald, ſon of Thomas, brother of Edmund, father of the ſaid Hervy.

In the 4th year of King Edward IV. Elizabeth, widow of John Harleſton of Shimpling, in Suffolk, died ſeiſed of this manor, of that of Woodhall here, and in Billingford.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, November 15, in the 21ſt of Henry VIII. on the death of Sir Richard Fitz Lewis, who died July 12, *A°.* 20, of the ſaid king, he was found to die ſeiſed of it, held of the honour of Richmond: he married Alice, daughter of ------ Harleſton, by whom he had John, his ſon and heir, who died before him, and Ela his daughter and heir, married to John Mordaunt, ſon and heir of Sir John Mordaunt, Lord Mordaunt. The tradition is that John, ſon and heir of Sir Richard, with his wife, were burnt in their bed on the wedding night at Weſt-Horndon in Eſſex.

John, Lord Mordant, who married Ela abovementioned, by his will dated September 20, 1549, gave to his ſon Edmund, this manor, with that of Billingford, but Edmund dying young, it came to his elder brother, Lewis, Lord Mordant.

After this Clement Corbet, *L. L. D.* was Lord Chancellor of Norwich, and by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of ----- Kemp, he left a ſon and 5 daughters.

John Bendiſh, Eſq; purchaſed it of the Corbet's: this John was ſon of Thomas Bendiſh of Wichingham *Magna*, by Mary his wife, daughter of ----- Derſley of Catlidge in Suffolk, who was ſon of John Bendiſh of Wichingham (by Audrey his wife, daughter of Thomas Hervey of ------, in Eſſex, relict of Francis Polſted) ſon of John Bendiſh of Steeple Bumpſted in Eſſex, by Margery, daughter of Thomas Crawley of Loughts in Eſſex. John Bendiſh aforeſaid, who purchaſed this manor, lived here, and married Elizabeth, daughter of William Edwards of Wiſbeach in the Iſle of Ely, Gent: and left a ſon and heir, John, born in 1664, in which year Elizabeth died.

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 24*s.*

The church was dedicated to the virgin Mary, and was appropriated to the priory of Butley in Suffolk, by John of Oxford, Biſhop of Norwich: it was a rectory valued at 6 marks, and paid Peter-pence 5*d. ob.* Walter Ly Hert, Biſhop of Norwich, certified that there was no vicarage, and that the priory paid to the king for a whole tenth 8*s.* in 1461. The abbot of Nutley had a portion of tithe valued at 10.

The church has a nave, and a chancel, and there is one bell.

In the nave a graveſtone—*In memory of John Bendiſh, late of Bylaugh-Hall, Eſq; and of Sarah his wife, only daughter of Sam. Walton, of Spalding in Lincolnſhire, Gent: who died* 1707, *aged* 43, *and by her laſt will and teſtament appointed Anne, daughter of Thomas Edwards, late of Wiſbeach, Eſq; her ſole executrix, who as a teſtimony of her love and gratitude to her deceaſed friends, erected this monument.*

On a grey marble, the pourtraiture of a knight in compleat armour, and his lady in braſs—*Orate p. aia. Dni. Joh. Curſon, militis, qui ob.* 20 *die menſis Januarij in feſto die Fabiani et Sebaſtiani A°. Dni.* 1471, *ac p. aia. Dne. Joh. conſortis ſue que obt. die menſ.* ----, *A°. Dni.* 14 ----, *quor. aiab;* &c. his arms tore off, over her head, -------, on a chevron, 3 boars heads couped.

Againſt the chancel ſouth wall, on a marble monument, the arms of Corbet, or, a raven proper, impaling Kemp, gules, 3 garbs in a bordure ingrailed, or;—*Ad pedem hujus monumenti jacet, cum Elizabethâ uxore, venerablilis nuper vir Dns. Clemens Corbet, quam parvis cancellis, animi dum vixit magni cancellarius, ſed et qualis inter vivos fuerat, viator, paucis accipe, unius uxoris maritus, quam merito dilexit unice, ex quâ unius filij, quinq; filiarum pater evadit, et ſic p' cepit qui in memoriam eorum, hoc monumentum extrui curavit, Samuel Corbet.*

Under this ſtone lye the bodies of Dr. Clemt. Corbet, who died 28, *May* 1652, *and Elizab. his wife, who dyed July* 17, 1644.

In memory of John Bendyſh, Eſq; who depd. Janu. 25, 1676, *Eliz. his wife, who depd. July* 17, 1664, with the arms of Bendiſh, impaling, a feſs, ermine between 3 mullets, ----, Edwards.

Frances Curſon buried in the church, in 1542: Audrey Curſon, in 1544: John Curſon, Eſq; in 1545.

Beck, or Beck-Hall,

WAS at the ſurvey a village, an hamlet, or beruite, belonging to Alan, Earl of Richmond's manor of Below; and was meaſured and valued as may be ſeen in Below; there were alſo 3 villains who reſided here and held land in Foxley, under Godric, and he of Earl Alan; and takes it's name from a little beck, or, ſtream of water, that runs by it.

Walter de Bek was lord in the 18 of Henry II. and paid to the ſixth ſcutage for the marriage of the king's eldeſt daughter, and for the army in Ireland, aſſeſſed at 20ſ. for a knight's fee; the ſaid Walter was alſo living in the 2d and 8th of Richard I. and paid ſcutage.

In the 24th of Henry III. a fine was levied before Ranulf, abbot of Ramſey, &c. and Simon de Hederſete, petent, and Richard de Bek, tenent of one meſſuage with the appertenances, and 40 acres of land in Bek, and in Belaugh. Robert Attebek and Maud his wife held lands here in the 33d of Edward III. and Thomas de Beck in the 9th of Edward II.

In the 8th of Richard II. William Curſon, eſcheator of Norfolk, had a lordſhip in Beck, Belaugh, and Billingford. Sir John Curſoun recovered againſt Andrew Hokere, maſter of the hoſpital at Bek, 2 meſſuages and 130 acres of land in Belaugh, Billingford, &c. in the 20th of Richard II. this Sir John died, as I take it, a priſoner in Spain, with the earl of Pembroke, ſoon after.

By the eſcheat rolls in the 11th of Edward IV. Sir John Curſon was found to die ſeiſed of the manors of Beck-Hall in le Becks in Belaugh, of Belaugh, Bintre, Willey, Derſingham, in Norfolk, Bergh in Saxham, and Fornham, in Suffolk, &c. his [*b*] will is dated January 10, 1471, requires to be buried in the church of Bylaw, at the chancel door, under the rood loft, and to have a graveſtone of the price of 8 marks; gives legacies to the poor tenants of ſeveral towns, to Anne, his daughter 50 marks for her portion, to Elizabeth, the ſame, to Catherine 20, Thomas his ſon and heir, John, William, and Edward his ſons; Jane, his wife (ſurviving him) Iſabell, late wife of William Curſon, to have an annuity of 40ſ. for life, out of the manor of Barrow in Suffolk, and his wife the manor of Ingaldeſthorp, and Babingle wood for life.

Thomas Curſon, Eſq; was his ſon and heir by Jane, daughter of ---- Bacon, and lord in the 18th of Henry VII. by his [*c*] will dated November 20, 1511, he requires to be buried in the church of Billingford, and was proved November 3, 1512: by Dorothy his wife, daughter of John Clopton, Eſq; he had John, his ſon and heir, aged 29 at his death.

John

(*b*) Regiſt. Betyns, fol. 107, 6. (*c*) Reg. Johnſon.

John Curſon, Eſq; of Beck Hall, in Belagh, died in the firſt year of King Edward VI. and left William, his ſon and heir, who had livery of this manor, &c. and died ſeiſed in the 14 of Queen Eliz. and Thomas was found to be his heir, by Thomaſine, daughter of Sir Robert Townſend, chief juſtice of Cheſter, who being remarried to William Rugge, Eſq; of Felmingham, was lord in her right; ſhe died here, and was buried in the church of Billingford.

Thomas Curſon, Eſq; had a *præcipe* in the 52 of Queen Elizabeth, to deliver it to Chriſtopher Crow, gent. and Robert Tilney, gent.

After this, it was conveyed to Sir Edward Coke, by the ſaid Thomas; and his immediate heir, the earl of Leiceſter, died ſeiſed of it in 1759, and his lady, now poſſeſſes it.

At this old village of Beck, was an hoſpital, founded by William de Beck, for poor travellers, who were to be entertained one night; there were 13 beds for that purpoſe. It was valued at 5*l.* and the patron of the church of Belaugh, paid a penſion of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* to it; it ſtood on the road from Norwich to Walſingham and Lynn.

MASTERS.

Richer or Richard, chaplain to William de Bec, was appointed by him firſt maſter or cuſtos of the hoſpital, which he built here.——Richer occurs maſter in the 24 of Henry III. and reſigned it then.——Simon de Hederſet admitted maſter in the 24 of Henry III.——William occurs maſter *ao.* 52 Henry III.——John de Geiſte, maſter.——Thomas, parſon of the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr, of Beck, recovered a mill with the appertenances, in Iteringham, belonging to this chapel, againſt Hervey de Stanhow, in the 14 of Edward I.——1309, Gilbert de Burewell cuſtos, collated by the biſhop of Norwich.——1314, Nicholas de Ayſhefeld, ditto.——Robert de Plecheſdone, cuſtos.——1332, Mr. Roger de Hederſet collated by the biſhop; he was rector of Billingford.—1352, John de Wineſton, ditto; he was rector of Badingham.——1352, Roger Aſlak, ditto.——1354, Robert Markaunt, ditto.——1358, Richard Roche, ditto.——Roger Hederſete.——Mr. Thomas de Hederſete, preſented by King Edward III. in his 43d year, the ſee of Norwich void.——1372, John de Waltham, by the biſhop.——1372, Mr. John de Babingle, ditto.——1375, Mr. John Clervaux, ditto.——1379, Andrew Hoker, rector of Swanton Morley, by ditto.——1387, Mr. John de Haldenby, ditto.

1416, Henry Kays rector of Fakenham in Norfolk, by the biſhop's vicar general.——1419, William Sponne, by the biſhop.——1447, John Knolles, ditto.——1453, Mr. William Hopper, decret. doctor.——1454, Mr. John Selot, decret. doctor, ditto.*——1489, Mr. Thomas Schenckwyn, L.L.D. ditto.——1497, Mr. Robert Honeywood, L.L D. ditto.——Mr. William Soper.——Roger Rawlyns.

1527, Thomas Gayton, by the biſhop.

William Read, maſter of the chapel of St. Paul, for the fulfilling of a certain covenant, between John Corbet, ſenior, and Auguſtine Stiward, citizen and alderman of Norwich; and the aforeſaid William, and John Curſon, Eſq; releaſed and quitclaimed for himſelf and ſucceſſors, to the ſaid John Curſon, and his heirs, all his right, title, &c. as well in the chapel of St. Paul, of Beck, as in the manor of Bek in Billingford, and How, and the appertenances in Norfolk, and in all meſſuages, lands, ſervices, &c. belonging to the ſaid manor, lying in the city of Norwich, in the villages and fields of Billingford, Hoo, Eaſt Dereham, Swanton Morley, Todenham, Beteley, Bytering, Briſley, North Elmham, Woodnorton Gieſtwick, Dallyng, Folſham, Sparham, Iteringham, Mendyleſham, Wichingham, St. Faith's and St. Mary's, Hackford, Reſham, Whitewell, Bawdſwell, Ringland, Bintre, Belaugh, &c. dated October 1, *ao.* 57 Henry VIII. and confirmed by the biſhop, and dean and chapter of Norwich, October 14, in the ſaid year.——It was valued in the king's books at 4*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

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* Nich. Goldwell was maſter in the 2d of Henry VII. 1486.

On the ſcite of this hoſpital the Cokes built a good ſeat, as appears from their arms over the porch, &c. and it was eſteemed to be in the pariſh of Billingford.

It appears from the deed of William de Bec, the founder, that Richard, his chaplain, was admitted to this maſterſhip, by Alan, the biſhop's official, or vicar general, preſiding in the conſiſtory court of Norwich, and that it was well endowed, for him, and certain chaplains; that the ſaid William granted to Pandulph, then biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, the right of patronage of his hoſpital of St. Thomas the Martyr, and St. Paul of Bec, by deed, dated at London, November 12, 1224.

In the 52 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Frier William, maſter of the hoſpital, petent, and Henry of Swanton tenent, of 23 acres of land in Hoo, St. Werburge, granted to the hoſpital. The maſter impleaded John de Beck, in the 16 of Edward I. for taking and impounding his hogs, in Belaw, and Foxley, in a place called Denes, and the jury find that the maſter had right of common there.

On its diſſolution, the hoſpital with its lands, and a manor belonging to it, came to the crown, and was granted by letters patent, dated May 26, *ao.* 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary, to Sir John Perrot, knight, with court letes, weifs, ſtrays, &c. who in the ſaid year, May 28, granted them to Thomas Rocheſter, and John Waldgrave, gent. to be held of the manor of Eaſt Greenwich, by the 20 part of a fee; after this, it was purchaſed by Sir Edward Coke, the judge, and ſo deſcended to the late earl of Leiceſter.

BILLINGFORD.

TORD was lord before the conqueſt. A freeman, who held 3 carucates [a] of land, 7 villains, 8 borderers, and 2 ſervi belonged to it, and 3 carucates in demean, 8 carucates among the tenants, &c. a mill, and 5 acres of meadow, and 6 ſocmen belonged to it, with 48 acres, which Earl Ralph took away, but Alan, Earl of Richmond, had them at the ſurvey, &c. there were 70 ſheep, 10 cows, 4 ſkeps of bees, valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 8*d.* halfpenny gelt; the ſoc was in the king's manor of Folſham.——Ralph Peverell was lord at the ſurvey, and Humfrey held it under him.

Ralph Peverell, lord at the ſurvey, was a Norman, married the Conqueror's concubine, and had beſides this lordſhip, thoſe of Walſingham, Carlton, Melton, and Keteringham, in the hundred of Humbleyard, and that of Rueſhale in the hundred of Earſham; by his wife, Maud, a Saxon, daughter of Ingelrick, founder of the college of St. Martin's le Grand in London; he had ſeveral children.

[b] William de Fregos was lord, and by deed, *ſans* date, gave to R. prior of Acre, the convent, with the conſent of his ſon, to the honour of the Virgin Mary, the tithe of his mill of Belingford, of 10*s.* *per ann.*

In the 3d of Henry III. Jeffrey Fregos held it of the honour of Peverell. In the 34 of that king, the jury find that Richard de Bec had no right to fiſh unleſs for eels, at the ſluices of the 2 mills here; Geffrey was found in the 40 of the ſaid reign, to have held it in *capite*, by the fourth part of a fee, and Robert was his ſon and heir, aged 24; (Eſch.)——which Robert in the 49 of that king, had a charter for free warren, in his demeſne lands.

Tho. Fregoz had alſo lands here, but King Henry III. on his taking part with [c] the rebellious barons, gave them to Luke de Napier.

On an inquiſition taken in the 3d of Edward I. before William de Gyney, Richard de Bellhous, William de Merkeſhale, the jury find that Geffrey Fregoz, when lord, gave to Peter de Mealings 60 acres of land; that Nicholas, ſon and heir of

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[a] Terre Ranaulfi Peverelli——Billingeforda ten. Tord i lib. ho. t. r. e. iii car. t're. mo. tenet Humfrid. ſep. vii villi. 7 viii bor. 7 ii ſer. tc. iii car. in d'nio. p. 7 dim. mo. ii tc. 7. p. viii car. hou' mo. v. 7 iii car. poſſent fieri. ſilv. xii por. 7 i mol. 7 vi ac. p'ti. hic p'tinebant t. r. e. vi ſoc. xl viii ac. 7 Rad. Comes abſtulit, 7 mo. tenet Comes Alanus, ſep. i. r. 7 x an. 7 xvi por. lxx ov. mo. iiii vaſa apu' ſemp. val. iiii lib. 7 ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lato. 7 reddit viii*d.* 7 obolum. q'cq. ibi teneat Soca in Folſham Regis.

[b] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 58. 6.

[c] Ragman's Reg. in the excheqer.

Geffrey, ſold alſo to John de Pakenham, and Iſabel his wife, five men *cum totâ ſequelâ*, and a tenement of the yearly value of 45*s.* for the ſervice of one pair of ſpurs, and that the ſaid Nicholas Fregoz ſold to the maſter of Bec hoſpital, 18 acres of land with a foldage for 300 ſheep, and 7*s.* rent *per ann.* and the reſt of the manor he conveyed to Robert Burnell, then lord of it, but they knew not by what ſervice he held it. This Robert Burnell was a great purchaſer, lord chancellor, and biſhop of Bath and Wells, who dying in the 21 of Edward I. Sir Philip Burnell was his nephew and heir, whoſe ſon Edward died poſſeſſed of it, in the 9 of Edward II. *ſans* iſſue, and Maud his ſiſter and heir, the wife of Sir John Handlo, poſſeſſed it; this John and Maud in the 14 of Edward III. ſettled this lordſhip, which Alice, widow of Edward, Lord Burnell, held, for life, with thoſe of Byſingham in Glouceſterſhire, and Bydiford in Somerſetſhire, on Nicholas their ſon and heir, who preſented to this church in 1379, by the name of Sir Nicholas Burnell, Lord de Holgot, and in 1386, and 1401, Sir Hugh Burnell.

In the 4 of Henry V. Edward, Lord Burnell, was found to be ſon of Sir Hugh, and to have left by Jocoſa his wife, 3 daughters and coheirs; Joyce married to Thomas Erdington, Eſq; Catherine aged 9, and Mary 6 years, after married to ——— Hungerford.

On a diviſion of the eſtate, this came to Catherine, who married Sir John Ratcliff, anceſtor of the earls of Suſſex; and Thomas, Earl of Suſſex, had livery of it in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary.

In the 8 of Elizabeth, William Curſon, Eſq; was lord and patron, and his ſon Thomas conveyed it to Sir Edward Coke, anceſtor to the earl of Leiceſter, the late lord, whoſe lady now enjoys it.

The family of Charles had an intereſt here, and preſented to the church in 1308, and 1309.

In 33 of Edward I. Joan Charles, widow of William Charles, of Ketleburg in Suffolk, was found to die ſeiſed of one fee here, held in *capite*, and Edward was her ſon and heir; there was a capital meſſuage with lands, and 2 watermills, valued at 11*l.* *per ann.* in the ſaid year he had a grant of a fair and free warren, in this town, and a grant of a mercate, a fair, and free warren, at Milton in Northamptonſhire; he paid 5*l.* relief for this manor, held of the honor of Hatfield Peverel in Eſſex. He was lord of this town and of Liſland in Norfolk, in the firſt year of Edward II. when Thomas de Swanton impleaded ſeveral of this lord's tenants, for breaking his fold in this town, and it was proved that according to the cuſtom and practice of Norfolk, no perſon had a right to erect a fold in his own land, except the lord, unleſs for ſome particular, ſpecial reaſon or grant from him, where no fold had been uſed to be erected, and it being proved that the ſaid John, and his anceſtors never had any fold, and that it was to the injury and prejudice of the lord, and contrary to the cuſtom and practice of Norfolk, the ſaid John was amerced for ſo doing.

Edward Charles, ſon and heir of Edward, was lord in the 37 of Edward III. Sir Robert Charles, ſon and heir of Sir Edward, was lord of this town and Ketleburgh, and was ſucceeded by his ſon Sir Thomas Charles, and Thomas his ſon was lord in the 6 of Edward IV. and was after united to the aforeſaid lordſhip.

The church is a rectory; the antient valor was 13 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 8*d.* ½. The preſent valor is 7*l.* 10*s.*

It conſiſts of a nave and a north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, and a chancel with tile, all much out of repair; at the weſt end is a ſquare tower, on which is raiſed an octangular one, with 2 bells.——In the chancel windows were the arms of Burnel——Argent, a lion rampant, ſable, crowned, or, in a bordure azure.——In the north iſle the remains of a large and handſome pew, belonging to Beck-Hall, of oak, with a cover.——On the heads of the ſeats are many arms carved rudely;——Ermine, on a chief, gules, 5 lozenges, of the firſt, as born by Sir Edward Charles, in the reign of Edward I.——Ermine, a bend company, argent and ſable, Curſon.——A ſaltire ingrailed, probably Kerdeſton;——A goat ſalient, Berdwell.——3 creſcents,—Thorp;——A chevron, between 3 eagles heads eraſed, &c.——On an old pulpit cloath the arms of Rugg;—Gules, a chevron engrailed, between 3 mullets pierced, argent.

In the reign of Henry III. the patronage was in the family of Fregoz,

RECTORS.

And Henry Fregoz occurs rector in the 34 of that king.——In 1308, Henry de Hales was admitted rector, preſented by Sir Edward Charles.——1309, Mr. Hugh de Sehales, ditto.——1311, Remigius de Hederſete, by Sir Edward Burnel. 1313, Roger de Hederſete, ditto.——1375, Hugh de Caus.——1379, Philip de la Lee, by Sir Nicholas Burnel, Lord de Holgot.——1386, Roger Pickyn, by Sir Hugh Burnel, Lord Holgot.——1389, John Broughton, ditto.

1401, John Merſe, ditto.——1422, Ad. Oſyn, by John, Lord Talbot, and Wr. Hungerford.——1435, John Smith, by Peter Shelton, and Edward Hunte.——1451, William Waryn, by John Feryz, and Catherine his wife, relict of Sir John Ratclyff.——1455, John Adam, by Edward Grey, Lord Haſtings.——1461, Mr. Robert Ippeſwell, L.L.B. ditto.——1467, William Muſtarder, ditto.——1483, David Fulberſton, by John Radclyff, Lord Fitz-Walter, of Attleburgh.——1493, Mr. John Wardall, S.T.B. by George Grey, earl of Kent.

William Armitage rector, compounded for firſt fruits in April, 1596. Mr. William Rugg patron, in right of his wife Thomaſine, widow of Thomas Curſon, Eſq;

Richard Cleburn, rector, compounded in January, 1642.

Mr. Ivory occurs rector in 1715.——John Francis occurs rector in 1727, died rector, 1742; and Thomas Scot was preſented by the Lord Lovell.——1763, Mr. Carrington.

The earl of Leiceſter late patron, now his lady.

Here were the gilds of St. Mary, and the Trinity; to one of theſe the church was probably dedicated.

[d] Humpfrey, ſon of Albert, had alſo a lordſhip in this town, granted him by the Conqueror, on the expulſion of a free woman, one carucate of land, one villain and 7 borderers, belonged to it, with one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 2 acres of meadow, and a mill; when he entered on it there was one runcus, always 5 cows, and 60 ſheep, valued at 40*s.* The ſoc was in King Edward's time, in the king's manor of Folſham, but Humphrey had it at the ſurvey.

Humpfrey had alſo a lordſhip in Ridleſworth, by Thetford, but both of them ſoon after came to Ralph Peverell, and this was by that means, joyned to his abovementioned lordſhip in this town; there were alſo at the ſurvey, 2 borderers belonging to Foxley manor, who lived here.

BRANDESTON and GUTON.

BRANDESTON [a] was a ſmall lordſhip, or beruite, belonging to King Herold's great lordſhip of Cawſton, in South Erpingham hundred, and at the conqueſt was poſſeſſed by King William I. We learn from the ſurvey, that 4 free men formerly held here, (under Herold) 52 acres of land, with a carucate and a half and 8 acres of meadow, &c. and that it was valued in Cauſton. It remained in the crown many years; King John granted it with Cauſton to be held in *capite* of him, to Hubert Burgh, earl of Kent, and was held of him by the family of De Peccato, or Peche, and after by the family of de Gyney, as I ſhall ſhew.

Guton was a conſiderable town and lordſhip, at the time of the ſurvey, though [b] now depopulated, and included in Brandeſton, and was wrote Gutheketuna.—Leſtan a free man, was on the conqueſt deprived of it, and it was granted to Toheli Brito, of Britagne in France, who attended the duke of Normandy into England,

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[d] Terre Humfridi filij Alb.——In Billingeforda i car. t're. ten. i lib' aſem'a. p. man. t. r. e. ſep. i vill. 7 vii bor. ſep. i car. in d'nio. 7 i car. ho'um. 7 ii ac. p'ti. 7 i mol. qu' rec. i. r. mo. null. ſep. v an. 7 lx ovs. ſep. val. xx ſol. ſoca in Folſha'. regis t. r. e. mo. tenet Humfrid.

[a] Terra Regis——In Branteſtuna iii libi. ho'es. lii ac. t're. 7 i car. 7 dim. 7. viii ac. p'ti. ſilva vi por. 7 ſu't in p'tio. de Cauſtona.

[b] Terre Teheli——Gutheketuna tenet Oſb.

and had alſo the manors of Calthorp, and of Boton in South Erpingham, beſtowed upon him; and Oſbert held this under Teheli, at the ſurvey.——In Leſtan's time, 4 carucates of land belonged to it, 9 villains, &c. 17 borderers, &c. 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants, 30 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, 4 runci, 8 cows, 14 ſkeps of bees, and 18 ſocmen, and there were 18 ſocmen with 112 acres of land, and one borderer, and 4 carucates and 3 acres and an half of meadow; the king and the earl had the ſoc. It was valued before the ſurvey at 4*l.* and then at 6*l. per ann.* was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 7*d.* to the king's gelt.

The family of Peche had an intereſt in this town, and Sir Andrew de Helion, of Bumpſtead, in Eſſex, certified the venerable barons of the exchequer, on the marriage of the king's ſiſter, to the emperor of Germany, about 1234, that Symon Peche held 3 parts of a fee of him, in Gukenton, Norfolk.

William Peche, ſon of Simon, was living in the reign of Edward I. his daughter and heir brought it by marriage to Roger, 2d ſon of William de Gyney, who in the 10 of that king, then a knight, was ſummoned to attend that king in his expedition into Wales. Sir Roger, and Margery his wife, claimed in an aſſiſe, the advouſon of the church of Brandeſton, againſt Robert Fitz-Roger, which Simon Peche his wife's grandfather, was poſſeſſed of.——In the 15 of the ſaid king, he claimed a weekly mercate on Friday, a fair on the decollation of St. John baptiſt, and free warren.

He was living in the 3 of Edward III. and Margery his widow in the 7 of that king, ſettled by fine, on Thomas their ſon, a mill, with rents in theſe towns, and 4*l.* 2*s.* rents *per ann.* This Thomas married Elizabeth, daughter [*c*] of Sir Thomas Mortimer; in 1378, ſhe made her teſtament, which was proved October 24, 1378, and deſires to be buried in the church of Sir Nicholas of Brandeſton, near to her huſband, and appoints her ſon, Sir John Gyney, executor.

[*d*] In 1400, Sir Thomas Gyney gave by his will, dated September 22, to Cecily his wife, all his goods and chattels, and was proved July 10, 1403; ſhe was in the 13 of Henry IV. the wife of Sir Thomas Gerberge, and Sir Thomas Gyney her ſon, by his will, dated May 1, in the 5 of Henry V. and proved February 10, 1420, [*e*] bequeaths his body to be buried in the Auguſtin Friers church at Norwich, and ſums of money to the churches of Brandeſton, Woodnorton, Geiſt, Pateſley, Swanington in Norfolk; Geſlingham and Geſtington in Suffolk; he ſeems to have left an only daughter, Margery, who as lady of Guton Hall, preſented to this church in 1431.

After this Sir John Faſtolf was lord, and preſented to the church in 1448, and ſo to John Paſton, Eſq; In the 18 of Edward IV. the jury find that it would not be to the king's prejudice if licenſe was granted to William Waynfleet, biſhop of Wincheſter, &c. to alien to William Tyberd, clerk, preſident of St. Mary Magdalen's college, in Oxford, in part of ſatisfaction, for 500*l.* land, the manors of Guton in Brandeſton, (and the advouſon) in Titchwell, Brancaſter, Thornham, and lands in Holm, Reedham Hall in Boyton, the manors of Spirling in Freſton, Caldecotes in Freſton, Akethorp in Leicerſhire, Haverland, &c. lately belonging to Sir John Faſtolf, and after to John Paſton, Eſq; and in the ſaid college Guton Hall remains.

In the chamber of this hall were the arms of Biſhop Waynfleet;——Fuſily, ermin and ſable, on a chief of the ſecond, 3 lillies, argent, with a miter, and the garter, as prelate of that order.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

The church of Brandeſton is a rectory; the old valor was 18 marks, paid Peterpence, 8*d.* The preſent valor is 7*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* *ob.*——It is dedicated to St. Nicholas,

qua' tenuit Leſtanus, i lib. ho. t. r. e. iiii car. t're. tc. 7. p. ix vill. mo. iiii tc. 7 p. xvii bor. mo. xv. 7 ii ſ. tc. 7 p. ii car. in d'nio. mo iii ſep. iiii car. ho'um 7 xxx ac. p'ti. ſilv. lx por. 7 i mol. ſep. iiii r. tc. xiii an. mo. xiiii. tc. 7. xiiii vaſa apu' 7 xviii ſoc' tenet ide'. cxii ac. t're. 7 i bor. tc. 7 p. iiii car. mo. iii 7. iii ac. 7 dim. p'ti. ſup. totu' Rex 7 Comes ſoca'. tc. 7 p. val. iiii lib. mo. vi lib. 7 ht, i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lato, 7 reddit vii*d.* in geltum regis.

[*c*] Reg. Heydon, fol. 108.

[*d*] Reg. Arſik, 296.

[*e*] Reg. Hurning, 48.

cholas, conſiſting of a nave or body, and a chapel, and a round tower at the north weſt end of the nave.——In a window of the chancel——Gules, an eſcotheon, and orle of martlets, argent, Filby;——3 reed ſheafs, or,—Reedham;——paly of 6, or and gules, and a chief, ermin, Gynney. In a window of the church, the figure of St. Nicholas, under it a woman kneeling, in a ſcarlet gown, and a girdle of gold and this label:

Serve Dei Nicholae, mei Chriſto memor eſto.

In another window the hiſtory of the good Samaritan.

RECTORS.

In 1338, Thomas Andrew inſtituted rector, preſented by Thomas, ſon of Sir Roger Gyney, deceaſed.——1349, John de Maſſingham, by Sir Thomas Genye. ——1357, Roger de Felthorp, ditto.

1402, Elyas Heyward, by William Brown, clerk.——1431, Henry Helwys, by Margery Gyney, in right of the manor of Guton, in Brandeſton.——1431, John Folſham, ditto.——1448, Thomas Hoop, by Sir John Faſtolf.——1475, Adam Middlegate, by William, Biſhop of Wincheſter.

1506, Bartholomew Jolly, by the biſhop of Norwich, a lapſe.——1531, Mr. John Briſſet, by Magdalen college, Oxford.——1551, Richard Hay, ditto.——1556, Richard Blanch, A.M. ditto.——1559, John Brown, ditto ——1560, Henry Kirke, ditto.——1561, John Mapes, ditto.——1577, Chriſtopher Sankey, ditto.

Thomas Potman, rector, compounded in 1636.

1733, George Burton, on the death of Joſeph Furze.——1742, William Howard. 1744, John Audley, D.D. by Magdalen college.

Margery de Boton was an anchoreſs here, in the church, as I take it. The temporalities of St. Faiths 12*s*. 8*d*. Of Longevile priory 12*d*.

BYNTRE-HASTINGS MANOR.

ON the deprivation of Edric, a Saxon free man, this lordſhip was granted [*a*] to Walter Giffard: it conſiſted of a carucate of land, 3 villains, and 9 borderers, &c. 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, &c. 60 ſheep, valued at 20*s*. but at the ſurvey at 55*s*. and 4 free men had a carucate of land, and 2 carucates and 3 acres of meadow, and one borderer valued at 20*s*. at the ſurvey at 12*s*. The ſoc of this in King Edward's reign, belonged to Folſham, the king's manor, but at the ſurvey Giffard had it. It is 5 furlongs long, 3 broad, and pays 12*d*. *ob*. gelt to the king.

Walter was a great favourite of William, Duke of Normandy, and created by him, earl of Buckingham, which his ſon Walter enjoyed, who died without iſſue male, and came on the marriage of his daughter ——, to the earls of Clare.

This lordſhip was held by the Marſhals, earls of Pembroke, of the honour of Clare, and of the Marſhals, by a family who took their name from this town; all Giffard's manors came to the earls of Clare, who were the capital lords.

Eborard de Bintre, in the 2 of King John, complained that he had been impleaded by Herebert his brother, in a court chriſtian, on account of a lay fee; and Bartholomew de Bintre held here, and in Geyſtweyt, half a fee of the earl of Glouceſter, in King Henry III's. reign, and Edward I.

In the 11 of Edward I. John le Mareſcall held of the earl of Glouceſter, the advouſon of this church, 2 water-mills, &c. as appears by the eſcheat rolls; Roger de Bintre was in the 8 of Edward II. found to hold one fee here, &c. In the 10 of that king,

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[*f*] Terre Walti. Giffardi———Binnetre ten. Edrici. lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. t're. ſep. iii vill 7 viiii bor, tc i ſ. ſep. ii car. in d'nio. 7 ii car. hom. 7 viii ac. p'ti. mo. ix por. 7. lx ovs. tc. val. xx ſol. p. 7 mo. lv. 7 iiii lib. ho'es. i car. t're. ſep. ii car. 7 i bor. 7 iii ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx mo. xii ſol. ſoca iſtius t're. t. r. e. jacuit in Folſham Regis, mo. ht. Walts. 7 ht. v qr. in longo, 7 iii in lato, 7 reddit xii*d*. 7 ob. de gelto regis.

king, lands were ſettled by fine, on Richard de Byntre, and Roſe his wife; and in the 19, Robert de Bintre, chaplain, conveyed to William, ſon of John de Byntre, lands, meſſuages, &c.

Thomas de Byntre was living in the 18 of Edward III. and ſealed with ——, on a bend, cottiſed, —— 3 croſs croſslets, with Margaret his wife, held a lordſhip here, with one in Irmingland, in Norfolk, both which after came to William Haſtings, of Aylſham, and Sir John de Bintre, ſon of Ralph, had an intereſt here in 33 of Edward III.

Sir John Curſon of Beck Hall and Below, was lord of Haſtings in the 4 of Edward IV. and died ſeiſed of it in the 11 of that king.——John Curſon of Belaugh, died poſſeſſed of it in the firſt of Edward VI. and William, his ſon and heir, inherited it; Thomas, ſon of William Curſon, had livery of it in the 20 of Elizabeth. Theſe all held of the Marſhals, the Morleys, who had the prtronage, and the Parkers, and was ſold by them.

After this, it was conveyed to Sir Thomas Hunt, knt. ſoap boiler of London; William Hunt his ſon, and Thomas his grand-ſon, inherited it, and from this family it came to Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet, whoſe grandſon Sir Jacob, died lord, and his ſon, Sir Edward, is the preſent lord.

LANGETOT MANOR.

IN the firſt year of King John, Gilbert de Langetot, bought of William de Bellomont, of Saxlingham, 2 knights fees, and a part of one in Bintre. Alexander de Norfolk, gives by deed, *ſans* date, with the aſſent of his Lady Emma de Langetot, and the Lady Muriel her daughter and heirs, to God and the canons of Miſſenden, in Bucks, all his land in the village of Binetre, in Norfolk, which Jeffrey, ſon of William, and the ſaid Emma his wife, gave to him, for his ſervices, paying 12*d. per ann.* Emma de Langetot, with the conſent of Muriel her daughter, confirmed the ſame, and gave 12*d.* of [g] the tithe of Alan de Burfeld of Bintre, to the ſaid convent.

In the 11 of King John, Muriel de Langetot, conveyed by fine, one carucate of land, to Alan de Singlefeld, and the abbot and canons of Miſſenden, grant to William de Englefeld, and his heirs, all the land in Binitre, which Alan de Norfolk gave them, on his paying 7*s. per ann.* to them; and in the 24 of Henry III. Godfrey de Langetot held of William de Englefeld, 2 knights fees and an half in this town, Wichingham and Saxlingham, &c. and acknowledged by fine to do ſervice to him.

Robert Langetoft was lord in the 22d of Richard II. and held it of the earl of March; it was in the ſame family in the 38 of Henry VI. after this, it came to the Curſons, and united to Haſtings manor.

The prior of Walſingham had lands here. Adelicia, widow of Jeffrey Baynard, of Bynetre, gave rents, as did Albinus de Stanford, and William Smyth, John, ſon of Warine de Lettey, Robert de Gloze, and William, ſon of Richard de Thurſton, gave lands. Sir William, ſon of Sir Robert de Morley, confirmed all the lands in Folſham, Byntre, Geyſt, &c. of the gift of Sir John Mareſchall, ſenior, and Oliva his wife, and to have court as they uſed to have, in the 26 of Edward III.——In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 12*s.* 8*d. q.*

On April 11, in the 4 of Edward VI. this was granted to Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors.

The tenths were 7*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 3*l.*

In the parlour window of Bintre, Curſon's manor, are the arms of Howard, duke of Norfolk; the quarterings broke.

Felton, and Curſon, quarterly, impaling Drury.——Felton, quartering, in the ſecond and 3d quarter, Curſon, in the 4th, an harpy or ſphinx, diſplayed, or.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Swithin, has 2 iſles, with a chapel on the ſouth ſide, alſo a chancel, and ſquare tower, with four bells.

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[g] Regiſt. Miſſend. fol. 87. &c.

In the chancel a ſtone *In memory of Thomas Hunt, rector, about* 1510, and *For Ralph Outlaw, who died rector* 1688, *aged* 68.

In a window the arms of Morley.——Edward Style of Bintre, buried in the church, 1465, and gave land to the covering of it.

RECTORS.

Richard de Langbrigg was rector in the 3 of Henry III. and the church was then in the patronage of the king, and valued at 30 marks, afterwards at 20 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 10*d. ob.* The preſent valor is 10*l.*

1270, William de Winterſhull inſtituted rector, preſented by the king, on account of the lands of William le Marſhall.——1299, Robert de Brampton, by Lady Hawys le Marſhall.

1303, John de Burgh, ditto.——John de Colton, rector.——1316, John Bacoun, ditto.——1318, John de Halys, ditto.——1349, Thomas Alot, by Sir Robert de Morle.——1361, William Chattocke, by Sir William Morle, lord marſhal of Ireland.——1367, William de Berton, ditto.——1388, Robert Ward, by Thomas, Lord Morley.——1396, Thomas Dale, ditto.

1405, William Eſſex, ditto.——1409, John Romley, ditto.——1413, William Rumley, ditto.——1426, John Brewſter, by Ann, Lady Morley.——1445, Andrew Deen, by Lady Iſabella Morley.——1480, Andrew Holley, by John, Duke of Norfolk, on the minority of Henry Lovell, Lord Morley.

Thomas Hunt occurs rector 1510.

1611, Edward Rix, rector, compounded in April.——Henry Barton, rector, compounded April 7, 1636.——Robert Hewet, rector, compounded January, 1642.

1688, George Featherſtone.

1721, John Hardy, by Sir J. Aſtley.——Ralph Outlaw died rector.——1724, Thomas Aſtley, ditto.——1743, T. Horſely, ditto.——1754, Richard Drake, by Edward Aſtley, Eſq;——1759, John Aſtley, by Sir J. Aſtley, baronet.

Beſides the lordſhip of Walter Giffard, abovementioned, Godric, the king's [*b*] bailiff, or ſteward, had 20 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and a carucate which 2 free men poſſeſſed, in King Edward's time, valued at 3*s.* This came to the Giffard's ſome time after, and was united to their manor.

Hagon or Hacon, *prepoſitus regis*, the king's reeve or bailiff, had, at the ſurvey, [*i*] an hundred acres of land, 10 ſocmen, and 4 carucates were among the tenants, with 7 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.*

Hacon had alſo ſmall lordſhips in Geyſt, Geyſtweyt, Norton, Weſton, Sparham, Tytheby, Thirning in Eynford hundred, and in Sall.

This lordſhip was alſo united to Giffard's capital manor ſoon after the ſurvey.

ELSING,

WAS the lordſhip of William, Earl Warren: Toke, a Saxon thane, was lord of it in the reign of the Confeſſor, and Fredericus after him, but at the ſurvey, on his expulſion, we find it held of the Earl Warren by Wimer: Toke had 2 [*a*] carucates of land held by 6 villains, and 12 borderers with 4 ſervi, and there were 3 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, with 7 acres of meadow and of wood, 300 acres, two mills, 2 runci (horſes for work,) 10 cows, and 40 ſwine, 40 ſheep, 12 ſkeps of bees, and a church endowed with 18 acres of land, and one of meadow, always valued at 4*l. per ann.* and was of the fee of Frederic; it was one leuca long, and half a one and one rood broad, and paid 8*d.* ¼. gelt.

[*b*] Terre Godrici Dapiferi——In Binetre ii libi. ho'es. xx ac. t're. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſep. i car. 7 valet iii ſol.

[*i*] Terre Hagonis——In Binnetre ten. Hagon p'poſitus Regis c. ac. t're. ſep. x ſoc. ſep. iiii car. int. ho'es. 7 vii ac. pt'i. ſep. val. xx ſol.

[*a*] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Helſinga Wimerus tenet qd. tenuit Toca i lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car, t're. ſep. vi vill. tc. xii bor. mo x tc. iiii ſ. tc. 7. p iii car. in d'nio. mo. ii tc. iiii car. ho'u. p. 7. mo. iii 7 vii ac. p'ti. ſilv. ccc. 7 ii mol. ſep. ii r. 7 x an. 7 tc. xl por. mo. xiiii ſep. xl ov. 7 xii vaſa apu' 7 i ecclia xviii ac. 7 i ac. p. ſep. val. iiii lib. hoc e. de feudo Fretherici 7 ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lato 7 i virgata 7 redd. viii*d.* 7. obolu' in geldu' regis.

El, is the initial ſyllable of many towns, and ſignifies water, and Ing is a meadow; El is alſo a river, as Elwick, in Durham, Elford, Northamptonſhire, *&c.*

Wimer, who held under Earl Warren, was his grand dapifer, or ſteward, and was enfeoffed of many lordſhips; from his family (who aſſumed the name of De Greſſenhale, of which they were alſo lords) it came by Iſabel, ſole heireſs to the Stutevilles, barons of the realm, and from them it came by an heireſs to Sir Richard Foliot, in the beginning of King Edward I. reign.

In 1328, the lady Margery de Foliot preſented to this church, relict of Sir Jordan de Foliot, her ſon Sir Richard dying *s. p.* his two ſiſters, Margery, the wife of Sir Hugh de Haſtings, and Margaret, wife of Sir John Camois, were his coheirs; Sir John and his lady releaſed their intereſt in this town to Sir Hugh and his lady.

Sir Hugh was ſon of Sir John de Haſtings, Lord Abergavonny, by Iſabel his 2d lady, daughter of Hugh Le De Spencer, Earl of Wincheſter, this Sir Hugh built the church of Elſing, and was there buried in 1347, as was his lady in 1349.

Sir Hugh Haſtings, lord in the 3d of Richard II. had the grant of a mercate, and 2 fairs in a year, at this town, on the death of Sir John Haſtings, *s. p.* in the 20th of Henry VII. it was found that he held this lordſhip of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and George Haſtings, Eſq; his brother, was his heir.

John Haſtings, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Hugh, dying *s. p.* in the 35th of Henry VIII. left 2 ſiſters and coheirs, Anne the eldeſt married William Brown, Eſq; ſecond ſon to Sir Anthony Brown, maſter of the horſe to King Henry VIII. and knight of the garter, and in her right was lord of this town and of Weſenham.

Of the deſcendants and families of Wimer, Stutvile, Foliot and Haſtings, ſee at large in the town of Greſſenhale.

Anne, daughter of Ant. Brown, Eſq; was baptized at Weſenham in 1578.

Anthony, ſon of Thomas Brown, Eſq; baptiſed there in 1611, as was William, ſon of Thomas, in 1615.

Thomas Brown, Eſq; kept his firſt court at Weſenham, in 1631.

Thomas Brown, Eſq; of Elſing, had a daughter Camilla, married to Thomas Edwards, Gent: (of Wiſbeach) at Elſing in 1659.

William Brown, Eſq; of Elſing was lord in 1696, and by Ann his wife left Thomas, his ſon, the laſt heir male of this family, who by Mary his wife, daughter of Roger Pratt, Eſq; of Ruſton, in Norfolk, had a daughter and heir Mary, married to ----- Green, Eſq; lord in her right.

The church is a rectory dedicated to -------------, the ancient valor was 15 marks and paid peter pence 7*d.* the priory of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithes, being two parts of the demeans of William de Stutevil, [*b*] patron of the church of Auſing (as it is ſometimes wrote) which the prior and convent let to farm to Maſter Ralph, rector, and his ſucceſſors for ever, in 1251, at 2 marks of ſilver for ever, and confirmed by the biſhop and chapter, and patron; the preſent valor is 5*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.ob.* and is diſcharged of tenths, *&c.*

RECTORS.

In 1328, Maſter Richard de Shropham, inſtituted, preſented by lady Margery de Foliot.——1330, Mr. Matthew de Wygenhale, ditto.——1349, William de Swynflete, arch-deacon of Norfolk, by lady Margaret de Haſtings.——1361, John de Haldenby, by lady Margery, wife of Sir Hugh Haſtings——1388, John Braun, by lady Ann relict of Sir Hugh Haſtings.

In 1435, September 12, Sir Edward Haſtings preſented.

In 1485, Sir Hugh Haſtings preſented.

----, Mr. Robinſon, rector.

(*b*) Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 127.

John Hardy, died in 1733, and Thomas Inyon ſucceeded, preſented by Thomas Brown, Eſq;——1741, Edward Barnwell, ditto.——1744, Thomas Eglington, *D. D.* ditto.——1747, John Wilſon, by Mrs. Mary Brown.

The church is covered with lead and the chancel with tiles.

In the tower, which is four ſquare, are 5 bells.

In the eaſt window of the chancel are the pourtraitures of Sir Hugh de Haſtings and the lady Margaret his wife, who built the church; Sir Hugh in amour with his tabord of arms over it, and on his knees; that of his lady has on her gown, alſo her arms, *&c.* and on her knees; each ſupporting with both their hands a church, ſetting forth themſelves as the founders; under him, or, a maunch, gules, with a file of 3 points, argent, as of a younger family, and under her, Haſtings, impaling, gules, a bend argent, Foliot. In the midſt of the chancel lies a large marble graveſtone, whereon has been a rim of braſs with an inſcription, now ſpoiled, and the concluſion of it only remaining, viz. *Cum Pater, Ave.* On this is the pourtraiture of a knight in compleat armour, a lion at his feet, with the arms of Haſtings over his head, 2 angels ſupport his helmet; in memory moſt likely (as by its ſcite) of the founder.

Under them remains *in gwowe worchipe, yis churche hath been wrowt by Howe de Haſtyng and Margaret hys wyf.*

On an altar tomb, on the north ſide, with the arms of Brown, ſable, 3 lionels paſſant, in bend, between 2 double cottiſes, argent, impaling.

Here lyeth Dame Anne, Sir Anthony Browne his wife,
In hope of reſurrection unto life.
Whoſe lively working faith by charity,
Deſerves an everlaſting memory.
Seventy-two years ſhe lived, a bleſſed adge,
And finiſhed in peace her pilgrimadge.
She dyed 5, *Oct.* 1623.

Two bleſſed babes, her ſonnes, with her doe lye,
Francis the one, the other Anthonye.
Where reſte they three, 'till latter daye,
Shall rayſe them up to endleſs joye.

Here is alſo another altar tomb, deprived of its braſſes and inſcription; by the inciſion of the ſtone to receive the braſs letters, it appears to have been very antient, ∴ *Enterre: Fut: comfrare: Manour: Saint:* ***FRAVNCES*** ∴∴∴ ***BOVRLE: GIST: JCI: DE: KY: ALME: DEV: EYT: MERCY:*** probably in memory of ſome rector, who was a frier franciſcan.

I alſo find that Sir John Haſtings, and the lady Anne his wife, daughter of lord John Morley, were here buried, about 1471.

On a graveſtone, with the arms of Berney——*Here lyeth Wm. Berney,* 4*th ſon of Sir Richard Berney, Bt. aged* 31, *and died in* 1658.—*Alſo Rd. Berney, his only ſon, aged* 23, *and died in* 1675.

One—*In memory of Mary, daughter of Tho. Brown, Gent: and Mary his wife, buried Dec.* 14, 1720.

On another,

Mole ſub hac lapidum Thomaſia conditur Hardy,
Eſingæ vivens, Gloria, Fama Decus;
Ante alias celebris pietate, laboribus, ore;
Vana, Deum, requiem, ſprevit, amavit, habet.
Mortem obt. 12°. *Oct.* 1714.

In the church were the arms of Lord Bardolph, Vere, Earl of Oxford, Haſtings, and Valence, Earl of Pembroke.

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AT the ſurvey the Conqueror was lord; it was one of the lordſhips that King Edward the Confeſſor [a] died poſſeſſed of, when it conſiſted of 12 carucates of land and 3 acres, 30 villains, 38 borderers, 40 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, 18 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 400 ſwine, 1 mill and a church endowed with 16 acres. When the Conqueror entered on it, there was one runcus, 3 cows, *&c.* and 60 ſheep, with 50 goats. In King Edward's time there were 30 ſocmen, 11 acres of land, 5 carucates with 5 acres and an half of meadow, and Walter Giffard, at the ſurvey, had 6 of theſe ſocmen. The lordſhip then paid 13*l.* by tale, and 13 ſextaries of honey, a cuſtomary duty, and 23lb. by weight and 11*l.* 4*s.* money refined, (Blancas) as ſome; but rather quit-rent, and 10*s.* for honey; it was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 8*d.* *ob.* to the king's gelt, and the church had 22 acres. Two free men were added to the manor, by Ralph Taliboſe, in the Conqueror's time, as the hundred witneſſes, with 14 acres of land, and half a carucate and an acre of paſture, valued at 4*s.*

It remained in the crown, as antient demean, 'till King Richard I. on his return from the Holy Land, granted it to Sir Baldwin de Betun, Earl of Albermarle and Holderneſs, with the hundred of Eynford: in 1194, he was ſent by Leopald, Duke of Auſtria, to acquaint King Richard, that if he did not perform the treaty made with him, he would kill all his [b] hoſtages, which obliged the king to ſend Alianore, daughter of Conſtance, Dutcheſs of Britain, by Geff. Plantagenet, Duke of Anjou, with Baldwin, to be married to the ſon of Duke Leopald, but it did not take effect, bythe death of that duke.

Baldwin was brother to the earl of Flanders, and had of the gift of King Richard many lordſhips in Bucks, that of Brabourn, *&c.* in Kent, and by his deed *ſans date*, with the conſent of Hawys his wife, granted to Robert Conſtable 100*s per ann.* out of his lands in Holderneſs: his ſeal to this, was -------, on a chief, -----, 3 bendlets, ------, armed cap a pee on horſeback, in full career, ſword in hand: by Hawys his wife, daughter and heir of William le Groſſe, Earl of Albemarle, he had a daughter and heir, Alice, married to William Mareſchal, Earl of Pembroke, to whom Baldwin, with the licence of King John in his 2d. year, gave it in free marriage.

John le Marſhall was found to die ſeiſed of it, with the advouſon and hundred of Eynford, in the 6th of Edward I. and in the 15th of that king, the jury find that William, ſon of John le Marſhal held it of the earl of Glouceſter, and honor of Clare, who held it in capite. William was under age and claimed a weekly mercate on Tueſday, view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, a gallows, and that the lordſhip was worth 40*l. per ann.*

John le Mareſchall, his ſon and heir, died lord in the 10th of Edward II. *ſans p.* leaving Hawyſe his ſiſter and heir married to Sir Robert de Morley, in the family of the lords Morley it remained, 'till Alianore, daughter and heir of William, Lord Morley, brought it by marriage to William, a younger ſon of William, Lord Lovell, of Tichmarſh, who died ſeiſed of it in 1475. Henry Lovell, Lord Morley, his ſon and heir, being ſlain at Dixmude, in Flanders, in 1489, left no iſſue by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John De la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, ſo that it came by Alice, his ſiſter and heir, to Sir William Parker, and was held of the honor of Clare. Edward Parker, Lord Morley, his deſcendent, ſold September 4, 1582, this manorand hundred of Eynsford, to Sir Thomas Hunt, of the Fiſhmonger's company,

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(a) Terra Regis.——Folſham tenuit E. Rex, xii car. tre. 7 iii ac. tc. xxx vill. p' 7 m°. xxx iii tc. 7 p' ea. xxxviii bord. mo. xLiiii 7 xL ac. p'ti. tc. 7 p' ii car. in dnio. mo. iii tc. 7 p' xviii car. hom. mo. xx ſilva ad cccc. por. tc. 7 p' i mol. mo. ii i ecclia. xvi ac. qndo. recep i r. mo ii tc. iii an. mo. xii tc. xLvii porc. mo. L 7 mo. Lx ov. ſep. L cap. tpe. r. e. xxx ſoc. mo. xxiiii i ac. tre. x ac. ſemp. v car. 7 v ac. 7 dim. p'ti. et vi de his tenet mo. Walter Gifard, tnc. val. xiii lib. ad numerum, 7 xiii ſextarios mellis, cum conſuetudine, et xxiii lib. ad. penſu. mo. xi lib. 7 x ſol. blancas, p' melle. 7 ht. i leu. in long. 7 i in lato, 7 reddit viii*d.* 7 obolu. in gelto regis. i eccla. xxii ac. huic manerio adjuncti ſunt ii lib. hoes. p. radulfu. taliboſc. t. r. W. hoc. teſtat. hundred. xiiii ac. tre. ſep. dim. car. 7 i ac. pti. ſep. val. iiii ſol.

(b) Lobineau Hiſt. Bretan. v. i. p. 176.

pany, in London, a great benefactor to their alms houſe at Newington, in Surry: by his firſt wife Margaret, widow of John Warner, of London, was father of William Hunt, of Hilderſton, Eſq; who had 2 ſons, Thomas, of Sharington, in Norfolk, and George, his 2d ſon, of Hilderſton, who ſold this manor to Sir Jacob Aſtley, Bt.

Sir Jacob Aſtley, Bt. was the late lord, and had the lete, and is now enjoyed by his ſon Sir Edward.

SWANTON'S MANOR.

SIR BALDWIN DE BETUN gave to Geff. de Heſſeltone 60*s.* in land, and rent *per ann.* to be held by the ſervice of the 6th part of a fee, held by Warine de Thymilthorp in the 3d of Edward I, and in the 9th of Edward II. the heir of John de Swanton was lord of it.

In the 47, of Edward III. Robert Curſyon, of Honygham, granted to William Curſyoun, of Berford, the manor of Swanton's, in Folſham, with a meſſuage toft, 120 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 18 of paſture, 4 of alderground, one of marſh, 4*s.* rent, with 6 hens, and 6 capons in this town, Byntre, Geyſt, Sparham, *&c.* and a meſſuage and garden, called Spinkes, in St. Peter's of Manſcroft, in Norwich, with the advouſon of Twyford church, which he had of Thomas Curſyoun, of Byntre.

Thomas Curſon, of Folſham, conveyed by fine to James de Billingford, *&c.* this manor in the 13th of Richard II. in truſt, and in the 18th of that king releaſed to John Curſon, all his right herein.

Robert Bowſe and Dorothy his wife, Roſe Brown and Mary Brown, conveyed by fine in the 26th of Henry VIII. this lordſhip, in Folſham, Twyford, Geyſt, *&c.* to Sir Robert Townſhend, who died ſeiſed of it in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, and Thomas was his ſon and heir.

WALSINGHAM-PRIORY MANOR.

SIR BALDWIN DE BETUN granted to Giles de Cotys 100*s.* rent, which the prior of Walſingham held of him in pure alms.

John Marſhall, lord of this town, granted to the prior, for his ſoul's health, and that of Oliva his wife, William, Earl Mareſchall and Iſabel his wife, and of John Mareſhall, his father, and Alice, his mother, 60 acres of land, in his wood of Folſham, by the perch of 20 feet, with a way on the weſt towards Norton 2 perches broad, with common of paſture, and the ſoke of Folſham; he confirmed alſo the lands which Richard de Burgh of Swanton held of him, and had given them in Loch. Oliva Mareſchall, by her deed and fine levied in the 35th of Henry III. gave them 12 acres, an 100*s.* rent here and in Byntre, with a fold courſe, fiſhery, *&c.*

The temporalities of this priory were valued in 1428, at 4*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* *per ann.*

King Edward VI. on April 11, in his 4th year, granted it to Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, with a cloſe called Little Divillings, or Dallings, and Dove-Houſe cloſe.

CREKE-ABBY MANOR.

WILLIAM MARESCHALL, Earl of Pembroke, lord of the town, gave to Alan de la Hythe 100*s.* rent of land *per ann.* by the ſervice of one pound of pepper, which the abbot of Creke then held, by the ſame ſervice, from whom it came to John Mareſchall, who gave it to the priory of Walſingham with 3 marks and a half rent *per ann.* in pure alms. William de Camera had 20 acres of land alſo, which the abbot of Creke then held.

John de Havering and Joan his wife, granted to Geffrey, abbot of Creke, 14 marks, and 40 pence in Folſham and Byntre, by fine, in the 55th of Henry III. He was ſon of Richard de Havering, who ſettled on him and his wife, in tail, 9*l.* 10*s.* rent *per ann.* here, and in Havering, and Bocking in Eſſex. This lordſhip, on the diſſolution, was granted to Chriſt college in Cambridge, and is now held of that college.

In 1420, their temporalities were 1*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

Major General Skippon was poſſeſſed of a conſiderable freehold eſtate in this town, which deſcended to his ſon Sir Philip, who married Amy, daughter and heir of Francis Brewſter, Eſq, of Wrentham in Suffolk, by whom he had a ſon, Philip, who died unmarried, and was buried at Edwardeſton in Suffolk, in 1716; his 2d wife was Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiſton, of Kediton, by whom he had a daughter, Mary, who married Joſeph Brand, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir John Brand of Edwardeſton.

Skippon bore gules, 5 annulets, or—Brewſter, ſable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 eſtoils, argent. This came after to the Athills.

The temporalities of Cokesford priory were 7*s.* 6*d.*———Roger Scot, and Margaret his wife, conveyed lands to John, prior, and the convent, in the 35 of Henry III.

There is an hamlet belonging to this town, called Thymblethorp, and there was an antient family of that name, ſeveral of which were buried here.

The town, as royal demean, pleaded an exemption from toll, &c.

The tenths were 9*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 52*s.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to the Holy Innocents, formerly valued at 49 marks, had a vicarage valued at 4 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 8*d. ob.* The preſent valor is 27*l.* 14*s.* 9*d. ob.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths; it was built by the Lord Morley, and conſiſts of a nave, 2 iſles, and a chancel, and has a ſquare tower with 5 tuneable bells.

On the north ſide of the chancel is a monument for Sir Thomas Hunt, who is in armour, and his 3 wives kneeling behind him;———*Here lyeth interred the bodies of Sir Thomas Hunt, knight, lord and patron of this church, who died January 5, 1616, and gave 10l. for ever, towards the maintenance of the organs of this church; 53s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of Hilderſton in this county; and 20l. per ann. for ever, to the poor of the worſhipful company of fiſh-mongers, of London; and 53s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of the pariſh of St. Dunſtan in the eaſt, London; and 53s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of Camberwell in Surry: he had 3 wives; firſt, Margaret, widow of John Warner, of London, merchant; the 2d, Jane, widow of Thomas Grimes, Eſq; the third, Dame Elizabeth, widow of Sir Francis Cherry, yet living: He had by Margaret 2 ſons, William Hunt of Hilderſton, Eſq; ſon and heir; and Nicholas of London, merchant, by the providence of God, deceaſed before him;* and theſe arms,———per pale, vert and or, a ſaltire counterchanged, on a canton, gules, a lion paſſant of the 2d.———impaling, gules, on a feſs, between 4 lys, or; - - - - or, 3 barrulets, gules;———argent, on a feſs, between 4 barrulets, wavy, azure, 3 lys of the firſt.

In the chancel window are the arms of Parker, Lord Morley, with his quarterings;———Argent, a lion paſſant, gules, between 2 bars, ſable, charged with 3 bezants, 2 and 1, and as many bucks heads, caboſhed in chief, of the 3d;——Parker,—quartering Lord Morley, and barry, nebuly, of 6, or and gules, Lovell;—Azure, lion rampant, and ſeme of lys, or, Holland;——Gules, a bend, lozengy, or, Marſhall;——Creſt, a bear, ſable, muzzled, or, ſupporters, 2 antelopes, argent, armed, chained and collared, or.

Over the arch of the weſt door of the church, France and England quarterly, and the Lord Morley, argent, lion rampant, ſable, crowned, or.

Here is a neat font of ſtone, with a wooden cover, which opens below, and therein are the 4 evangeliſts painted.

In the church———*Orate p. a'i'ab; Tho. Thymblethorp et Johanne uxor. ej. qui obt. Feb. 25, 1526.*———*Orate p. a'i'a. Nichi. filii et heredis Robti. Popi, gen.*

In the windows vert, an eſcotheon, and orle of martlets, argent, Erpingham, creſt, on an helmet, a chapeau, or, and a bunch of oſtrich feathers iſſuing out of a ducal coronet, gules;——cheque, or and ſable, a feſs, argent, Thorpe, and Lord Scales.

In the church-yard is an altar monument of ſtone about 6 feet, &c. long, and a-about 3 feet high, and round this is an inſcription, which for the antiquity of the letters, order, and diſpoſition of them, has been engraven by the ſociety of antiquaries, and is † *Rob.art*. COL.LES. CEC.I.LY. HIS. VIF. Each letter has a coronet over it. I find this Robert Colles witneſs to a deed of Ralph Bateman, of Folſham, and Alice his wife, living in the 20 year of Henry VII.

Here was the guild of Holy Trinity. Edmund Ryx wills to be buried in this church; in 1504, gives to the new guild of Jeſu, 6*s*. 8*d*. and 20*l*. to the repair of the [c] church, and that "the boke of the ſervice of the transfiguration of Chriſt, be bought "on my coſte, and whatſoever it coſte, a Chriſmatory of ſilver, and one acre of land "to keep his obit."

Alſo St. Catherine's guild, the lights of St. Catherine, St. Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Peter and St. Margaret.

Here was alſo a famous image of St. Botolph, and I find a pilgrimage to it in 1506.

RECTORS.

Anſelm le Groſs occurs rector in the 3d of Henry III. preſented by William Marſhall, earl of Pembroke.

In 1307, Robert de Bodekeſham inſtituted vicar, preſented by Robert de Say, rector.——1310, Philip de Wanton, rector, preſented by Hawyſe le Mareſchall, aſſignee of William le Mareſchall.——1321, Roger de Swathyng rector, by Sir Robert de Morley.——1327, Bartholomew de Godelesford, by Sir Robert de Morley.——1331, Richard de Blacolveſtre, ditto.——1334, Fulco de Monpinzoun, ditto.——In a north window of the chancel was this legend,

Fio Fulconis Montpynſon lux ego donis,
Nunc orare velis, maneat quod deniq; cœlis.

——1384, Henry Curſon, by William and John Curſon.——1399, William Cave, by Thomas, Lord Morley.

1405, Mr. Maurit. de Caumpeden, ditto.——1408, William Peck, ditto.——1409, Walter Thetford, ditto.——1412, John Birlingham, ditto.——1413, John Pelle, by Anna, Lady Morley.——1437, John Leſingham, by Iſabel, Lady Morley.——Thomas Wode, rector.——1481, William Lambert, by John, Duke of Suffolk, on the minority of Henry Lovell, Lord Morley.——1497, Mr. Michael Diacony, S.T.P. by Sir William Parker, in right of his wife Elizabeth, Lady Morley. 1494, Thomas Larke rector, by Sir Richard Guilford, and Sir Thomas Lovell.——

1515, John Wiſdom, by Alice, Lady Morley.——Mr. F. Seymer, S.T.P. rector.——1551, Christopher Meltham, by Henry Waller, M.D. aſſignee of Henry, Lord Morley.——1556, Charles Parker, by Henry Parker, Lord Morley.——1572, John Cooke, S.T.B. by Margaret, relict of Nicholas Carr, M.D. aſſignee of the Lord Morley.——1585, † Edward Grant, S.T.B. by Thomas Hunt, gent.—1594, Richard Hunt rector.

1620, Henry Burton, by Stephen Burton.—Philip Teniſon, S.T.P. died 1660.—1660, Herbert Aſtley, by William Cook, truſtee of Sir Jacob Aſtley; he was afterwards dean of Norwich, &c.—1681, Charles Spicer, alias Helder, ditto.

1713, Henry Colman, S.T.B. by Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet.——George Featherſtonhaugh died rector 1721,—and Richard Warner was then preſented by ditto.—1722, William Selth, ditto.—1724, John Tompſon, ditto, reſigned.—1743, Henry Rice, ditto.

Ful or Fol, gives name to many towns, as Fulham, Fouldon, Foulmere.

FOXLEY.

AT the grand ſurvey, Alan, the great earl of Richmond, was the capital lord of this manor, of which Lord, a free man, was deprived, and Godric, the king's

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† Robert Colles Cecily his wife.

[c] Reg. Rix. fol. 1.

† Edward Grant was maſter of Weſtminſter ſchool, prebend of Ely, Weſtminſter, &c.

ſewer or bailiff, held it under Alan: it then conſiſted of 3 carucates of land and 10 villains, (3 of theſe [a] lived in Beck) and of 21 borderers, two of theſe lived in Billingford; there were alſo 2 ſervi, and 3 carucates in demean, and 3 carucates and 3 acres of meadow among the tenants, paunage for 300 hogs: when Godric entered on it, there were 2 runci, now but one, 14 cows, &c. and there had been 60 goats, at the ſurvey none, alſo there were now 7 ſkeps of bees: two ſocmen in this village, and 12 in Balderſwell, held 48 acres of land, and 2 carucates and an half, &c. It was formerly valued at 100*s.* *per ann.* afterwards at 8*l.* and now at 10*l.* *per ann.* was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 8*d.* halfpenny to the king's gelt.

How it paſſed from Godric, or when, does not clearly appear, but this, with many other lordſhips held by him, ſeem at his death, to have eſcheated to the crown, and were granted by King Henry II. to Sir William de Monte Caniſio, or Munchenſy, grandſon of Hubert Munchenſy, who lived at the time of the conqueſt.

Sir Warine de Munchenſie held one fee here in demean, in the 20 of Henry III. and Sir William his ſon, was found in the 3 of Edward I. to have free warren, and had unjuſtly appropriated to him the ſaid liberties in Balderſwell; he was alſo found to hold 2 fees here, and in Cley, of the honour of Richmond, paying 20*s.* *per ann.* caſtleguard to the honour of Richmond, which were extended at 45*l.* *per ann.* and had view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, &c. and in a roll of goal delivery at Norwich, before Richard Boyland, and Hervey de Stanhow, and Robert Baynard, knights, juſtices in the 11 of Edward I. ſeveral malefactors were indited for treſpaſſes in Foxley-park.

This Lord William left an only daughter and heireſs, Dionyſia, who married Hugh de Vere, a younger ſon of Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford, and dying without iſſue, it deſcended to Adomare de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, ſon and heir of William de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, by Joan his wife, ſiſter and heireſs of William, Lord Munchenſie, which ſaid Aymer was found in the 17 of Edward II. to die poſſeſſed of it; and the Lady Mary de St. Paul, his widow, held it in dower, at whoſe death, without iſſue, it came by marriage of Iſabel, (firſt ſiſter and coheir to Aymer de Valentia) to John Haſtings, Lord Abergavenny.

John de Haſtings, earl of Pembroke, lord of Weysford, and de Bergaveny, by deed, dated March 2d, in the 43 of Edward III. conſtituted Walter Amyas, parſon of Framingham, in Suffolk, &c. his feoffees in truſt for the manor of St. Florence, and 40*l.* rent *per ann.* in the ſeignory of Caſtle Martyn, in Pembrokeſhire, in Wales, with the lordſhips of Saxthorp, Goderſton, Holckham, and Burgh in Norfolk, held in dower by Mary de St. Paul, counteſs of Pembroke. John Haſtings, the laſt of that name, earl of Pembroke, dying without iſſue, in the 13 of Richard II. Reginald, Lord Grey, of Ruthyn, was found to be his couſin and heir, of the whole blood, as lineally deſcended from Elizabeth, ſiſter of John de Haſtings, and daughter of John de Haſtings, lord of Abergavenny, by Iſabel, ſiſter and coheir to Aymer de Valentia, earl of Pembroke.

In this family, lords of Ruthyn, and earls of Kent, it was in the 20 of Henry VII. when Geo. Grey, earl of Kent, left it to Rd. his ſon and heir, who waſted great part of his eſtate in gaming, &c. and died in or about the 15 of Henry VII. at the George-Inn, in Lombard-Street, London, and was buried in the church of White Friers, in Fleet Street: he ſold this manor with thoſe of Sparham and Baldeſwell, to Sir Charles Somerſet, natural ſon of Henry Beaufort, duke of Somerſet, created Lord Herbert of Gower, and of Chepſtone, by King Henry VII. and earl of Worceſter by King Henry VIII. to whom he was lord chamberlain: by his will, dated March 21, 1524, he orders his body to be buried in the collegiate church of Windſor, by his firſt wife, in the chapel of our Lady, and if he died ſo far off that his body cannot be carried to Windſor in 4 days, then to be buried in the next abby or priory: gives to his wife, Eleanor, 600 marks in plate, and all his jewels, chains, &c. to his ſon Henry, his harneſs and artillery; his goods to be divided into 3 parts, one part to his ſon Henry, another to his ſon George, and the 3d part to his wiſe Elianor; the manor of Brickhill, in Buckinghamſhire, to his ſaid wiſe for life, and after to his ſon George; his manor of Badmundsfeld, and Roydon in Suffolk, with thoſe of Foxley, Baldeſwell and Sparham, which he bought of Richard Grey, earl of Kent, to the ſaid wife, remainder to the children and heirs of him and her.

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[a] Terre Alani Comitis———Foxle ten. Godric. qua' ten. Lord i lib. ho. t. r. e. mo Alan. 7 Godric. de eo iii car. t're. ſep. x villi. 7 iii de his manent in Bec 7 xxi bord. 7 ii de his manent in Billingeford, tc. ii ſer. ſep. iii car. in d'nio. 7 tc. v car. hom'u' p. 7 mo. ii. 7 iii ac. p'ti. ſilva ccc. por. qu'. recep. ii r. mo. i mo. xiiii an. tc. xxx por. mo. xxii tc. xl ov. mo. c. tnc. lx cap. mo. nulla. tc. v vaſa apu' mo. vii. et ii ſoc. in ead. villa 7 in Baldereswella xii 7 ht. xlviii ac. t're. ſep. ii car. 7 dim. ſilv. x por. tnc. val. c. ſol. p. viii lib. mo. x lib. et ht. i leug. in longo 7 dim. in lato 7 reddit viii*d.* 7 obolu' in geltu' Regis.

About this time, this lordſhip was valued at 25*l. per ann.* and 9*s.* whereof in rent reſolute to the king, 20*s. per ann.* and the bailiff's fee 3*s.* 8*d.*

Sir George Somerſet, 3d ſon of Sir Charles, earl of Worceſter, lord of this manor, married Mary, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Boreley, of Penhow in Monmouthſhire, knight; he lived at Wickham-Brook in Suffolk. On an inquiſition taken *poſt mortem*, June 6, in the 2d of Queen Elizabeth, he was found to die on May 10, laſt paſt, leaving Charles his ſon and heir, aged 24, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Grieſley, of Colton in Staffordſhire.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by Sir William Cordel, of Long Melford in Suffolk, eldeſt ſon [*c*] of John Cordel, Eſq; of Long-Melford, (ſecond ſon of Edm. Cordel, Eſq; of Edmundton in Middleſex,) by Emma or Eve, daughter of Henry Webbe, of Kimbolton in Huntingdonſhire; Sir William was bred a lawyer, was ſpeaker of the parliament, privy counſellor, maſter of the rolls to Queen Mary; he married Mary, daughter and heir of Rd. Clopton of Caſtelyns, in Groten, Suffolk, and Mary his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Bozun, of Lincolnſhire, knight, but died *ſans* iſſue, on May 17, in the 23 of Elizabeth, and was buried in the church of Long Melford, under a fair tomb, having founded an alms houſe in the ſaid town, and endowed it well in diet and cloths for the poor. On his death it came to Francis his 2d brother, who died before he had livery of it; then to Edmund his 3d brother, who died without iſſue, and ſo it deſcended to Joan their ſiſter and heir, married to Richard Allington, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir Giles Allington of Horſeheath, in Cambridgeſhire; the ſaid Joan dying on January 4, in the firſt year of King James I. left 2 daughters and coheirs; Mary, who married Sir John Savage, of Clifton in Cheſhire; Sir Thomas Savage was their ſon, created Viſcount Savage, and father of John, who was created Earl Rivers, and ſold his right in this lordſhip, Baldeſwell and Sparham, to Sir Ralph Winwood of Ditton-Park, in Bucks, ſecretary of ſtate and privy counſellor to King James I.——The other daughter and coheir, Cordelia, married Sir John Stanhope; † Philip, their ſon and heir, was earl of Cheſterfield, who ſold his right or moiety in the aforeſaid lordſhip, to Sir Ralph Winwood abovementioned; and Richard Winwood, ſon and heir of Sir Ralph, conveyed them to Alexander Pitfield, Eſq; in Croſby-Square of London, who ſold it to Edward Lomb, Eſq; of Weſton, in 1700, who preſented in 1712; from the Lombs it came to John Haſe, Eſq; who preſented in 1747, by Mary his mother, ſiſter and heir to John Lomb, clerk.

The tenths were 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Deducted 1*l.*

The church of Foxley is a rectory, dedicated to St. Thomas. The antient valor was 14 marks, Peter-pence 10*d.* The preſent valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged of tenths and firſt fruits.

The church is covered with lead, the chancel thatched.

In the tower, which is four ſquare, hang 3 bells.

In the church window the arms of Grey, earl of Kent, quartering Valence and Haſtings, earls of Pembroke;——Ermine, a bend, company, argent and ſable, Curſon; quartering gules, 2 lions paſſant, ermine, crowned, or, Felton;——gules, 3 piles, or.

RECTORS.

1305, John de Hunſtede inſtituted rector, preſented by Sir Hugh de Vere.——1326, Gilbert of Caſtle-Martin, by Mary de St. Paul, counteſs of Pembroke.——1349, John Greyland, by ditto.——1360, William de Iſlep, ditto.——1375, Robert Darby, ditto.——1379, Mr. William Sydey, by the king, guardian to the heir of John Haſtings, late earl of Pembroke.——1381, John Cade, ditto.,——1398,

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[*c*] See Lloyd's State Worthies, p. 369.

† Sir Philip Stanhope in 1616, paid a rent of 10*s. per ann.* for this manor, (Richmond fee) to the lord of Swafham, in Norfolk.

John Bells, by Gerard Braybrooke, ſenior.—— ----, John Willam, rector.

1403, William Atte-Hill, by the biſhop of London, &c. feoffees of Reginald Grey, Lord Ruthyn.——1403, John Dreyn, ditto.——1404, Richard Wartre, ditto.——1408, John Marye, by Reginald Lord Grey, of Ruthyn.——1416, Thomas Edward, ditto.——1425, Robert Coupere, ditto.——1431, John Hort, ditto.——1436, Richard Fyſher, ditto.——1447, Edward Muſtarder, by Edward Grey, Lord Haſtings.——1466, John Haghton, ditto.——1494, Richard Burton, by George Grey, Earl of Kent.

1504, Mr. Thomas Barker, by Richard Grey, Earl of Kent——1515, Edmund Worſley, by Charles Somerſet, Earl of Worceſter.——1551, Humphrey Younger, by the aſſigns of Sir George Somerſet, Kt.——1576, Richard Yewmans, by Jane Allington, widow.——1579, Gregory Graunge, ditto.

1614, Robert Willan, by Sir Edward Coke.——1614, William Fuller, ditto.——1616, John Grange, by Ann Savage.——1660, Thomas Brown, by Richard Winwood, Eſq;——1688, John Taylor, by Alexander Pitfield, Eſq;

1708, William King, by Arthur Branthwaite, and William Lomb, merchant of London.——1711, Robert Whitefoot, by the queen.——1712, James Hunt, by Edward Lombe, Eſq;——1743, John Lombe, by John Haſe.——1747, Joſeph Hogan, by John Haſe and Mary his wife.——1763, Mr. ---- Athill, by Mrs. Haſe.

Here was the guild of St. Thomas and his tabernacle.

GEIST.

WALTER GIFFARD, Earl of Bucks, was the principal lord of this town, [a] which was held by 5 freemen who were deprived of it; there belonged to it, a carucate and a half of land, with 5 borderers, and 4 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, there was paunage for 8 ſwine; valued then at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 40*s.* *per ann.* the ſoc was in the king's manor of Folſham, now in Walter; it was half a leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 8*d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. gelt, whoever poſſeſſed it.

Sir Ralph de Geiſt was lord in the reign of King Henry II. and his ſon Eborard gave this lordſhip [b] with the advouſon of the church, to the abby of Waltham: Eborard married Alianore, or Julian, daughter of Reginald de St. Martin, by whom he had Roger de Griſt, who confirmed the ſaid grant, alſo a ſon Geffrey, who gave lands in Norton, to the monaſtery of Bromholm, called alſo Jeffrey Turpin, de Geiſt. Pope Innocent confirmed to the canons of Waltham, their right in the churches of St. Andrew of Geiſt, of All Saints Geiſthorp, and St. Peters, of Geiſtweyt, given to them, by Eborard aforeſaid, with the conſent of Roger and Richard, &c. his ſons, for the ſoul of King Henry II. Hubert, Arch-biſhop of Canterbury, and John of Oxford, Biſhop of Norwich, granted them licence to appropriate the ſame.

King Henry III. in his 37th year, granted them free warren, in all their lands in Norfolk, [c] return of writs, view of frank pledge, to be free from the ſheriffs turn, &c.

At the diſſolution it came to the crown, and was granted with the advouſon of the vicarage, and appropriated rectory, to Robert Townſend, and Gyles Townſend, Eſq; December 13, in the 36th of Henry VIII. younger ſons of Sir Roger Townſend, of Raynham in Norfolk, and in 1564, Thomas Towneſend, Eſq; preſented to the vicarage, as did Roger Townſend, Gent: in 1577, and 1582.

(*a*) Terre Walteri Giffardi——In Gegeſete, v lib. hoes. i car. tre. 7 dim. 7 v bor. ſep. iiii car. 7 vi ac. pti. ſilva viii por. tc. val. xx ſol. m°. xl. 7 ſoca in Folſha' regis, t. r. e. m°. ht. Walt. ht. dim. leug. in long. 7 in lat. 7 reddit. viii*d.* ob. de gelto. regis, qcq. ibi. teneat.

(*b*) Reg. Waltham, fol. 102.——Reg. Walſing. fol. 105.——Reg. Bromholm, fol. 70.

(*c*) Reg. Waltham. fol. 49, &c.

CALEYS-HALL, or SOUTH-HALL.

SYMON DE HEMPSTEDE, by deed *ſans date* (but in the reign of Henry III.) granted to William de Cayley, ſon of William de Cayley, of Hecham in Norfolk, and Cecil his wife, and their heirs, this meſſuage, called South-hall, in the town of Gilden-Geyſt, with common of paſture, fiſhery, foldage, and the moiety of his homage and tenements in Geiſt, Stiberd, Norton, *&c.* with the wards and reliefs of his tenants, to be held of him and his heirs, paying to the prior of Walſingham 35*l. per ann.* and 2*s.* to him, and doing ſuit to Folſham court.

In the 53d of Henry III. Hugh de Caly and Agnes his wife, conveyed to Alan, prior of Walſingham, 2 acres and ½ of meadow, and Agnes, in the 14th of Edward I. was found to have view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, here and in Geyſtweyk.

John Sproo, ſon of Richard Sproo, was lord of South-hall, in Gilden Geiſt, in the 13th of Richard II. and Nicholas Wychingham appears by his will in 1434, to die poſſeſſed of it, with a water-mill.

John Banyard, Eſq; of Norwich, by his will dated in 1474, March 26, and proved June 7, gives his manor of South-hall, in Geyſt, to Ann his wife for her life, after to be ſold by her executors, and the money to be diſtributed to pious uſes; after this, Roger Drury of Hawſted, in Suffolk, and Ann his wife had an intereſt herein.

In the 6th of Edward VI. by an inquiſition taken May 31, Edward Briggs, of Wood-Norton, Gent: was found to die ſeiſed of it on January 25, laſt paſt, and by Catherine his wife, daughter of Edward Cocket, Eſq; left George, his ſon and heir, aged 21, and George was lord in the 41ſt of Elizabeth; from Briggs, it came to William Hunt, Eſq; and Margaret his widow, daughter of George Briggs, who held it in the 20th of Charles I.

Thomas Hunt, Eſq; her ſon and heir, was lord, who ſold it to the lady Aſtley, widow of Sir Iſaac Aſtley, and ſhe gave it to Mr. Caſtell, of Ormeſby, who ſold it to Mr. James Norris, of Norwich.

LUTON FEE, or GEIST-REGIS MANOR.

JEFFREY DE SAVE held in the beginning of the reign of King Henry III. 10*l.* rent of aſſiſe *per ann.* in Geyſt, Geyſtweyt, Byntre, Folſham, Norton, *&c.* and in the 15th of Edward I. the jury find that John de Save, a Norman, held it, and that it eſcheated to the crown, and King Henry granted it to Alice de Luton, nurſe to his ſon, Prince Edward, in his 28th year, for her life, and that Thomas Gerberge then poſſeſſed it, but by what warrant they know not; and in the 1ſt of Edward III. John Gerbridge was found to hold half a fee here, *&c.* and Sir Thomas Gerberge, in the 13th of Henry IV.

On December 13, in the 36 of Henry VIII. Sir Robert Townſend had a grant of Luton Fee manor, and on an inquiſition taken at Norwich, April 26, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, he was found to die February 8, laſt paſt, ſeiſed of it, held of the king in capite, by the 60 part of a fee, and of Swanton's manor in Folſham, held of that manor in ſoccage, with Foxley's manor in Twyford, held of the lord Morley, and of the manor of Folſham, and left by Alice his wife, daughter of Robert Poppy, Eſq; to Thomas, his ſon and heir, who in the 11th of Elizabeth, paſſed it to Rowland Heyward, *&c.* John Grime, Eſq; held it in the 38th of Elizabeth, and John Grime, Gent: had licence to alien it in the 7th of James I. to Thomas Oxborough.

Hagon, who was one of the Conqueror's reeves or bailiffs, who managed and took care of his land and lordſhips, had 100 acres of land in Geiſte, [*d*] with 2 villains

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(*d*) Terra Hagonis.——In Geggeſete, c. ac. tre. ſep. ii vill. 7 v bor. ſep. ii car. int. ſc. hoes. 7 iiii. ac. pti. ſilv. viii por. ſep. val. xx ſol.

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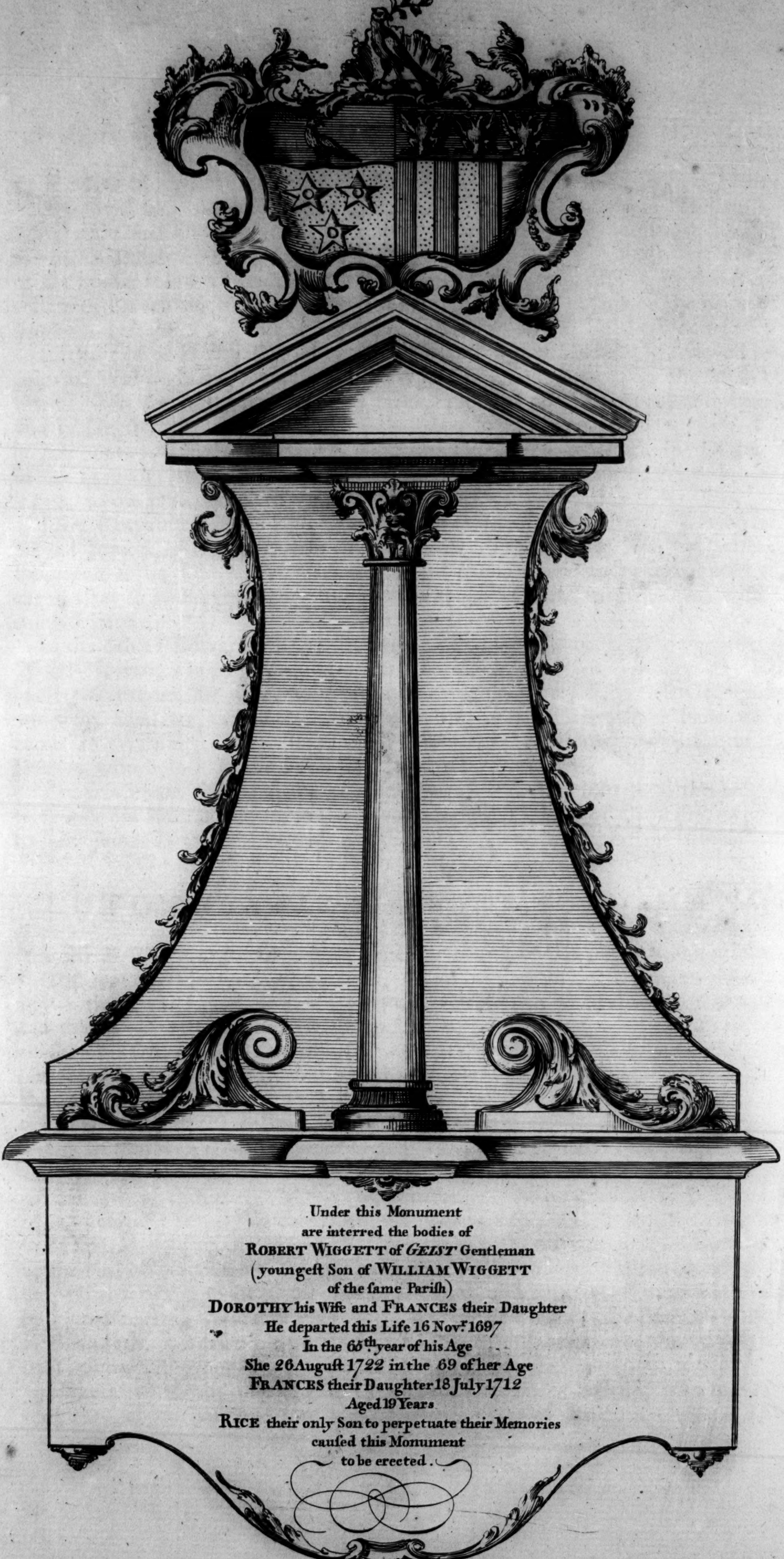
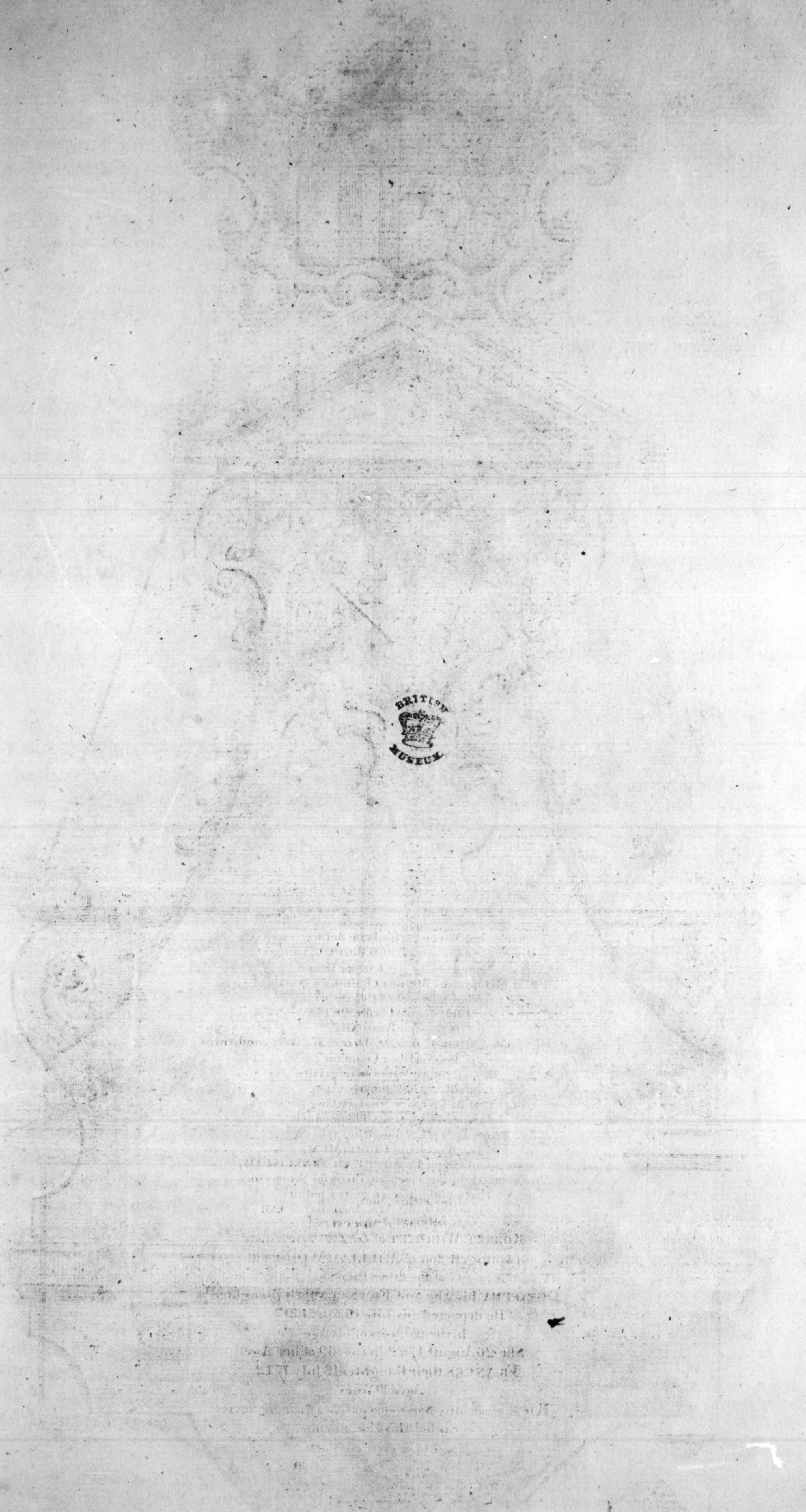


Under this Monument
are interred the bodies of
ROBERT WIGGETT of *GEIST* Gentleman
(youngeſt Son of **WILLIAM WIGGETT**
of the ſame Pariſh)
DOROTHY his Wife and **FRANCES** their Daughter
He departed this Life 16 Novr. 1697
In the 65th. year of his Age
She 26 Auguſt 1722 in the 69 of her Age
FRANCES their Daughter 18 July 1712
Aged 19 Years
RICE their only Son to perpetuate their Memories
cauſed this Monument
to be erected.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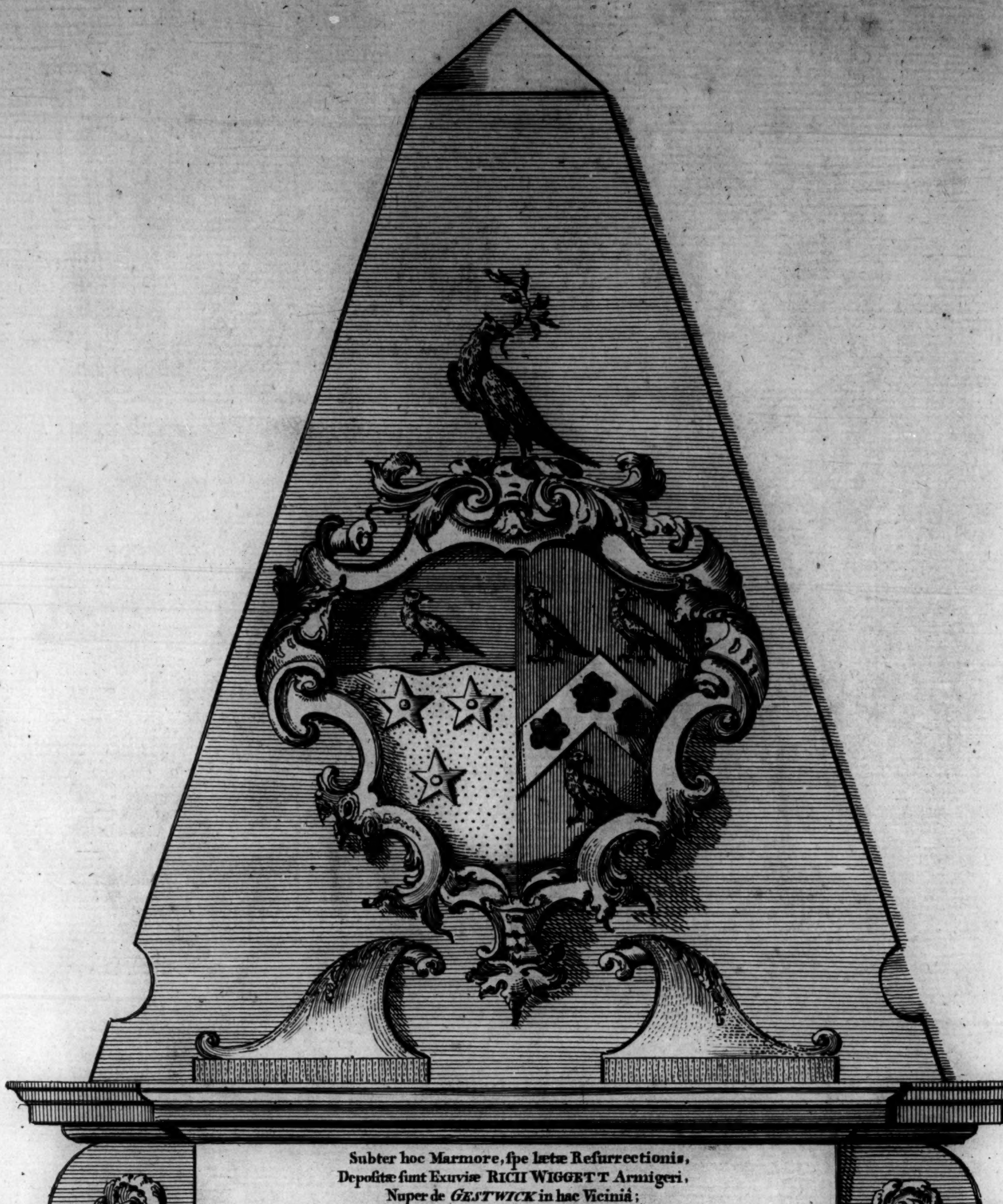

Subter hoc Marmore, ſpe lætæ Reſurrectionis,
Depoſitæ ſunt Exuviæ **RICII WIGGETT** Armigeri,
Nuper de *GESTWICK* in hac Viciniâ;
Filii et Hæredis **ROBERTI WIGGETT** Generoſi,
Olim de hac *GEIST* Parochiâ.
Qui **RICIUS** anno Chriſti MDCCXXVI°
Georgiique Primi XII°
A Quo feliciter regnante *ARCHI-SHIRE-REVIUS* conſtitutus,
Pro Norfolciæ Comitatu
Officii Primarii Vicem bene geſsit.
Uxorem **SARAM**, primogenitam
GULIELMI BULWER de Wood Dalling Armigeri
E Conjuge **FRANCISCA** Filiam, duxit:
Ex quâ ſuſcepit et ſuperſtites reliquit
Filium unicum **GULIELMUM**,
Atque unam Filiam **DOROTHEAM FRANCISCAM**;
Quorum Prior, in perpetuam Patris ſui Memoriam,
Hocce Monumentum gratus poſuit.
Obiit Die primo Septembris, Annos natus LXII,
Anno Domini MDCCXLIX.

villains and 5 borderers, and there were 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20s. among the tenants.

This came ſoon after to Walter Giffard, Earl of Bucks, and ſo was united to his fee or lordſhip, and ſo to the earls of Clare.

William de Beaufoe, Biſhop of Thetford, had alſo a little tenure, [e] 2 ſocmen with 2 acres; this belonged to his capital manor of Hilderſton, which belonged alſo to the ſee when at Elmham; Hugo held this of the biſhop, with Norton, Geiſtweyt, &c. and was valued with Hilderſton at the ſurvey, at 13l. 8s.

The Wiggets were for many years poſſeſſed of a conſiderable eſtate in this pariſh, and which remained in the family 'till 1763, when William Wiggett Bulwer, of Heydon, Eſq; under an act of parliament, ſold all his lands and meſſuages here.

In 1580, John Wygott, and Agnes his wife were ſeiſed of lands in Geiſt, as was alſo Roger Wiggott in 1590, who was ſucceeded by Peter, his ſon and heir, who married Alice, youngeſt daughter of Simon Bulwere, of Wood-Dalling, by Joan, daughter of Peter Alleyn.—He was ſucceeded by Henry, and he by William, who married, the 20th of October 1616, Ann daughter of - - - - - - Sherringham, by whom he had 7 ſons; William, John, Thomas, James, Henry, Peter, and Robert.

John, the 2d. ſon, was citizen and alderman of Norwich, and dying in 1692, was buried in Whitwell church, under a marble ſtone, with this inſcription;

Depoſitum
Johannis Wigget, Civis & Aldermanni Norwici,
(filii natu ſecundi Gulielmi Wigget de Geiſt, in agro Norfolcienſi,)
qui ſine prole obiit tertio die Octobris
An: Dom: 1692. *Æt. ſuæ.* 73.

James, 4th ſon, was baptized at Geiſt the 30, of March, 1624.—By his 1ſt wife, he had one ſon, John, who died in the 72d year of his age, unmarried.—By his 2d wife, daughter of - - - - - Brooke, he had one daughter, Mary, now living, and 2 ſons;—William the eldeſt, was choſen alderman of the city of Norwich, [f] in 1733, ſheriff in 1735, and mayor in 1742. He died January 1, 1768, in the 74th year of his age, leaving Ann his ſole daughter and heir, who married, Thomas Lobbe Chute of Pickenham, Eſq; by whom ſhe has ſeveral children.

James Wigget of Norwich, gentleman, the 2d ſon, now living, married Frances, the youngeſt daughter of Charles Mackerell, Gent: by whom he has iſſue.

Peter, was alderman of Norwich, [g] and ſheriff in 1671. He died July 22, 1677, and lies buried in St. Simon and Jude's church, in Norwich, leaving a daughter, Suſan, who married Thomas Ayde, of Horſted.

Robert Wiggett, of Geiſt, Gent: the youngeſt and ſeventh ſon, born in 1632, married Dorothy, daughter of Rice Wicks, Gent: by whom he had one ſon, Rice, and a daughter, Frances, who died in the 19th year of her age, and lies buried by her father and mother in the chancel of the pariſh church of Geiſt, where a marble monument is erected to their memories, of which the copper plate hereto annexed is an exact repreſentation.

Rice Wiggett, of Geiſtwick, Eſq; only ſon and heir, ſerved the office of high ſheriff for the county of Norfolk, and dying September 1, 1749, in the 62d year of his age, was interred near his father, at Geiſt: to whoſe memory a mural monument is erected on the ſouth ſide of the chancel; which is repreſented in the other plate annexed.

He married Sarah, the eldeſt daughter of William Bulwer, of Wood-Dalling, Eſq; by Frances his wife, by whom he had 5 ſons and 2 daughters, all which died young, except the preſent William Wiggett Bulwer, of Heydon, Eſq; who took the name and arms of Bulwer, agreeable to the will of his uncle William Bulwer, of Wood Dalling, Eſq; *(ſee in Wood-Dalling)* and Dorothy. Frances, who married Lieutenant Edward Fuller.

The

(e) Terra epi. Tedfordenſ. ad Epiſcopat. p'tinens t. r. e.——In Geſeta, ii ſoc. de ii ac qd. tenet Hugo tc. val. totu. x lib. m°. xiii lib. 7 viii ſol.

(f) Hiſt. Norf. vol. 2. fol. 318.

(g) Hiſt. Norf. vol. 2. fol. 741.

The arms of Wigget, or, 3 mullets ſable, pierced gules, upon a chief wavy, azure, a dove, argent, proper: creſt, upon a wreath of the colours, a like dove, holding in the beak an olive branch, proper, fructed gold.

The tenths were 4*l.* 5*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* as paid by the religious for their part and lands.

The temporalities of Walſingham priory, were 35*s.* *per ann.*——of Bromholm 14*s.*——of Mendham 8*s.* 1*d.* *ob.*——of Thetford monks 3*s.*——of Carrow 12*d.*——of Fakenham-dam 6*d.*——The cellarer of Norwich 22*d.* and for free chapel land 4*d.*

We find the town to be called Geggeſet, as ſet by the river or water, and ſo corruptly Geiſt, and Gilden Geyſt, † that is Geiſt in a den or vale, by the Gill, that is the river, and thus Gilden Morden in Cambridgeſhire, and there is a town near Hirsfield in Germany of this name.

The church of Geiſt is dedicated to St. Andrew, and there was a chapel belonging to it, called Geyſthorp chapel, dedicated to All Saints, a hamlet, as I take it, belonging to Geiſt; it was anciently a rectory, after that appropriated to the abby of Waltham in Eſſex, and valued at 10 marks, and a vicarage being ſettled, that was valued at 20*s.* the Peter-pence was 10*d.* the preſent valor is 5*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

James de Ferentino, dean of Holt deanry and proctor of the arch-deacon of Norwich, and the abbot and convent of Waltham, in the vacancy of the ſee of Norwich, came to this agreement, that the abbot and convent ſhould yearly grant to the vicar of Geiſt and Geyſthorp 2 marks, *viz.* one at Eaſter, and the other at St. Michael, and to have all the altarage of the ſaid church and chapel, but was to bear and pay all eccleſiaſtical dues to the biſhop and arch-deacon; and to keep a reſident chaplain for the chapel of Geyſthorp, dated on the 9th of the calends of November 1238; after this the tithes of the third part of the church of Norton, to the value of 5 marks *per ann.* were granted to this vicar, inſtead of the aforeſaid 2 marks.

In the church a grave-ſtone for—*Robert Wicks, Gent: who died, Aug. 31, 1569, and gave out of his lands here, to the repair of the church and the poor, 20s. per ann. for ever.*

William Warner, buried here, 1529, and gives to the nether church in Geiſte 13s. 4d. and to the over church in Geiſte 10s.

VICARS.

In 1310, Roger Muriel inſtituted vicar, preſented by the abbot and convent. ——1312, Richard Heved.——1313, John Boude.——1315, John Gew. ——1317, John de Brunne.——1331, Roger de Fulſham.——1344, Richard Glos.——1349, John Hatfield.——1353, Giles Hervey.——1369, John de Heyleſdon.——1370, William de Burgh.——1384, Robert de Geyton.——1385, Peter de Stoke Neylond.——1396, Nicholas de Milham.

1410, Peter Speller.——1427, William Atte Brigge.——1432, John Warde.——1433, John Gateley.——1446, John Hendris.——1456, Robert Howſon.—— ----, William Scotte, vicar.——1467, William Eſton. ——1473, John Frende.

1501, Richard Ferier.——1539, John Baſſe, preſented by John Mynn, aſſignee of the abbot, *&c.*——1557, Peter Langton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1564, Lanc. Yelverton, by Thomas Townſend, Eſq;——1577, Andr. Steinſby, by Roger Townſend, Gent:——1582, Henry Hilton, ditto.

Anthony Galloway, vicar.
George Fatherſtonehaugh, died vicar, 1721.
Richard White, vicar,
1755, John Knipes, by the king.

GEYST-

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† Thus Gilden Mordon, in Cambridgeſhire.——Gil is a river in a valley or den.

GEYSTWEYT or GEYSTWICK.

WALTER GIFFARD's manor, as mentioned in Geyſt, extended into this town, and beſides the lordſhip held of that fee, as mentioned there, which were after held of the honour of Clere, as deſcending from the Giffard's, John de Norton had a lordſhip in the 34 of Henry III. and conveyed then to Agnes de Ratleſden, 60 acres of land here; and John, ſon of John Wodenorton, was living in the 14 of Edward I.——Philip de Norton was lord in the 9 of Edward II. and found to hold here, and in Norton, half a fee of Richard Fitz-Symon, who held of the earl of Clare; and in the 13 of Richard II. William de Norton appears from the eſcheat rolls, to die poſſeſſed of one meſſuage, 160 acres of land, 12 of wood, 18 of meadow, 20 of paſture, and the rent of 50*s*. in Geyſte, Geyſtweyte, Hildolveſton, &c. of the honor of Clare.

[*a*] John Barnard, Eſq; by will, in 1474, gives his manor of Norton Hall, to Ann, his wife, with all his wheat and barley in Geyſtweyt, to maintain her houſekeeping there; he was buried in the church of St. Michael of Coſlany, in Norwich.

In the 11 of Henry VIII. John Murdock, and Joan his wife, convey by fine, to Robert Poppy, 3 meſſuages, 214 acres of land in Geſtwayt, Geyſt, Hilderſton, &c.

The Stewards had ſoon after, an intereſt here; and Roſe Steward, widow, preſented to this vicarage in 1555: ſhe was a daughter of Robert Brown, of Shelton in Norfolk, late wife of Jeffrey Steward, of Geyſtweyt, ſon of Richard Steward of Upwell, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of —— Coſyn, of Upwell; and Richard was ſon of Nicholas Steward of the ſaid town. Jeffrey had by Roſe his wife, a ſon, Arthur Steward, Eſq; of Geyſtweyt, and married Alice, daughter of William Worſley of Norwich; of this family was William Stewart, Eſq; who lived here in 1655, and was a juſtice of the peace, but their intereſt in this lordſhip and advouſon, was in 1609, in Roger Bulwer, who preſented then to the vicarage, as did Edward Bulwer junior, gent. in 1705, and Edward Bulwer in 1724, in which family the patronage and lordſhip, now continues; William Wigget Bulwer, Eſq; in 1764, lord, who changed his name, on his uncle Bulwer's grant to him of this manor, &c. with the patronage of the church.

William Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, had at the ſurvey a ſocman, [with 24 acres of [*b*] land, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate belonging to his capital manor of Hilderſton.

Robert, ſon of John le Groſs, of Geyſtweyt, had an intereſt herein, as had Adam le Groſs, who held it of Edmund de Gelham, and he of the biſhop of Norwich.

Robert le Groos held in the 20 of Edward III. 3 parts of a quarter of a fee, of Thomas de Gelham, he of the biſhop, late Adam de Groos's.

The temporalities of the priory of Norwich here, in 1428, were 20*s*.—Of Walſingham, 14*s*. 10*d*.

The tenths were 4*l*. 5*s*, 0*d*. Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Robert Angel, and John Walter had a grant of a tenement and 5 acres and half of land here, late Thomas Softley's, attainted, July 22, *ao*. 7, James I.

The church is dedicated to St. Peter, and was a rectory, but being granted to the abby of Waltham, by Eborard de Geiſte, was appropriated thereto, and a vicarage appointed; they were valued together at 21 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 7*d*. *ob*.—The preſent valor of the vicarage is 5*l*. and 10*d*. and pays no firſt fruits or tenths.

The vicar by an agreement with the abbot and convent, was to have all the altarages, and 12 pieces of free land, and one mark rent *per ann*. the abbot all corn tithe, hay, pulſe, &c. the vicar to pay all epiſcopal and archidiaconal dues, and to keep reſidence.

The church has a nave, with a north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead; the chan-

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[*a*] Reg. Gelour, pt 2. fol. 56.

[*b*] Terra Epi. Tedford.——In Gegheſtvert i ſoc. de xxiiii ac. t're. 7 ii bor. tc. dim. car. mo. i,

cel and ſouth iſle is tiled; the north door has no porch, but an entire holy water-pot is in the wall on the weſt ſide.

The ſite of the ſteeple may ſeem particular, as it now ſtands at the eaſt end of the north iſle, joyning to the chancel, built of Hunſtanton-rock ſtone, but it is to be obſerved, that this belonged to the old church, built in a cathedral or conventual manner, and ſo was in the midſt between the nave and choir, with arches to paſs through; in this ſquare tower hangs one bell; there were 2 more, ſold in 1733.

In a window of the ſouth iſle is the portraiture of a phyſician adminiſtering phyſick to a perſon ſick in bed, and this——*In ſiknes I pyne*——*Troſt in God, and here is medecine:*——Alſo a perſon naked, and——*For colde I quake;*——Alſo a woman bringing things;——*Have here clothes and warm to make;*

The ſeven works of mercy were here repreſented.

The portraiture of St. John,——*S'cs Johannes*, and theſe arms; ermin, a chief indented, gules, Brome; and argent on a bend, gules, 3 mullets, or, impaling Brome, probably the builders of this iſle.——A graveſtone with *Orate p. a'i'a. Jobis. At bylle cujus a'i'e*, &c.

In the window of the north iſle is repreſented the martyrdom of St. Edmund the king, by the Danes ſhooting him, &c. and their own king or leader, falling down dead before him; alſo a repreſentation of the circumciſion;——A boat by the ſea ſhore; a man lying dead on the ſhore, a king and ſeveral perſons viewing the body, with a woman in a red habit, and underneath—*Hic jacet corpus Jacobi† Sup. Collem*; a benefactor to, or a builder of this iſle, as I take it.

In the chancel is a black marble ſtone with this epitaph.

Edward Bulwer of this pariſh, Eſq, deſcended from a family of good antiquity and repute in this county; he left behind him 5 children, viz. Edward, John, William, Elizabeth and Mary, by Anne his only wife, who alſo lieth here interred; he died April 23, 1697, aged 74, ſhe December 8, 1700, ætat. 74.——His ſon William hath thus endeavoured to perpetuate his name to poſterity;——and the arms of Bulwer,——Gules, on a chevron, between 3 eaglets, reſpectant, or, as many cinqfoils, ſable;—impaling, or, on a bend, ſable, in a bordure ingrailed, azure, bezanty, 3 griffins heads eraſed, of the firſt, Young;——Creſt, a goat's head eraſed, or.——A ſtone *In memory of Ann, wife of Edward Bulwer, gent. died 27th Jan. 1604.*—One *In memory of Edward Bulwer, gent. heir apparent of Roger Bulwer, gent. he was patron of this church, died April 6, 1626, aged 64,* with the creſt of Bulwer, and Bulwer quarterly, in the firſt and fourth, and in the 2d and 3d, Gage, quarterly, azure and argent, on a ſaltier gules, an annulet, or, impaling Beck, gules, a croſs moline, argent, between 4 foxes heads eraſed, or.——Another *In memory of William Bulwer, gent. late of Wood-Dalling, 3d ſon of Edward Bulwer, Eſq; late of this pariſh, died Feb. 10, 1735, aged 76.*

On a braſs plate—*Here lyeth Jefery Styward, gentleman, patron of this cherche, on whoſe ſowle Jeſu have mercy, A.D.* M.V.XLIIII.

In the chancel, on a graveſtone,—*Hic jacet Rogerus Bulwer, generoſus, hujus eccleſie patronus, octoginta annos natus, ob.* 16 *Julij*, 1616.——Adjoining, another:

Chriſtiana ſuo jacet hic vicina marito,
Nunc conſors tumuli, quæ fuit ante Tori.
Sexaginta et octodecem annos nata, obijt viceſimo
Octavo die Junij An. Dni. 1615.

- - - - - - - - - - - - *Joanna uxor Willi. Younge de Ketleſton clerici, obt. Dec.* 14, *aged* 78.——*Elizabeth, wife of Richard Baldwyn, gent. died May* 28, 1653.

Alſo one *In memory of Anne Money, daughter of Roger Bulwere, Eſq; deceaſed, and the moſt dearly beloved wife of John Money, min. a late preacher of the goſpel at Wimondham. In the time of her life, ſhe fought a good fight on earth; ſhe conquered, and is now triumphing in heaven, where no man ſhall take her crown: ſhe died September* 15, 1671, *aged* 51.

On the font are 3 eſcallops, St. James's arms;——the emblem of the Trinity, arms of St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. George, St. Peter, and the inſtruments of the paſſion of our Saviour;——near to this, on a graveſtone, a cup and chalice, and ——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Dni. Johs. Robertſon, et Roberti patris ejus, qui quidem Johs. obt.* ii*do die Sept.* M. V. C. VIII. *quor. a'i'ab; &c.*

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† At Hylle.

One *In memory of Ann, wiſe of John Wall of Trouſe, daughter of John Dey, late of this pariſh, gent. died March* 16, 1731, *aged* 26.

On another——*Orate, &c. Agnetis Howis cujus, &c.*——

Alſo near this——*Orate* &c. *Caterine Everard*, &c.

In the ſaid iſle——*Hic jacet Alicia que fuit uxor Alixandri Bruſyard, quondam uxor Stephi. Sturmer, que obijt.* XI *die menſ. Decemb.* - - - - - *cujus a'i'e.* &c.

Orate p. &c. - - *Johs. Ive cujus* &c.——Alſo——*Orate p.* &c. - - - - *Ive que obijt* XXIIII *die* - - - - - - XCVIII *cuj.* &c.

On a graveſtone an effigy of a man in braſs, and——*Orate p. a'i'a. Ricardi Atbills, qui obijt.* XVII *Sept. A. D.* M. VC. V. *cujus*, &c.——A ſtone *In memory of Arthur Stewart, gent. who died June* 28, *in* 1606, *and William his ſon, in* 1641.

A marble graveſtone with theſe arms in a lozengy, a ferdemolin, - - - - Mills; creſt, a demy lion holding a ferdemolin:——in a lozenge, azure, a croſs moline, or,—Ward; creſt, an eagle's head eraſed;——*Here lye entomb'd the breathleſs remains of Mrs. Sarah Mills, and Mrs. Rebecka Ward, two ſiſters in law, the only daughters of Mr. George and Mary Mills, of Geyſtwick, the former of which died June* 10, 1696, *aged* 18, *and the latter, May* 20, 1702, *aged* 26:

Under this ſtone in eaſie ſlumber lies
Two duſty bodies that at laſt ſhall riſe,
Their parted atoms ſhall again rejoin,
Be caſt into new moulds by hands divine.

A graveſtone *In memory of the truly religious and vertuous Mrs. Anne Bendiſh, who died March* 9, 1699, *aged* 29; with her arms;——Argent, a chevron, ſable, between 3 rams heads, eraſed, azure, attired, or, impaling, a croſs flory, - - - in a bordure, ermine.

The chief manor, and impropriated rectory, belongs to Mr. Bulwer.——Quere, if not a ſmall manor called Callis, owned lately by Mr. William Newman of Baconſthorp? the demean of it was one cloſe, now divided into 4 cloſes, and about 120*l. per ann.*

VICARS.

1316, Walter de Keteleſton, preſented to the vicarage by the abbot and convent of Waltham.—1320, Robert le Teyntour.—1361, John Alby.—1386, Henry Anſty.

1405, John Lavenham.——1421, Thomas Champneys, by the biſhop, a lapſe. ——1429, James Ivys, by the abbot, &c.——1460, William Skot.——1463, John Robertſon.

1504, John Perſon.——John Piers, vicar.——1555, Peter Langton, by Roſe Stiward, widow.——Peter Alington, vicar.——1572, Simon Thompſon, by William Sanderſon, merchant.

1609, Thomas Hood, by Roger Bulwer.——1622, Francis Catelyn, ditto.—— 1625, John Tong, by Edward Bulwer, Eſq;——1627, John Chriſtmais, by Roger Bulwer, Eſq;——1639, Thomas Sappe.——1661, John Bonde, by Edward Bulwer, Eſq;——1664, Samuel Smith, ditto.——1668, William Jacomb, ditto, 1679, James Martyn, by Edward Bulwer, junior, gent.

1703, James Martyn, ditto.——1705, Thomas Plumſtede, ditto.

1714, Edward Bulwer, by Edward Bulwer, Eſq; of Wood Dalling.——1724, William Allen, ditto.

Here was the guild of St. Peter, and the lights of St. Peter, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas.

STEWARD's PEDIGREE.

Nicholas Steward of Upwell—Cecilia, daughter of Baſkervile.

Richard Steward of Upwell,—Elizabeth, daughter of —— Coſyn of Upwell.

Jeffrey Steward of Geyſtwick, Eſq;—Alice, daughter of Robert Brown of Shelton, in Norfolk.

2 Simon, 3 Robert, 1 Arthur Steward of Geyſtwick,—Alice, daughter of William Woreley of Norwich. This Arthur had a daughter, Frances, married to William Sanderſon of Norfolk; and Thomaſine, married to Thomas Williams, of Scrotby in Yorkſhire.

Richard Steward . . .

HACKFORD,

WAS one of the lordſhips of the Earl Warren, of which Wither, a free man, was deprived; and Turold held it under the ſaid earl, for one carucate and an half of land, 6 villains, 10 borderers, and one ſervus belonged to it, there were 2 carucates [*a*] in demean, and 3 carucates with 4 acres of meadow among the tenants, and one ſocman, 11 acres and half a carucate, a mill, 4 runci, &c. 5 ſkeps of bees, a church endowed with 9 acres, and 2 acres of meadow, valued in the whole at 50s. *per ann.* was 5 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 4*d.* gelt, &c. It came to the earl by an exchange of lands at Lewes in Suſſex.

Robert de Vallibus or Vaux, the youngeſt ſon of 3 brothers, who came over with the Conqueror, to ſeek their fortunes, was enfeoffed of this lordſhip, and ſeveral others by the Earl Warren, and was father of William, whoſe ſon Robert is ſaid to have had 7 ſons: Will. the eldeſt, dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his brother, Sir Oliver de Vaux, who by Petronilla his wife, daughter of Henry de la Mere, had 3 ſons; Robert, who died young, William the 2d, dying without iſſue, the inheritance came to the 3d brother, Sir John de Vaux, who paid to King Henry III. the fine due to him of 24 marks, for his brother William's marrying Alianora de Ferrers, daughter of William de Ferrers, earl of Derby, without the king's licenſe.

Sir John, in the 5 year of Edward I. had a grant of a weekly mercate on Saturday, and a fair on the eve, day, and morrow of the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, in his manor of Repeham, this lordſhip extending into that town, and claimed the aſſiſe of bread and beer, &c. in the 14 of that king, and died ſeiſed of it in the 16, leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; Petronilla married to Sir William de Norford, and Maud to Sir William de Roos, lord of Hamlake, who had 19 knights fees with her; and this manor was found to be held of the Earl Warren by half a fee. In this family it continued till the attainder of Thomas, Lord Roos, in the firſt of Edward IV. who being after taken at the battle of Hexham, was beheaded at Newcaſtle upon Tine. Edmund his ſon, was reſtored in blood, in the firſt of Henry VII. and dying October 23, 1508, was buried at Enfield, leaving 4 ſiſters and coheirs; Alianore married to Sir Robert Manners of Ethale-Caſtle in Northumberland; Iſabel married to Sir Thomas Lovel, knight of the garter, lord preſident of the council to King Henry VII. who died at Enfield May 25, 1524, and buried in the nunnery of Holywell by London, June 8 following; and Margaret and Joan.

Sir Robert Manners, in right of his wife, was lord of it, as was his ſon George, Lord

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[*a*] T're. Willi. de Warreana——Hackforda Turald. tenet qd. tenuit Wither i lib. ho. p. i car. t're. 7 dim. ſep. vi vill. 7 x bor. 7 i ſ. i ſep. ii car. in d'nio. 7 iii car. ho'u' 7 iiii ac. p'ti. ſilv. lx. por. 7 i ſoc. xi ac. t're. 7 dim. car. i mol. qu. rec. iiii r. mo. iii 7 x an. 7 xl por. 7 lx ov. mo. v vaſe apu' 7 eccla. ix ac. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſep. val. l. ſol. 7 ht. v quar. in long. 7 iii in lato. 7 redd. iiii*d.* q'cq; ibi teneat hoc e. p. eſçang. de Laq's.

Roos, whoſe grandſon, Henry, Earl of Rutland, and the lady Margaret his wife, conveyed it to Thomas Lodge, Eſq; in the 1ſt and 2d of Philip and Mary; ſoon after it came to the Heydons, and Sir Chriſtopher Heydon preſented to the church as lord in 1563, and Thomas Hunt, Eſq; in 1589, and 1602, and William Hunt, ſon of Sir Thomas, in 1633, as lord.

Berner, [*b*] an officer of the croſs bowmen, had a lordſhip alſo, out of which a freeman was expelled, who had a carucate of land, 3 villains and 3 borderers, with one carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, 11 acres of meadow, *&c.* valued at 20*s.* The king's manor of Whitwell alſo extended into this town.

Roger Eſt, in the 8th of Edward I. ſettled by fine on Richard Partrick of Hackford, 6 meſſuages with lands and rents here, in Refham, Whitwell, and Sparham, for life, remainder to Eſt; and in the 32d of that king, Reginald Partrick conveyed to Henry Partrick 5 meſſuages, 50 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 3 of wood and 20*s.* rent in this town, Refham, Whitwell, *&c.* for life, remainder to Reginald.

William de Thorpe, and Cecilia his wife, ſettled in the 35th of that king, on Beatrix, daughter of William de Thorpe, 9 meſſuages and lands here, in Repham, Kerdeſton, *&c.* and William de Thorp had a lordſhip, and a right in the advowſon, in the 3d of Edward II.

In the 17th of Edward II. John de Clavering held lands here, of the barony of Moncheney, late the earl of Pembroke's, as did Walter de Calthorp, and the heirs of De Creſſi, of the ſaid earl.

Thomas de Eggefeld, clerk, as truſtee, ſettled in the 4th of Edward III. 8 meſſuages and ſeveral parcels of land in Hackford, Whitwell, Kerdeſton and Sparham, on Roger Eſt and Joan his wife, and on their ſons.

Nicholas Wichingham was lord of Thorp-hall here, in the 2d of Henry VI. as was John Wichingham, Eſq; in the 21ſt of Henry VII.

In the 19th of Edward IV. John Hoydon died poſſeſſed of it, called then Haydon-hall, and in the 41ſt of Elizabeth, Sir William Haydon was lord of it, and of Eaſt's-manor in Hackford, *&c. alias* Nugoun's. Theſe came after to the Hunts as above.

The temporalities were 2*l.* 7*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The church of Hackford was a rectory dedicated to All Saints, the old valor was 15 marks, and paid Peter-pence 7*d.* ½. the preſent valor is 7*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*

In the 3d of Edward II. a fine was levied between William de Thorpe, querent, and William de Wichingham, tenant of this advouſon, and one acre of land.

RECTORS.

1317, John Pertryke inſtituted, on the preſentation of Sir William Roſs of Hamelak.———1338, Ralph Brown, ditto.———1339, John de Sixendal, ditto.———1353, Thomas de Leverington, by Sir John Avenel.———1364, William de Berton, by Sir Thomas Roos, Lord Hamelake.———1367, William Chattock, ditto.———1383, John de Grimſton, ditto.———1384, Adam de Popelton, ditto.———1396, Rowland Zwyk, by Beatrice, Lady Roos.

1422, William Bungay, by the king.———1423, Thomas Eſſex, ditto.———- - - -, John Radewell, rector.———1428, John Sprygg, by Thomas, Lord Roos.———1436, Thomas Boleyn, by Edmund Beauford, Earl Morton, and Alianore his wife, in right of her dower of the lands of the lord Roos lately deceaſed.———1437, Robert Frodeſham, ditto.———1440, John Smith, ditto.———1454, John Gamelyn, by Edmund, Duke of Somerſet, and conſtable of England.———1479, William Cubyt, by Richard Roos, Eſq; Cubyt gave to the town and church of Hackford, a drinking houſe with 2 acres, to have his yearly *obit* kept in the church, and wills that the guilds and drinkings of all the four pariſhes

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(*b*) Terre Berneri arb.—In Hacforda, ten. i lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. tre. ſep. iii vill. 7 iii bor. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 dim. car. houm. 7 ii ac. pti. ſilv. xxx por. ſep. i r. 7 v por. 7 xii ov. 7 val. xx. ſol.

(that is Hackford, Reſham, Whitwell, and Kerdeſton) be kept there, if they deſire it.

1506, John Haukesford, by Sir Thomas Lovell.——1509, John Gooddyng, ditto.——1531, John Maners, by Thomas Maners, Earl of Rutland.——1542, Chriſtopher Lockwoode, by Thomas, Earl of Rutland.

By an indenture *Tripartite*, dated April 18, in the 35th of Henry VIII. between Robert Coke, owner of the fee ſimple of the church of Whitwell, Chriſtopher Lockwode, clerk, parſon of Hackford, and vicar of Whitwell, Thomas Bayfield, William Breſe, John Blofield, *&c.* pariſhioners of Hackford, very and undoubted patrons of the vicarage of Whitwell, witneſſing, that whereas the late pariſh church of Hackford, chancel, with all the church goods, ornaments, and jewels, and moſt part of the dwelling houſes, *&c.* in Hackford, were by misfortune lately burnt by fire, the ſaid church or rectory of Hackford, was conſolidated to Whitwell, by William, Lord Biſhop of Norwich, all parties conſenting.

1559, William Colleſon, by the aſſigns of Henry, Earl of Rutland.——1563, William Dawſon, by Sir Chriſtopher Heydon.——1583, Step. Jerveis, ditto.——1589, Ant. Maxey, by Thomas Hunt, Eſq;

1602, Robert Lambkin, ditto.——1617, William Quelch, by Elizabeth Hunt, widow.——1620, Robert Griffith, by the aſſigns of Elizabeth.——1633, Robert Blofeld, by William Hunt.——1637, Thomas Symonds, ditto.——Sam. Townſend, an uſurper, held it in 1655, but Symonds was reſtored in 1662.——1684, John Pits, by William Hunt, Gent:——1689, Nathanial Palgrave, ditto.

1706, John Palgrave, ditto.——1721, Robert Cory, by Mary Palgrave, ſpinſter.——1750, John Neale, by Anne Turner.——1758, Mr. Step. Buckle, by George Hunt Holley, Gent: to Hackford *cum* Whitwell *hac vice*.

John Goddyng, rector, by his will [c] in 1531, gives to the making of a chapel in the ſouth part of Hackford church, if one happens there to be edified, 6*s.* 8*d.* if not to the repair of the church, and I find Anthony Sugate, to bequeath by will 20 marks to the rebuilding of the ſaid church after it was burnt, if ever it ſhould be rebuilt.

In this church was the gild of All Saints.

The temporalities of Longavile priory, were 6*s.* 4*d.*—of Ely 13*d.*—of Walſingham priory 8*s.*

The town is called Hackford by Reſham, and ſometimes in old writings Reſham Hackford, to diſtinguiſh it from Hackford by Hingham, and both take their names from a ford over a rivulet, Hackford, Hakeford, or Akeford.

HEVERLAND,

CALLED in *Domeſday Book*, Heveringalanda, [a] from its ſcite by watry meadows, was the lordſhip of Goodwin, Earl of Kent (tho' ſtiled a freeman only) and father of King Harold: in the reign of the confeſſor, one carucate of land, 3 villains, 3 borderers belonged to it and 3 ſervi; there were 2 carucates in demean, one among the tenants, with 8 acres of meadow, *&c.* the moiety of a fiſhery, 2 runci, 5 cows, 30 ſwine, 40 ſheep, 80 goats, with 20 ſkeps of bees, and 3 ſocmen had 5 acres of land, the whole valued at 60*s.* and a church belonged to it with 10 acres, and was granted by King William I. to Rainald, ſon of Ivo, lord at the ſurvey.

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(*c*) Reg. Alpe, fol. 172.

(*a*) Terra Rainaldi, filij Ivonis.——Heveringalanda ten. Goduuin. i lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. tre. tc. 7 p'. iii vill. mo. ii ſep. iii bor. mo. iii ſ. ſep. ii car. in dnio. tc. i car. houm. 7 p'. 7 mo. dim. 7 viii ac. p'ti. ſilva. xxx. por. 7 dim. piſc'e. ſep. ii r. 7 v an. tc. xxx por. mo. xx tc. xl ov. mo. lxxx cap. 7 xx vaſa. apu. 7 iii ſoc. v ac. tre. ſep. val. lx ſol. i eccla. x ac.

HEVERLAND MANOR.

THIS was the principal lordſhip, and the family of de Giſneto, or Giſne, or Gyney, was ſoon after the Conqueſt enfeoſt of it, who probably took their name from the town of Guiſn, near Calais in France; Sir William de Gynento was a witneſs to the deed of confirmation of Geffrey, ſon of Bartholomew, ſon of William de Glanvile, founder of Bromholm priory. Roger de Gyney lived alſo about the ſaid time, (in King Henry II. reign) and was father of Reginald, rector of the church of Heverland in the time of King John.

Baldwin de Giſney was living in the 8th year of that king, and granted his right in the church of Wichingham, to the prior of Longuevile; by Maud his wife, he was father of Roger de Giſneia, lord of this manor in the 18th of Henry III. held of the honor of Glouceſter and Clare, and extended into Wichingham, Whitwell, Kerdeſton, *&c.* this Roger levied a fine in the 33d of that king, to Beringarius, prior of St. Faith's, of Horſham, the advouſon of this church, and married Joan, daughter of - - - - - - - - - -, ſiſter and coheir of Sir Peter de Pelevile, (who re-married Sir John de Vaux) and by her had Sir William de Gyney, his ſon and heir, and Sir Roger, who married Margaret, daughter of William Peche, and in her right was lord of Brandeſton; Sir William had a park, not encloſed, in the common paſture of Cauſton, and had drove ſome cattle of John de Burgh, lord of Cauſton, (that had entered therein) to his manor of Heverland; on which there was a trial, and it was adjudged that he ought to incloſe it. In the 55th of the ſaid king, he had a charter of free warren, and in the 12th of Edward I. impleaded Adam de Heveringland for entering therein, and taking his hares, rabbits, partridges, and fiſh, out of his ponds; by Margaret his wiſe, he left Sir Roger, his ſon and heir, who in the 15th of Edward I. † claimed frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, *&c.* and in the 29th of that king, had ſummons to attend the king at Berwick, againſt the Scots, and in the 9th of Edward II. was lord of Pickworth in Rutlandſhire.

He was ſucceeded by Sir William his ſon, lord in the 16th of Edward II. who was father of Sir Roger Gyney, by Elizabeth his wife.

Sir Roger occurs lord in the 21ſt of Edward III. in which year he had grant of a weekly mercate, (long ſince diſcontinued) and of a fair on the 10th of Auguſt, (St. Laurence's day) which is ſtill kept up. He married to his 1ſt wife, Elizabeth, and to his 2d Margaret; his will is dated at Dilham, April 6, 1376, and requires to be buried in that church; appoints Margaret his wife executrix, [*b*] gives to John his ſon this manor, with that of Dilham, after his wife's deceaſe, and the manor of Spixworth, when he came of age.

Margaret his widow was living in the reign of Richard II. and lady of this manor, and John Gyney kept a court here in the 22d of Richard II. and by the name of Sir John, made his will in 1422; gives his body to be buried in the church of the Auguſtine friers of Norwich, by the grave of his ſon Roger; orders his manor of Pickworth to be ſold to Sir Henry Ingloſe: the lady Alice his wife, according to her will dated September 30, [*c*] in the 17th of Henry VI. was buried in the church of the ſaid friers, and gave a tenement in the pariſh of St. Paul's in Norwich to the friers, to pray for her ſoul.

The will of the lady Margaret, mother of Sir John, is dated February 24, 1398; ſhe gives him [*d*] ſums of money, ſeveral ſilver cups, *&c.* and to James, her ſon, her manor of Hempſtead.

Robert Gyney, brother and heir (as I take it) to Sir John, ſucceeded him; he married Margaret, daughter and heir of John Faſtolf, relict of John Honing, by whom ſhe had a daughter Margaret, married to Robert Bois, Eſq; of Ingham, and by Gyney had a daughter and heir, Anne, who married Sir Henry Ingloſe, lord in her right, in the 17th of Henry VI. by his will dated June 20, 1451, he deviſes his manors of Dilham, Lodne, *&c.* to Henry, his ſon and heir, who was lord in the 7th of Henry VII.

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† He in the 15th of Edw. I. accounted for 419*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* of the Jews debts, and Roger, his ſon and heir, was charged with 185*l.* 18*s.* of the ſame debts, in the 13th of Edw. II.

(*b*) Reg. Heydon, fol. 125.

(*c*) Reg. Aleyn, fol. 33.

(*d*) Reg. Harſyke.

Edward his ſon, ſold this lordſhip to William Halſe, of Kenedon, in Devonſhire, Eſq; in the 20th of Henry V. Thomas Halſe, his ſon and heir, was living in the 37th of that king; William Halſe was found to be his brother and heir, and had livery of this manor, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary; by his wife Mary, daughter of John, and ſiſter of Sir Thomas Cornwaleys (after remarried to Richard Warren, Gent: of Ipſwich) he had 3 daughters and co-heirs, Margaret, Catherine, and Elizabeth, who ſoon after their father's death conveyed their intereſt herein, to Miles Corbet, Eſq; and Oſbert Mundeford, Eſq; in the firſt of Elizabeth; Mary, their mother, having her third part for liſe; and they in the ſaid year conveyed it to Sir Chriſtopher Haydon, and Henry Hobart, Eſq; whoſe ſon and heir, James Hobart, of Hales-hall, Eſq; paſſed his right to Sir Chriſtopher, who was lord of this manor, that of Bilney, or Holveſton's and Montjoy priory, in this town, in the 8th of Elizabeth.—Sir Chriſtopher, in the 15th of the ſaid queen, ſold to Thomas Gawdy, of Claxton, ſerjeant at law, this lordſhip, and that of Holveſton's in the 17th of that reign, who conveyed them to Henry Richers, of Swanington, and Edmund his ſon, who in the 11th of that queen, ſold them to Thomas Hyrne, Eſq; knighted at Greenwich, July 3, 1609, citizen, alderman and mayor of Norwich in 1604, 1609, and 1616; ſon of Clement Hyrne, Eſq; mayor in 1593, by Margaret his wife, daughter of John Wyſſe, and relict of ----- Mautby, Gent: of Norwich, and Clement was ſon of Nicholas Hyrne, of Drayton, Gent:

Sir Thomas was ſheriff of Norfolk in the 18th of James I. and by Sibilla, his wife, daughter of Richard Baker, of Cambridgeſhire, was father of Clement Herne, Eſq; who married two wives, Anne, daughter and heir of John Thurſton of Hoxne, in Suffolk, Eſq; and Mary, daughter of Sir John Knevet; by Anne he had Thomas Hyrne, Eſq; who left by Ann, his wife, daughter and co-heir of William Hobart, of Twayt, Eſq; relict of Nicholas Bacon, ſon of Sir Robert Bacon, Clement, his ſon and heir, who took to wife, Frances, daughter of Henry Fairfax, Lord Viſcount Fairfax, of Gilling in Yorkſhire, and died September 17, 1694, aged 84. Thomas Hyrne, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, who died October 30, 1736, leaving by the lady Charlotte, his wife, daughter of William Paſton, Earl of Yarmouth, Paſton Hyrne, Eſq; his ſon and heir: on whoſe deceaſe *s. p.* it came to Everard Buckworth Herne, Eſq; in 1762.

Sir Gilbert Dethick, garter king at arms, granted to Thomas Hyrne this coat of arms—or, 3 bars gevelle, gules, on a canton of the laſt 5 lozenges in ſaltire, of the firſt; creſt, a talbot paſſant, ſable, collared and chained, or.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had alſo another lordſhip, of Earl Godwin, [*e*] which came to Rainald, ſon of Ivo, granted by the Conqueror, containing 100 acres of land held by 2 villains, and 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, *&c.* and one ſocman, 11 acres of land valued at 20*s.*

This lordſhip, as I take it, was alſo held with that abovementioned, and being united, paſſed as is there obſerved, and was what was called Dawking's manor, and came on the death of John Richers in 1500, to Henry his ſon.

BILNEY'S, or HOLVESTON'S MANOR.

ANOTHER lordſhip alſo was ganted to Reynald, [*f*] out of which Edric was ejected at the conqueſt, held of Reynald by Herluine, containing 100 acres of land, 3 borderers, one ſervus, a carucate in demean, *&c.* and 2 ſocmen had 16 acres of land with 16 of meadow, and half a carucate, *&c.* valued at 20*s.*

In the 20th of Henry III. William de Henecote held a quarter of a fee of the heirs of William de Nerford, and he of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare, into which family all the lordſhips that Reynald held at the ſurvey came, and Peter de Narford granted lands *ſans date*, to William Peche. Simon

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(*e*) In eadem ten. Goduuinus, t. r. e. c. ac. tre. ſemp. ii vil. tc. 7 p. iii bor. mo. null. tc. i car. in dnio. p'. 7 mo. null. ſep. i car. houm. 7. viii ac pti. ſep. dim. car. ſilv. xx por. 7 i ſoc. xi ac. tre. ſemp. val. xx ſol.

(*f*) In eade' ten. Edric. i lib. ho. t. r. e. c. ac. tre. mo. tenet Herluin. ſep. iii bor. tc. i ſ. tc. i car. in dnio. p'. null. 7 mo. 1 7 ii ſoc. xvi ac. tre. 7 xvi ac. pti. ſep. dim. car. ſilv. xx por. mo. iiii r. 7 vii an. 7 viii por. 7 LXXXV ov. ſep. val. xx ſol.

Simon, ſon of Jeffrey Peche, granted lands here to Peter de Bylney, ſon of John, by deed, *ſans* date; Peter de Bylney, and Roger his ſon, had an intereſt in this town, in the 42 of Henry III. Sir Roger de Bilney was lord in the 3d of Edward I. and granted lands to Richard de Holwode, paying 2*s.* 7*d. per ann.* and doing ſuit of court twice in the year; and in the 8 of Edward II. Roger de Bilney held of Sir George de Gyney, by knight's ſervice, lands and tenements here, valued at 20*l. per ann.*

In the 16 of Edward II. Sir Roger levyed a fine of 9 meſſuages, 140 acres of land, 13 of meadow, 10 of paſture, 30 of heath, 6 of marſh, and 60*s.* rent in this town, Felthorp, Cauſton, &c. ſettled on Roger for life, remainder to John and his heirs; and in the ſaid year, Sir Roger founded the north iſle of this church, and a chauntrey there for 2 chaplains, and had licenſe to ſettle 10*l. per ann.* in lands, for their ſupport.

John de Holveſton died lord in the 28 of Edward III. and was buried in the church of the Friers Auſtin of Norwich; Amabilia his wife remarried - - - - Maloyſel, and was buried by him in 1383; Thomas de Holveſton was their ſon and heir, aged 14, at his father's death, afterwards a knight, but died about the 38 of the aforeſaid king, in which year the Lady Iſabella de Holveſton, and her ſon William, leaſed lands in this town; he was living in the 45 of Edward III. and in the 2d of Henry V. but died ſoon after, † leaving 3 daughters and coheirs; Anne, Mary and Catherine, all living in the 7 of Henry V. Catherine married William Botiler, and in the 17 of Henry VI. they conveyed by fine, to Sir Henry Ingloſs, their 3d part of this manor; Robert his 2d ſon, [g] poſſeſſed it by his father's will, and his daughter and heir, Cath. brought it by marriage to Rd. Blundevile, or Blomvile, of Newton Flotman, Eſq; by her he had 2 ſons, Robert the eldeſt, of Newton, and Richard the 2d, to whom his mother Catherine gave this lordſhip, but he dying *ſ. p.* about 1503, Edward Blomvile, Eſq; ſon of his brother Robert, was his heir, and ſold it to William Halſe, lord of Heverland manor, ſo it came to Chriſtopher Heydon, Serjeant Gawdy and Richers, who conveyed it to Sir Thomas Hyrne, and became united to the manor of Heverland.

MOUNTJOY PRIORY MANOR and PRIORY.

RAINALD [b] had alſo the grant of a lordſhip, of which Ulketel, a free man, was deprived, and held at the ſurvey by Ranulf: half a carucate of land, belonged to it, with 4 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 6 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.* The whole town was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 7*d.* gelt, to the king.

It was founded by William de Gyney, lord of Heverland, in a place there called Thweyt, about the reign of King Richard I. Baldwin de Gyney, and James de Gyney, were witneſſes to the charter of its foundation, ‡ and Roger de Gyney gave 2 parts of his demeans here to the abby of Bec, in Normandy.

Newcourt ſays that the brethren or fraternity of Mountjoy, was an order of [i] knighthood eſtabliſhed at Jeruſabem, by Pope Alexander III. and confirmed in 1185, under St. Baſil's rule: but this priory is generally ſaid to have been for canons of the order of St. Auſtin, and the patronage was always in the lords of this manor.

In the 20 of Henry III. John Shelton held a quarter of a fee of the heirs of Narford, and gave them lands, and in the 5 of that king, Peter de Nerford gave the rectory of Stanfield in Suffolk; in the ſaid year, “ Pope Clem. IV. granted licenſe that “ they might enjoy all their goods, lands, &c. which they already held, or ſhould “ be hereafter poſſeſſed of, and beſtowed on them, to be exempt from payment of

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† Catherine, wife of William, ſurvived him, and married Henry Cat, Eſq; both living in the 9 of Henry V.

[g] Robert Ingloſe, Eſq; lived at Gunton, and was buried in the chancel of that church in 1475.

[b] In eade' ten. Ulketel, t. r. e. dim. car. t're. mo. ten. Ran. tc. iiii bor. p. 7 mo. iii tc. i car. in d'nio. p. 7 mo. dim. 7 vi ac. p'ti. ſilv. xl por. 7 val. xx ſol. 7 ht. i leug. in long. 7 in lato, 7 reddit vii*d.* in geldu' regis.

‡ William de Gyney founded here, at firſt, a chapel dedicated to St. Laurence, and gave it to Wymondham priory.

[i] Repertor. vol. 1. p. 696.

" tithes of their plowed lands, newly broke up, and cultivated by them, and of " their increaſe of cattle; that in the time of [k] interdicts they might celebrate divine " ſervice with a low voice, and their gates ſhut, and perſons excommunicated, excluded; " that no perſon might erect a chapel in the pariſh, without the dioceſan's and their " leave; that no archbiſhop, biſhop, archdeacon, &c. ſhould exact any cuſtoms of " them; that they ſhould have liberty to bury any perſon in their priory, &c." To this bull are the names of ſeveral cardinals. Simon ſon of Jeffrey Peche, was a benefactor, *ſans* date.

In the 8 of Edward II. Sir Roger de Bilney aliened to it 60 acres of land here, and in Felthorp, 30 of land and heath in Felthorp, and 30 in Helmingham, of land.

The prior of St. Faith's, of Horſeford, releaſed to them the tithes of this town.

In the 10 of Edward II. there was an agreement between John, ſon of Sir John de Shelton, knight, and Robert his ſon, on one part; Nicholas, ſon of the ſaid Sir John, and Alice his wife, Richard de Ely, and Catherine his wife; the ſaid John and Robert granting their manor to Nicholas and Alice, Rd. and Catherine, for their lives, on condition of repairing the old, and building a new houſe 80 foot long, and 18 broad, and paying them 30*l.* ſterling for 13 years. To this deed is the ſeal of John de Shelton, a feſs, between 3 mullets, pierced, and his name round it.

John de Shelton after this, ſold his manor to this priory, reſerving to himſelf 11 marks, and a ſtone of wool *per ann.* for life; and in the 17 of Edward III. he releaſed to them 5 marks and an half *per ann.* and the wool.——In the ſaid year John de Hadeſco, and John Fode, chaplains, had licenſe to amortize 2 meſſuages, 77 acres of land and meadow, 10 and an half of paſture, 13 of heath, and 7*s.* 7*d.* rent in this town, Felthorp, &c. the gift of Martin, rector of Brandeſton, and Thomas, vicar of Heverland.

Peter, rector of Irmingland, gave them lands there, and the advouſon of the church, with lands in Felthorp, Brandeſton, &c.

Thomas de Whitewell, rector of Felthorp, gave all his lands, rents and ſervices, with a fold-courſe and heath in Felthorp, for a penſion paid him yearly, for the ſouls of his father Richard, and Alice his mother.

In the 20 of Edward III. the prior was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the heir of Tho. de Nerford, and he of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare, which John de Shelton formerly held; and in the 33d of that king had a patent for tenements in this town and Felthorp.

Pope Urban by his bull dated at Avignon, 6 of the nones of May, in the 2d year of his pontificate, and 38 of Edward III. granted a ſpecial privilege, that whoſoever being truely penitent and confeſſed, ſhould viſit their church on Chriſtmas day, the [l] Circumciſion, Epiphany, Eaſter day, the Reſurrection, Aſcenſion, Pentecoſt, the Nativity, Circumciſion, Purification, and Aſſumption of the bleſſed Virgin, nativity of St. John Baptiſt, St. Peter and St. Paul's, or St. Laurence's day, ſhould have a year and 40 days releaſed of penance enjoined them; by another bull he took this houſe into his immediate protection, and by a 3d bull gave the prior of Butley in Suffolk, power to excommunicate all thoſe who withheld any lands, goods, rents, tithes, &c. from them; and in 1420, Pope Martin granted a bull of indulgence to the repair of it.

In 1426, their ſpiritualities were 9 marks, and their temporalities 40*s.* 7*d.* *q.*

It was ſuppreſſed in 1528, before the general diſſolution, by a bull of Pope Clement, in order to endow Cardinal Wolſey's college at Ipſwich; but on the attainder of that cardinal, it was ſeiſed by William Hales, lord of Haverland, patron of it, as an eſcheat to him, and ſo was united to his lordſhip; but ſome of (if not all) the lands belonging to it, were, September 2, *ao.* 17 of Eliz. granted as concealed lands belonging to the priory, with meſſuages, &c. in the tenure of John Davy. Sir Chriſtopher Heydon had this lordſhip and priory before this, and had conveyed it to the ſaid Davy; and on this, Sir Chriſtopher purchaſed of John Herbert, gent. and Andrew Palmer, (who had the grant) their right herein, and paſſed it to Davy, who conveyed it to Henry Richers, Eſq; and Edmund his ſon, of Felthorp, in 26 of that queen, conveyed the manor and the ſcite of the priory, to Thomas Herne, Eſq; and ſo was united to Haverland Hall.

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[k] Rymer's Fœd. v. 1. p. 833.

[l] Rymer's Fœd. v. 6. p. 439.

The priory was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, St. Michael and St. Laurence, and ſtood about a mile ſouth weſt of the pariſh church.

PRIORS.

Vincent was the firſt prior, *ſans* date.

Thomas occurs prior in the 22 and 30 of Edward I.—1304, John Weting admitted prior.———1305, Thomas Carlevile, preſented by the canons of St. Laurence of Mountjoy.———1308, Peter de Cley, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———John occurs prior in the 18 of Edward II.———1349, Simon de Flegg.———1369, John de Elvedon.———1379, Philip de Titeſhale.

1401, Edmund Amys, canon of Hempton, by the biſhop.———Edmund de Walſingham occurs prior 1429.———John Sudbury prior.———1448, Robert Snape, canon of Butlee.———John, prior.———1465, Thomas Everard.———1470, John Clement, canon of Cokesford.———Chriſtopher Brown occurs 1449.———William Lovell prior.———1491, William Kyrtelyng.

1502, Thomas Grimſton, canon of Walſingham.———1515, Thomas Clerk, S.T.B. collated by the biſhop, and living in 1526, and rector of Moulton *Parva*.——Beſides theſe, in the inſtitution books, I find Symon to be prior in 1352, and John de Cotton, regular canon, admitted prior by Wittleſey, archbiſhop of Canterbury, on the death of Elvedone.

By the inſtitutions above, it appears that this priory was for canons regular, of St. Auſtin, ſome of theſe priors belonging once to Butley, Cokesford and Walſingham, all of the ſame order.

The tenths were 3*l.* 19*s.* Deducted 1*l.*

The church is dedicated to St. Peter, was in antient days valued at 12 marks. Rr. de Gyney gave, in the reign of Henry III. 2 parts of the tithe [*m*] of his demeans, to the abby of Bec in Normandy, founded by the anceſtors of the earls of Clare. This probably was that portion of tithe that the priory of Stoke had valued at 13*s.* and 4*d. per ann.* and in the 33 of that king, Roger de Gyney conveyed by fine, to Beringarius, prior of St. Faiths, of Horſham, this rectory and advouſon of the church, and it was appropriated thereto in 1277, by Rr. biſhop of Norwich; he alſo with Maud, his wife, gave to the ſaid priory the moiety of a turf-pit, in this town. On this appropriation a vicarage was ſettled, the preſent valor of which is 4*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* He alſo granted to the ſaid priory 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann* for tithe wood, out of his park here; and in 1293, the priory of St. Faiths releaſed the tithes of the rectory, to the priory of Mountjoy.

Sir Roger Bilney built the north iſle of this church, and was there buried under a marble graveſtone, ornamented with his effigies in braſs, and about the rim of it was this inſcription in French;

Sr. Roger de Bylney gyſt ici,
Dieu de S' Alme eit merci.
Et prie quelque le voyont,
Ke en memorie le avont.

In the windows of this iſle were in many pannels his arms;—An eagle diſplayed, vert; here was alſo the effigies of Thomas de Narford (as is commonly ſaid) with an *Orate p. a'i'ab; Thomas de Narford*———and this ſhield in the glaſs;—paly of 6, or and gules, and a chief, ermine, but that is the ſhield of Gyney, whoſe effigies moſt likely, was alſo here; the creſt is an hound, ermine, and above it on a label;—*Sc'us Paulus doctor magnus ora p. nobis.*

On a graveſtone in the chancel——*Hic requieſcit Clemens Hyrne arm. vere dictus Honeſtus, filius unicus Tho. Hyrne militis, qui obt. 25 Janu. 1655, ao. ætat ſuæ 72, cui Anna Goſlin vidua filia ejus hoc monumentum poſuit.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Dni. Tho. Bettys quo' da' vicari. iſti. ecclie.

Tho. Hyrne miles et D'na Sybilla uxor, adventum Jeſu expectamus.

[*m*] Mon. Angl. vol. 1. p. 1007.

Gul. Butſlower gen. et Margaretâ filiâ Clem. Hyrne arm. conjugatus 1638, 25 Sept. e vivis exijt, 30 circiter ætat. ſuæ.

Here is a memorial *For Alice Townſend, late wife of John Davy of Mountjoy, Eſq; who died January* 21, 1561, and this ſhield;——Quarterly in 1ſt and 4, argent, on a chevron ingrailed, gules, between 3 bears heads eraſed, ſable, muzzled or, as many trefoils of the laſt; in the 2d and 3d, ſable, a chevron, ermine, between 3 annulets, argent, Davy;—impaling, quarterly, firſt Townſend, 2d and 3d, Haywell, and in the 4th Brews.

In the 8 of Elizabeth, Robert, Earl of Leiceſter, had a grant of the rectory on June 29, and in the 7 of James I. January 8, it was granted for certain ſums, to James Lloyd, and Arthur Gooch. Richard and Robert Hardy, poſſeſſed it about the 30 of Elizabeth; Sir Thomas Hunt alſo held it, and ſold it to Sir Thomas Hyrne; and in the 37 of Henry VIII. it was poſſeſſed by Richard Southwell.

In the church were alſo the arms of Ingloſe.——Gules, 3 bars gemelle, or, on a canton, argent, 5 billets in ſaltire, ſable; and in the priory was the arms of Halſe, argent, a feſs, ermine, between 3 griffins heads eraſed, gules.

Reginald, ſon of Roger de Gyney, was rector in the time of King John.

VICARS.

1310, William de Seckford inſtituted vicar, nominated by the biſhop of Norwich, preſented by the prior of St. Faith's.——1315, Richard Hovell, ditto.——1315, Thomas de Creſſingham, ditto.——1338, William de Braceberg.——1352, William Gyzoun.——1361, Simon Parker.——1365, Roger Marcolf.——1386, Thomas Heyward.——1387, Walter Mey.——1387, Thomas Metter.——1387, John Bees.——1390, John Snow.

1402, John Cobald, nominated by the biſhop, and preſented by the king; the temporalities of St. Faith's being then in the king.—Edward Medilgale.——1486, Thomas Bettys, by the king.——1494, Thomas Barker, by the king.

1521, James Boſwell, by the king.——William Pawe.—1536, Roger Sedall, by the king.—1547, William Stedeman.—1554, Robert Tayler, by the biſhop, a lapſe.—1555, Thomas Church, ditto.—1557, Thomas Scory, by Mary Darcy.——1560, Henry Kirk, by lapſe.—Christopher Breeſe occurs vicar in 1593.

1602, John Bottrell, nominated by the biſhop, preſented by Thomas Hyrne.—1608, Thomas Howlet, by Sir Thomas Hyrne, on the biſhop's nomination.—1633, Thomas Gooch, ditto.—Herbert Ward occurs vicar in 1662.

Mr. Haylet died vicar in 1720.—William Allen vicar, occurs in 1751.

Here were the guilds of St. Peter, of St. Mary in the chapel, of St. William, and the tabernacle of St. Peter; the lights of St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, St. Chriſtopher, St. Eraſmus, St. Edmund, St. Anthony, St. Gregory, St. George, Holy Trinity, St. Catherine, our Lady of pity, St. John baptiſt, and the plow light.

The temporalities of St. Faith's priory valued in 1428, at 28*s.* 10*d.* in rent, of Walſingham, in a turbary 3*s.* given by William de Gyney, ſon of Roger, by deed, *ſans* date.

HELMINGHAM and MORTON.

MORTON, now called Morton on the Hill, was antiently an hamlet belonging to Helmingham, and included therein, and on that account is not mentioned in *Domeſday* book. The principal lordſhip in this town was then in William de Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, poſſeſſed by Ailmar, biſhop of Elmham, in King Edward's time, and [*a*] was in that ſee in the Saxon age: 3 carucates of land then belonged to it (held at the ſurvey of Biſhop Beauſoe, by Geffrey the arch-deacon) alſo 8 villains, 9 borderers and one ſervus, 2 carucates in demean, and one and an half among the tenants, with 8 acres of meadow, and a mill, paunage for 11 ſwine and 19 ſheep, 2 churches endowed with 10 acres valued at 8*d.* and 13 ſocmen held 40 acres of land, and 5 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 4*l.*

[*a*] Terra Epi. Tedfordenſis ad epiſcopatu' p'tinens t.r.e. Helmingham tenuit Ailmar. Eps. t. r. e. p. manerio, 7 iii car. t're. mo. ten. Goufrid. archidiacon. de epo. tc. viii vill. mo. iiii ſep. ix bor. tc. i ſer. mo. null. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. ſemp. i car. 7 dim. hom. 7 viii ac. p'ti. et i molin. modo xi porc. 7 xix. ovs. ii ecclie. x ac. 7 val. viii*d.* et xiii ſoc. tenet id'. de xl. ac. t're, ſemp. v car. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſemp. val. iiii lib.

The ſaid biſhop, William de Beauſoe, held alſo in his own right, as a lay fee, another lordſhip, held by Renold a free man; [*b*] before the ſurvey 30 acres of land, (of this Renold, Biſhop Ailmer was only protector, or had the commendation only) 2 villains, 3 borderers, and 2 carucates belonged to them and the tenants, valued at 10*s.* it was one leuca and an half long, and one broad, and paid 11*d.* gelt.

HELMINGHAM MANOR.

IN the 8th of Richard I. William de Carechun ſold by fine to † Julian de Swathfield one knight's fee and an half, for 30 marks; Thomas de Helmingham was lord in the 15 of Edward I. had free warren, and the aſſiſe of bread and beer, and held half a fee of the biſhop of Norwich.—Ralph and William de Helmingham, *ſans date*, are mentioned.

Euſtace, ſon of Roger de Poringland, confirmed to Thomas, ſon of Ralph Athelwald, of Weſton, and Maud his wife, and their heirs, a meſſuage and all his lands in Helmingham, with the rents and ſervices of his tenants and lands, &*c.* in Weſton and Ringland, and ſealed with the impreſs of a lion paſſant, under a branch of a tree, loaded with fruit, on the top a bird: and Thomas Athelwald, of Weſton, preſented to this church as lord in 1318, and in the 11th of the ſaid king, John, and Thomas de Helmingham, parſon of Felmingham, conveyed their right in this lordſhip and advouſon, to Thomas Athelwald and Maud his wife.

In 1330, John de Weſton was lord, and preſented, and Maud de Weſton in 1349. John de Weſton, by his will dated June 4, 1375, bequeaths his body to be buried [*c*] in the chapel next the chancel of the church of St. Margaret the Virgin, in Helmingham, appoints Eleanor his wife, executrix, and gives this lordſhip to Thomas, his ſon, which extended into Weſton, and was proved that year; Eleanor died in 1386, and was buried in the ſaid chapel; he was probably deſcended from Robert de Weſton, who married Hawis, ſiſter and heir to Ralph de Roveceſter, or Rocheſter, which Ralph married Eva, daughter of Hamon Peche, from whom the Tudenhams had ſome right here and in Weſton

Margaret, widow of Edmund Bedingfeld, Eſq; of Oxburgh, ſiſter and heir to Sir Thomas Tudenham, died ſeiſed of an intereſt here, in the reign of Edward IV.

The heirs of Thomas and John de Weſton, were found in the 3d of Henry IV. to hold here, in Weſton, and Ringland, half a fee of the biſhop, as parcel of his barony, and in 1417, Henry Johnſon, Eſq; preſented to the church as lord of the manor, and in the 10th of Henry IV. Julian wife of John de Weſton, and John, her ſon, conveyed it to John de Ingleſthorp.

Nicholas Walter, vicar of Sneteſham, received of the lady Margaret, late wife of Sir Robert de Berneye, Kt. and executrix of his laſt will, 20*l.* ſterling, in part of a larger ſumme due to him, for the manor of Helmingham; dated at Gunton, Friday after Epiphany, in the 3d year of King Henry V.

In the 18th of Henry VI. Margaret, wife of Stephen Palgrave, one of the daughters and heirs of Thomas Weſton, granted her right herein to George Draper,

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(*b*) Terra ejuſd. de feudo.——In Helmingham, ten. Renold. i lib. ho. xxx. ac. terre de quo habuit epi. Ailmar. comdatione. tantu. ſemp. ii vill. et iii bord. tc. ii car. int. ſe et hom. m°. i ſep. val. x ſol. 7 ht i lg. et dim. in longo. 7 i in lato 7 reddit, xi*d.* de gelto regis, qcuq. ibi tenant.

† In the 2d of King John, this William and Julian held each a moiety of the demean lands, but Julian reſigned to William the capital manſion and advouſon by fine.

(*c*) Reg. Heydon, fol. 96. b. and Reg. Harſike, fol. 77. b.

Draper, of Norwich, as did William Goodburgh and Catharine his wife, another of the daughters; and in the 23d of that king, Henry Apehagh and Alianore his wife, another of the daughters and coheirs, conveyed their intereſt to John Norman and Joan his wife, probably a co-heireſs alſo; this John preſented to the church in 1452, and in 1469.

Richard Southwell had an intereſt here, in the 22d of Edward IV. and Francis Southwell of Windham and Dorothy his wife, preſented in 1504, and Richard Southwell, Eſq; in 1531, and in 1559, by the title of Sir Richard.

Thomas Southwell, Eſq; preſented in 1599: he built the manor houſe here, and dying *s. p.* was buried in the church in 1609. After this many law ſuits were commenced about the right of this manor, which after long conteſts, was ſettled on Denzany Southwell, Eſq; (a younger ſon of Thomas Southwell, Eſq; of Spixworth) who by Mary, his wife, daughter of Thomas Southwell, of Biſkton, in Shropſhire, had Thomas, his ſon and heir.

In the 28th of Elizabeth, it appears that the Southwells held in this town, Morton, and Ringland, 20 meſſuages, 10 cottages, 10 tofts, 2 dove-houſes, 300 acres of land, 120 of meadow, 200 of paſture, 60 of wood, 1000 acres of furze, 300 of moor, 40 of marſh, with 6*l.* rent, and the advouſons of the churches of Helmingham, and Ringland.

Thomas, ſon and heir of Denzany Southwell, was a counſeller of Greys Inn, and died *s. p.* at Lovain, in Flanders: he ſold this manor, June 18, 1642, to Sir Arthur Jenny, Kt. and his grandſon, Suckling Jenny, Eſq; conveyed it in 1691, to Nicholas Helwys, Gent: of Norwich, who preſented in 1702.

William Helways preſented in 1724, who gave it to his ſiſter Catherine, and ſhe to her niece, Bladwell, who married Charles Le Grys, Eſq; the preſent lord.

EAST'S, REEFHAM-HALL, *alias* ESCOIS MANOR.

WALTER GIFFARD, [*d*] Earl of Bucks, had alſo a lordſhip, held before the Conqueſt by a free man, being 2 carucates of land, one villain, and 3 borderers, 3 ſervi; 2 carucates in demean belonged to it, and half a carucate among the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow, a mill, and 12 ſocmen had 30 acres of land, 3 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*

Alexander de Refham held lands of the honor of Clare, (which came to the earls of Clare, by marriage of the heireſs of Giffard) and was impleaded for obſtructing a way in this town, in 36th of Henry III.

Simon Eſt held alſo, in the ſaid reign, of Adam de Lyons, the 4th part of a fee, of whom ſee in Weſton.

In the 9th of Edward III. John, parſon of Rackheath, and John, ſon of Thomas Athelwald, of Weſton, convey it by fine to Richer, ſon of Symon Eaſt; ſoon after it was united to Helmingham manor, *&c.* and ſo remains.

The tenths of this town and Ringland united were 3*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*——Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church of Helmingham, *alias* Morton, is dedicated to St. Margaret, the antient valor was 4 marks, and paid Peter-pence 6d, the preſent valor is 3*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

Here were at the ſurvey two churches, one belonging to this town, and the other moſt likely to Morton, which ſeems to have been dilapidated ſome centuries paſt.

In the church a graveſtone with the arms of Jermy,——*Thomas Jermy, obt.* 4, *Sept.* 1503, and impaling Yelverton; Jermy impaling Brampton, a ſaltire, between 4 croſs croſſlets fitche, alſo impaling Wroth, argent, on a bend ſable, 3 lions heads eraſed, of the firſt, and crowned or. His pourtraiture is in braſs, and in armour

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(*d*) Terre Walteri Giffardi——In Helmingeham, ten. i lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car. tre. ſep. i vil. 7 iii bor. 7 iii ſer. tc. ii car. in dnio. p'. 7 mo. i 7 i poſſet reſtauri. ſep. dim. car. hou. 7 iiii ac. pti. 7 i mol. et xii ſoc. xxx ac. tre. ſemp. iii car. 7 ii ac. pti. ſep. val. XL ſol.

mour.——*Orate p. aia. Joh. Wychingham, Armigi. qui. ob.* 23°. *Martij* 1505, and Wychingham impaling Brampton, his pourtraiture alſo in armour.——*Orat p. aia. Joh. Jermy.*

In the chapel, on the north ſide of the church, againſt the north wall, an altar tomb;——*Here lyeth the body of Thomas Southwell, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Richard Southwell, of Wood-Ryſing in Norfolk, Kt. deceaſed, which Thomas lived unmarried with the good love and reputation of all men until the age of* 60 *years, and ſo departed this life on Apr.* 8, 1609, *being lord of this mannor and builder of the capital manſion houſe thereupon*—the arms of Southwell on the tomb.

Here lyeth Katherine Audley, of Bere Church, in Eſſex, widdow, ſhe dyed Nov. 29. 1611, *in the* 80 *year of her age, and lived* 45 *years a widdow, ſhe kept good hoſpitality, and was charitable to the poor.*

Mary, wife to Denſany Southwell, Eſq; lord of this manor, departed this life May 29, 1637.

In an arch againſt the north wall, an antique monument, no inſcription, only a croſs cut in wood.

RECTORS.

Martin, rector *ſans date*.

1318, Thomas de la Chambre, inſtituted, preſented by Thomas Athelwald of Weſton.——1330, Jeff. Egge, by Thomas de Weſton, citizen of Norwich.——1349, Richard de Scardale, by Maud de Weſton.——1349, Nicholas Attebek, by John de Weſton.——1368, Mr. Dionyſius de Eggefeld, occurs rector.——1375, Hugh Godeborn, by Thomas de Weſton, and Walter de Middleton.——1388, John Jay, occurs rector.

Alexander Denton, occurs rector 1407.——1417, Robert Blaunche, by Henry Johnſon, Eſq;——1421, Richard Talbot, occurs rector.——1452, John Foſter, by John Norman, Eſq;——1463, Thomas Everard, ditto.——1466, John Congham, ditto.——1469, Thomas Sond, ditto.

1504, John Wolmer, by Franc. Southwell of Windham and Dorothy his wife.——1508, Richard Marykys, ditto.——1512, John Croſs, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1531, Richard Breccles, by Richard Southwell, Eſq;——1537, John Frend, by Sir Richard Southwell.——1555, Thomas Hewes, by the biſhop.——1556, John Whight, by Sir Richard Southwell.——1559, Richard Blackborn, ditto.——1599, Chriſtopher England, by Thomas Southwell, Eſq;

1631, Thomas Stoughton, *A. M.* by Sir Edward Walgrave.——1678, John Gibſon, *A. M.* by Clement Horne, Eſq;

1702, John Wells, *A. M.* by Nicholas Helwys, Eſq;——1723, Edward Bulwer, by Nicholas Helwis, Eſq;——1724, Jonathan Thornton, by William Helwys, Eſq;——1753, Robert le Grys, by Catherine Helwys, ſpinſter.

Here were the gilds of St. Margaret, the lights of St. Mary, St. Margaret and the Holy Sepulchre.

Nicholas Hokering, by his will in 1375, was buried in the chapel above mentioned; Agnes, wife of William Loweth of Morton, buried here in 1464.

Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler of London, had a grant from Queen Elizabeth, Auguſt 2, *A°.* 27, of ſome paſture ground here, lately belonging to the priory of Horſham St. Faith's.

The abbot of Wendling had ſeveral tenants here, as appears from a rental in the 20th of Henry VI. John Jenkins held a meſſuage, 5 acres and a half of land, one acre of meadow in the village of Morton, within the pariſh of Helmingham, *&c.*

HILDERSTON,

CALLED in the book of *Domeſday*, Hidolfeſton, [a] was a lordſhip of the biſhop of Thetford, belonged to the ſee in King Edward's reign; and there were 200 acres held in demean, by 12 villains and 22 borderers, 3 ſervi, with 2 carucates in demean, and 5 among the tenants, 312 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 beaſts for burden, 20 cows, 40 ſwine, 40 goats, and 2 ſkeps of bees, and a church belonged to the manor, endowed with 26 acres, valued at 20*d.* was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 8*d.* ½ gelt: this lordſhip, with thoſe of Norton, Geiſt, and Geiſtweit, all belonging to the biſhop, were valued together at the ſurvey at 13*l.* viii*s.* *per ann.*

Herbert, Biſhop of Norwich, on his foundation of the priory, gave this manor to it as part of their endowment, and the ſaid prelate granted to Edric Le Cat, [b] certain tenements with lands, *&c.* in this town, Norton and Geiſt; Godfrey, ſon of John, ſon of Gilbert Le Groſs, a deſcendant of the aforeſaid Edric; ſetting forth that whereas great part of the ſaid tenements and lands were alienated to ſeveral perſons, and the rent of 40*s.* *per ann.* payable for the ſame was in arrears to the prior and convent for ſeveral years, on that account, grants by deed to the ſaid prior, *&c.* November 1, in the 31ſt of Edward I. all the demeans, *&c.* aforeſaid, with the ſervices, wards, reliefs, view of frank pledge, *&c.*

Ralph, ſon of Petronilla de Hyndelveſton, granted to Roger, [c] prior of Norwich, *&c.* land here, as did Ralph and Adam, ſons of John Le Quillour of Hyndelveſton, all the lands of the prior's fee, to William de Kirkeby, prior.

In 1428, the temporalities of the priory vere valued at 18*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* *ob.*

On the diſſolution of the priory, it came to the crown, but on the foundation of the deanry and chapter of Norwich, it was veſted in them, and continued ſo, with the impropriate rectory and patronage of the vicarage, and the demean lands are held by Sir Jacob Aſtley, Bt. leſſee, who has a good manor houſe near the church.

The tenths were 1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. George, was antiently a rectory, but appropriated by John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, to the priory, and a vicarage was ſettled, valued together at 17 marks, and Peter-pence 7*d.* *ob.* the preſent valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

It contains a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, and a chancel, and has a tower with 4 bells; in 1445, John Swift of this town, gave a legacy to the building of the new tower.

Here is a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Beatrice Byllye, daughter and heir of Dionyſe Sheringham, late wife of John Byllye, who died Nov.* 24, 1621, *and gave* 20*l.* *to the repair of the church, and* 20*l.* *to the relief of the poor.*—One—*In memory of John Bullye of this town, who left* 15*l.* *to purchaſe ſome land, the rent thereof to be given to the poor yearly for ever; he died Aug.* 19, 1586.—Alſo one for *Denys Sheringham, who died on St. Luke's Day,* 1557.

VICARS.

Henry de Martham occurs vicar, in 1277.

1308, John de Swanton, preſented by the prior and convent.——1349, Hugh Grubbe, ditto.——Richard de Hony and Robert de Waterden, are ſaid to be vicars before this Hugh.—— ----, William Cultych, vicar.——1360, Robert Attegrym, ditto.—— ----, Robert Natkyn, vicar.——1378, Robert de Stodey.—1378, Hugh Thede.—— ----, Euſtace Brown, vicar.—1386, William Markaunt.

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(*a*) Terre Epi. Tedfordenſis, ad Epiſcopatu. p'tinens. t. r. e.——Hidolfeſtuna tenet. epſ. in dnio. p'. man. 7. p'. cc. ac. ſep. xii villi. 7 xxii bord. 7 iii ſer. 7 ii car. in dnio. 7 v. car. hom. tc. ſilv. de porc. mo. ccc xii ac. pti. i mol. ſep. ii runc. 7 xx anim. 7 XL porc. XL cap. ii vaſa apu. 7 i ecclia. in manerio, de xxvi ac. 7 val. xx*d.* ht. i leug. in longo, 7 i in lato, 7 reddit viii*d.* 7 obol. de g.

(*b*) Reg. Cath. Norw. 5. fol. 91.

(*c*) Reg. 1. fol. 132, 133.

1410, Peter Crow.——1418, John Nychol.——1431, Robert Jordan.——Thomas Jurdon, vicar.——1458, John Shyming.——1462. Robert Smith.——John Smith, vicar.——1476, Henry Wroo.——William Eton, vicar.

1519, Thomas Ward.——1531, Thomas Tompſon.——1536, John Clerkſon.——1544, Richard Quicquam.——Thomas Palling.——1588, Thomas Mann, by Gyles Symonds, Eſq; farmer of it.——Rouſe Burton occurs vicar in 1633.

1662, Edward Voice, preſented by the dean and chapter.——1663, Thomas Picard.——1686, Clement Hutton.

1703, Richard Oſborn.——1721, Francis Say, by the dean, &c.——1740, Thomas Gregory, ditto.——1741, George Watſon, ditto.——1749, John Knipe.

Here were the guilds of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Peter; and the lights of St. Mary, St. Nicholas and St. Chriſtopher.

KERDESTON or CARDESTON, Cum REEPHAM.

BURGOLION's MANOR.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had a lordſhip here, of which Godwin, a free man, was deprived, (this was Earl Goodwin father of King Harold) on whoſe death, the Conqueror ſeized it, and Ralph held it at the ſurvey, under [a] the Earl Warren; it conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, with 16 villains, 20 borderers, and 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, 3 carucates among the tenants, and 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 40 ſwine, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. 60 ſheep, 24 goats, and a moiety of a church endowed with 7 acres.——One ſocman had 5 acres of land, and a free man 30 and an half, and a prieſt 7 acres; among theſe there was one carucate valued at 5*l.* and one free man was added to this manor, in the time of William the Conqueror, with 45 acres of land, and 6 borderers; there were always among them and the tenants, a carucate and half, and an acre and an half of meadow, a fourth part of a mill, valued at 20*s.* The whole is by an exchange of two manors at Lewes; this lordſhip was one leuca long, and half a one in breadth, and paid 15*d.* gelt, whoever poſſeſſed it.

This lordſhip was held by the family of Burgulion; William de Burgulion died lord in the 3 of Edward I. Of this family ſee in Snoring *Magna*. On the death of Sir Hugh le Burgulion, about the 23 of Edward III. Sir Ralph Shelton, of Shelton in Norfolk, was found his couſin and heir, and John, ſon and heir of Sir John Shelton, who died December 21, in the 31 of Henry VIII. had livery of it.

Catherine, widow of Edmund Lomner, Eſq; had her firſt court in the 5 and 6 of Philip and Mary.

It was after in the Paſtons, and William, Earl of Yarmouth, was lord.

CALTHORP's MANOR.

SIR WILLIAM DE CALTHORP, and Ela his wife, had land conveyed to them in the 15 of Edward I. by William de Kerdeſton, and held a lordſhip here; in the 3 of Henry IV. Sir William Calthorp was found to hold the 3d part of a fee of Sir Ralph Shelton, and he of the dutchy of Lancaſter; from the Calthorps it came by marriage to the Parkers.

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[a] T're. Willi de Warrenna———Kerdeſtuna ten. Godwinus i lib. ho t. r. e mo id. R. ii car. t're, ſep. xvi vill. 7 xx bor. tc. ii ſ. ſep ii car. in d'nio. 7 iii car. ho'u' 7 viii ac. p'ti. ſilv. xl por. tc. ii r. mo. null. tc. iiii an. mo. vi tc. xl por. mo. vii 7 mo. lx ov. 7 xxiiii cap. 7 dim. ecclie vii ac. et i ſoc. v ac. t're. et i lib. ho. xxx ac. t're. et dim. i p'sbitr. vii ac. t're. ſep. int. om's. i car. ſep. val. c ſol. et i lib. ho. addit. huic manerio t. r. W. xlv ac. t're. 7 vi bor. ſep. int. ſe 7 ho'es. i car. 7 dim. 7 i ac. 7 dim. p'ti ſilv. x por. 7 quart. part. uni. mol. 7 val. xx. ſol. 7 hoc totu' e. p. eſcang. de ii ab; maneriis de Leg's. 7 ht. i leuga in longo, 7 dim. in lato, 7 reddit xv*d.* in geltu' Regis, q'icq; ibi teneat.

Robert Geare, of Baugh in Yorkſhire, gent. and Thomas Corbet of London, gent. were lords of Kerdeſton-Repham manor, in the 12 of James I. and Edward Hayward, Eſq; ſon of Richard Hayward of Kerdeſton, was lord in the 24 of Charles I, and ſucceeded by William his brother: his 2 ſons, Francis and Daniel, died *ſ. p.* and Rebecca their ſiſter and coheir, married Francis Anyſon, attorney of Norwich, and lord; Elizabeth her ſiſter, married Daniel Weſthall.

Anyſon left 3 daughters and coheirs; Hannah, wife of Thomas St. John, of Tudenham, gent.——Sarah, unmarried in 1698, and Rebecca, wife of —— Nawle, attorney of Norwich.

KERDESTON MANOR.

ANOTHER lordſhip in this town, was in Ralph, Lord Bainard; of this, Tord, a free man, was deprived at the conqueſt, and Jeffrey Bainard held it under Ralph [*b*] at the ſurvey; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 30 villains and 14 borderers, with 2 ſervi; there were 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, &c. 50 ſheep, 60 goats, 2 ſkeps of bees, and 3 ſocmen, &c. had 25 acres of land, &c. valued at 4*l.* and 5*s.* To this manor there belonged tenants in Reſham, and are valued there.

[*c*] The family of Kerdeſton was early enfeoffed of this lordſhip: Roſe de Kerdeſton held it by one fee and an half of the barony of Bainard, and William de Kerdeſton in the 20 of Henry III. In the 43 of Henry III. John de Eſchalers, and Alice his wife, conveyed by fine, to Fulk de Kerdeſton, one carucate of land here, and in Reſham.

John de Kerdeſton was living in King Henry III's. reign; and in the 15 of Edward I. William de Kerdeſton claimed free warren in his demean lands. Roger de Kerdeſton died in the 11 of Edward III. and William was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 30; he was a knight, and died about the 35 of Edward III. and William was his ſon and heir, by Joan de Brews, (daughter of Edmund Bacon, Eſq;) his firſt wife; by Margery he had a daughter Maud, who was the wife of John Burgherſt, father of Sir John Burgherſt, lord of Ewelme in Oxfordſhire.

In the 3 of Henry IV. Sir Leonard de Kerdeſton held half a fee of the barony of Baynard, and 2 parts of the 3d part of a fee of William de Clopton, of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

Sir Thomas Kerdeſton lord, and Elizabeth his wife, were living in the 4 and in the 14 of Henry VI. when William de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, and Alice his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Chaucer, Eſq; ſon of the famous poet of that age, (and late relict of Sir John Phelip) releaſed to Sir Thomas, all their right in this manor, (formerly Sir William Kerdeſton's, ſon and heir of Sir Roger:) it is to be obſerved, that Chaucer married Maud, daughter and coheir of Sir John Burgherſt, abovementioned. Sir Thomas gave 300 marks to the † Auguſtine Friers of Norwich, to find 3 of their friers to celebrate for his ſoul, and of Elizabeth, and Philippa his wife, daughter of Sir John Truſſell, knight, in 1448.

In the 26 of Henry VI. this lordſhip was ſettled on William, Marquiſs of Suffolk, and Alice his wife; Sir Thomas Kerdeſton left a daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married to Sir Terry Robſert, but I do not find ſhe had an intereſt herein; John Delapole, duke of Suffolk, and Edmund his ſon, (as heirs of William, Duke of Suffolk) enjoying it, for in the 22 of Henry VII. Sir John Peche had a grant from that king of this lordſhip of Kerdeſton, valued at 24. *per ann.* (on June 5,) parcel of the lands of Edmund de la Pole, earl of Suffolk.

Sir Robert Drury, Sir John Haydon, &c. petitioned King Henry VIII. for this manor, in the behalf of Margaret de la Pole, widow of Edmund, Earl of Suffolk, granted away after the death of John de la Pole, and Edmund, Earl of Suffolk, by King Henry VII. and King Henry VIII. which was after the 30 of April, in the 5 of Henry VIII. when the ſaid Edmund was executed. In the 33 of Henry VIII. Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, poſſeſſed it; and on December 11, in the 38 of the ſaid king, it was granted to the dean and chapter of Chriſt Church, in Oxford, late (as tis ſaid) Sir Richard Southwell's; Sir Richard had a grant of it, May 5, *ao:* 37 of Henry VIII. with other lordſhips, and on an exchange conveyed it to the crown in the 38 of that king.——

[*b*] Terre Radi. Bainardi——In Kerdeſtuna ten. Tord p. man. i lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car. t're. modo tenet Gaosfrid. Bainard. tc. 7 p. xxx vill. 7 mo. xvi 7 mo. xiiii bor. tc. 7 p. ii ſ. mo. i ſep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. 7 p. iiii car. ho'um. mo. iii 7 v ac. p'ti. ſilv. xx por. ii r. mo. iiii tc. iiii an. mo. x ſep. xl por. mo. l. ov. tc. lx cap. mo. xxviii 7 ii vaſa apu'. 7 iii ſoc. 7 dim. xxv ac. t're. ſep. dim. car. ſep. val. iiii lib. 7 v ſol. huic t're jacent ho'es. in Reſham 7 s't. app'tiati cu' ipſa t'ra 7 ht. Reſham, &c.

[*c*] Teſta de Nevil.

† Sir Thomas alſo gave in 1448, a ſilver croſs, and 2 ſilver diſhes, and thus engraved;——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Tho. Kerdeſton, Militis, et Philippæ uxoris ſue, filie Johs. Truſſel, Militis.*

Sir James Boleyn of Blickling, had alſo ſome intereſt here granted to him, by King Henry VIII. on March 22, in his 31ſt year, and had licenſe in the 1ſt of Queen Mary, to alienate it to Edmund Lomner and Sir Thomas Paine; in Sir James's grant, the 2 manors of Kerdeſton and Reſham are mentioned; and in the 2 of Edward VI. Sir James manumiſed two villains for 8*l.*

On Auguſt 22, Queen Elizabeth in her 28 year, granted to Ambroſe Willoughby, Eſq; the ſite of Kerdeſton manor with lands; it was after in the crown with the patronage of the church.

In the 14 of Edward I. Roger de Winton owed 11*l.* 10*s.* in arrears, for a certain [*d*] ſerjeanty of the tenements, which Thomas Cordebeef held in this town, &c. rented at 30*s.* *per ann.*

William de Kerdeſton aliened in the 4 of Richard II. lands here to the priory of Redingfeld in Suffolk.

William de Bellomonte, with the conſent of Joan his wife, granted 3*s.* rent to the priory of Caſtleacre, and afterwards 2*s.* *per ann.* out of a tenement, for the ſoul of the ſaid Joan.

The tenths were 7*l.* Deducted 36*s.* 8*d.*

REPHAM.

RALPH, LORD BAYNARD, held the manor of Reſham at the ſurvey, with that of [*e*] Kerdeſton, and was valued and accounted for together with his manor of Kerdeſton, being together half a leuca long, 4 furlongs broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt.

Sir John de Vaux's lordſhip of Hackford, extended into this town; he obtained in the 5 of Edward I. a charter for a weekly mercate on Saturday, and a fair on the eve, day, and morrow after the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul. It is a little town, and was remarkable for 3 churches being erected in one cemitary, viz. of Reſham, Whitwell and Hackford, adjoyning little villages, two of theſe are ſtill ſtanding, but that of Hackford has been long ſince burnt.

The church of Reſham ſerves alſo for the village of Kerdeſton, as belonging to the ſame lords. There was formerly a chapel in Kerdeſton, ſtanding in a cloſe on a hill, called the Chapel Cloſe, no part of it is now ſtanding, being carried away at times to build and repair neighbouring houſes; ſome low, hollow ground may be obſerved, where 'tis ſaid was a moat, &c. but it is more probable that this was the manor-houſe and chapel of the Kerdeſtons.

The church of Reſham is dedicated to St. Mary's nativity, and had 2 medieties, each valued at 17 marks and a half.—One mediety was called Thomas's, and paid Peter-pence, 15*d.* the other Hugh's, of the ſame value. In the 34 of Henry III. Warine, ſon of Hugh, and Alice his wife, Hervy de Stanhow, and Ela his wife, conveyed 2 parts of the advouſon of a moiety of this church, to Reymor;———one belonging to the Earl Warren's lordſhip, and the other to that of the Lord Baynard; [*f*] and the prior of Lewes had a portion of tithe valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* being the tithes of the demean that William de Kerdeſton gave; and Fulco Bainard confirmed to them the gift of his grandfather, Jeffrey, and his father Roger; Roger de Kerdeſton, and William his ſon, granted them 2 parts of the tithes of their demeans;

[*d*] Rot. pip.

[*e*] Huic t're. (viz. Kerdeſtuna) jaecnt ho'es in Reſham 7 s't. app'tiate cu' ipſa t'ra et ht. Reſham q'cq; ibi teneat dim. leug. in long. 7 iiii qr. in lato 7 iiid. de gelto.

(*f*) Reg. Lewes, p. 271, 284.

witneſſes, Ardewyn, the prieſt of Kerdeſton, Roger Baynard, &c.——Kerdeſton mediety held by John Elliot, valued at 10*l.* and that of Reſham, by R. Porter, in 1507, at 8*l.* 0*s.* 12*d.* *ob.*

RECTORS.

William Bainard occurs rector of a mediety in 1261.——Alexander, rector.

1303, Henry de Clavering inſtituted, preſented by Sir Alex. de Clavering; he and Joan his wife, conveyed a moiety of the church to Rob. de Burgulion, and agreed to preſent by turns; and Alexander ſold in the 4 of Edward II. to William de Kerdeſton a moiety.——1318, William de Kerdeſton, by Sir William de Kerdeſton.——1319, Robert Quytſot or Whitſot, ditto, living in 1342.——1327. John de Bracham, by Sir Roger de Kerdeſton.——1347, Peter de Calthorp, by Sir William de Kerdeſton.——1356, Robert Attefaldgate, ditto.——1361, Andrew de Leſſet, by William de Bergh, rector of Cantele, &c.——1390, John Athelwald, by William de Claxton.——1391, Thomas Dykeon, by Sir Leond. de Kerdeſton.——1395, Richard Fawkener, ditto.

1402, Robert Newent, by Sir Miles Stapleton, and Sir William Argenton.——1422, Thomas Boyleyn, by Sir Thomas Kerdeſton.——1429, Robert Leyceſtre, ditto.——1427, Richard Parker, by Sir Thomas Kerdeſton, and Elizabeth his wife. 1452, Richard Overes, by Philippa, Lady de Kerdeſton.——William Stommys, rector.——1481, Thomas Green, by John de la Pole, duke of Suffolk.——1490, John Hughſon, L.L.B. ditto.——1490, Nicholas Cocket, ditto.——1493, Thomas Croft, by Edmund, Earl of Suffolk.——John Brakeden, rector.

1507, Ralph Porter.—1508, Thomas Biſhop, by Sir John Pechy.—1511, James Rightwiſe.——1521, John Strutte, to Hugh's portion, by Sir John Pechy.——1540, John Strutte to Thomas's mediety.——1558, William Grimſby, by the king and queen, to Hugh's mediety.——1558, William Grimſby to Thomas's mediety, by the king and queen.——1563, William Dawſon, by the king and queen: ——1574, Richard Dawſon, ditto.——1594, Anthony Maxy to both medieties.

1612, Nicholas Howlet to both, by the king.——Samuel Gardiner occurs rector 1662.——1672, David Philips, by the king, and in the ſaid year to the other mediety.——1674, Charles Robotham to a mediety, by Francis Anyſon, gent.——1674, Henry Pitte to a mediety, by ditto.——1681, Nathaniel Oſborn to a mediety, ditto.

1700, John Robinſon to both medieties, by Rebecca Annyſon, widow.

1723, Francis St. John, by Sarah Annyſon, widow.——1756, James Baldwin, by Mrs. Rebecca Ward, widow.—1757, Richard Prieſt, inſtituted to Reefham and Kerdeſton, preſented by Mrs. Ward of Norwich.

St. Mary and St. Margaret's guild here.

The temporalities of Walſingham priory 8*d.*

The church has a ſquare tower, a nave, chancel, and ſouth iſle covered with lead, and ſtands eaſt of Whitwell church, in the ſame cemitary.

In the chancel of Reſham church, on a graveſtone, near the communion table,——*M.S. Sub hoc marmore dilectos prope ſuæ Saræ cineres (tumuli jam ſociæ, quæ et thalami fuit) depoſitæ ſunt ad diem uſq; cenſoriam aſſervandæ, mortales exuviæ Carolis Robotham, S.T.B. per multos rerum annorumq; vices, hujus eccleſiæ rectoris, qui ſacro ſuo munere perfunctus, prout virum doctum, chriſtianum, pium, paſtorem fidum decuit, ſenio tandem, ſtudiiſq; fractus, fato ceſſit et nunc quem diu exercuit animarum curæ, beatum tenet ſocietas.*

Obt. Illa prid. cal. Sept. 1688, *æt.* 46, *Ille* 4 *cal. Apr.* 1700, *æt.* 74. *P. poſuit defunct. gener Car. Starkey.* On the ſummit the arms of Robotham; on a feſs between 10 a lys, impaling a lion rampant:

On another marble graveſtone——*Johannes Robinſon A.M. Hujuſce eccleſiæ annos* 23, *rector, quo nemo vigilantior, exuvias hic depoſuit mortales. Vis plura lector? omnes qui ſermonibus interfuerunt narrare geſtiunt, ut in docendo fœlicitate, in delectando urbanitate, in ſtuadendo gravitate, in recenſendo ſublimitate, facilem principatum obtineret*

ret, obt. Augi. 26, *an. Æræ Chriſt.* M. D .CCXXIII. *ætat.* 67.——Near to this, one *In memory of Martha his wife, who died in* 1736, *aged* 65.

One *In memory of Edward, the eldeſt ſon of Richard Heyward, in birth not obſcure, of parts eminent, in the academy a pretious ornament in the theory of all ſciences, dignified in the worſhipfull ſociety of the Inner Temple, a patron of juſtice in his county, laudable in his life, peaceable in his death, September* 25, 1658, *aged* 64; and theſe arms, argent, on a pale, ſable, 3 creſcents of the firſt.———Another *For Richard Heyward, gent. who died Apr.* 29, 1608, *aged* 73.

In the ſaid chancel, before the rails, on a marble ſtone, adorned with canopy work of braſs, are the effigies of a knight in compleat armour, his hands erect and joyned, at his feet a lion, with that of his lady in the dreſs of thoſe days, both in braſs: on a rim of braſs which runs round the verge of this ſtone, was an epitaph in verſe, now the greateſt part of it is broke off and loſt; this was *In memory of Sir William Kerdeſton and his lady, Cecilia, daughter of Brewes of Salle,* and the epitaph was,

Fauſtus militiæ quondam Will'mus honore
Nupſit Cecilie Brewes virtutis amore,
De Kerdeſtone qui gaudebant - - - - - -
Hic in pace bona latitent precor abſq; reatu.
Hic ſubijt fatum, poſt ſidis feſta, peracta,
Virgo parens, natum pete, ne metuant malefacta.

Over his effigies was the ſhield of Kerdeſton, and over her's that of Brews, but both are loſt.

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Adwolde quondam rectoris eccl'ie de Kerdeſton, qui obt. ao. Dni. M. C.C.C.C. XXVI.

Under an enarched monument, raiſed againſt the north wall of the chancel, lies a knight templar of the Kerdeſton family, in armour, with his hands and legs croſſed; on the baſis of the monument are the effigies of 6 boys, and 4 girls; on the ſide of the canopy work are the arms of Kerdeſton, but no inſcription remains; this knight lies on ſtone work carved as a rock, with a lion at his feet, probably for Sir Fulk de Kerdeſton, or (as ſome ſay) Sir Thomas, who died in 1270.

Here lyeth the body of Samuel Gardiner, late rector of Refham, who died 19 *of March,* 1671, *aged* 65; *and of Mary Thurrowgood his ſiſter, who died March* 20, 1671, *aged* 63; with the arms of Gardiner, ſable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 bugle horns, argent, and Thurrowgood, azure, on a chief, argent, 3 buckles maſcle, of the firſt, impaling Gardiner.

In the church—*Orate p. a'i'a. Margarete Camplyn cuj. a'i'e.* &c. *Ao. Dni.* M. VC. XXVII.———*Ric. Heyward, gen. obt.* 29, *Apr.* M.D.C.VIII. *æt. ſue* 58.

In the north iſle of the church a mural monument—*Alice, wife of Bartholomew Ripinghale, relict of Henry Breeſe, died April* 24, 1744, *aged* 77.

Robert Breeſe died December 27, 1736, *aged* 77.

Mrs. Sarah Harborough, late of Hackford, died May 16, 1729, *aged* 79; and theſe arms, - - - - a chevron, between 3 eſcallops - - .

Ambroſe Cutting of Bacton, in Norfolk, gent. died in 1682, *aged* 59.

Amy, daughter of John Neale, relict of Samuel Ryseborow, died November 7, 1729, *aged* 31.

In ſeveral windows of the church were the arms of Kerdeſton, gules, a ſaltire ingrailed, argent, impaling, quarterly in the firſt and 2d, quarterly—on a bend, azure, 3 lys, in the 2d and 3d,—gules, a caterfoil, argent;—alſo Calthorp, Vaux, and Burgulion.

On a buttreſs of the north eaſt corner of the chancel, is a crucifix carved on the ſtone.

In this church was a famous image of the virgin Mary; Alice Cook of Horſtead, wife of Robert Cook of Croſtweyt, in her will, dated 1428,—"[g] I will have "a man to goo a pilgrimage to our Lady of Refham, St. Spyryte, to St. Pernell of "Stratton, and to St. Leonard without Norwich.

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[g] Reg. Caſton, fol. 91.

The town of Reſham ſtands on a riſing ground, a brook running at the lower end of it, that comes from Brandeſton, and is called the Eyn, and empties itſelf into the Wentſum, by Wichingham; it is in the incloſed country, very fertile in barley, and gave name to a family; Richer de Reſham was an eminent citizen of London, in the 30 of Edward I. and in the 6 of Edward II. had a grant, or confirmation of the manor of Stamford Ryvere in Eſſex; and in 1310, lord mayor of London.

LING.

ALFAH, a free man, in the reign of the Confeſſor, was lord, and had 3 carucates of land, 15 villains, 2 ſervi, and 2 carucates in demean; 3 among the tenants, 9 acres of meadow, paunage for 300 ſwine, one mill, and [a] 5 ſocmen, had 24 acres of land, one carucate and 2 acres of meadow; at the ſurvey it was poſſeſſed by Alan, Earl of Richmond, Alfah being deprived at the conqueſt.

This Alan was a ſon of Geffrey, earl of Britain in France, and came into England with William, Duke of Normandy, and commanded the rear of his army, in the deciſive battle and victory of Haſtings, and was rewarded with the great earldom and honour of Richmond, which Edwin, Earl of Mercia, was deprived of: he married Conſtance, a daughter of King William I. and at the ſurvey we find him poſſeſſed of the following lordſhips in this county:

In South-Greenhow hundred——Suaſham, Nerford, Fouldon, Pagrave, Pickenham, North and South Creſſingham.——In Launditch hundred——Milcham, Stanfield.——In Fourhow hundred——Coſſey, Babergh, Thorp, Barford, Eaſton, Huningham, Wramplingham, Brandon, Runhale, Carlton, Merlingford, Tokethorp.——In Mitford hundred——Tudenham, Apthorp, Yaxham, Baſkeney, Flockthorp, Weſtfield.——In Brodecroſs hundred——Siſtern, Rudham.——In Holt hundred——Bruningham, Hunworth, Batheley. In North Greenhow hundred——Dalling, Warham, Holkham.——In North Erpingham hundred——Matingeleſs, Suffield, Gunton.——In Weſt Flegg hundred——Somerton, Martham, Repps, Baſtwick.——In Eynford hundred——Weſton, Ling, Tudenham, Baldreſwell, Below, Bec, Foxley, Billingford, Swanington.——In Taverham hundred——Taverham, Felthorp, Attlebrigg.——In South Erpingham hundred—Saxthorp, Scothow.——In Tunſtede hundred—Worſtede, Dilham, Panxeford.—In Happing hundred—Hickling, Stanham, Ingham, Waxham.—In Clackloſe hundred—Bycham.—In Frebridge hundred—Ilſington, Midleton, Wike, Bawſey, Walton.—In Shropham hundred—Baconſthorp.—In Gilcroſs hundred—Herling, Keninghale.——In Earſham hundred—Aldbergh, Shelvanger.——In Happing hundred——Hapeſbergh, Ludham, Catfield.——In Humbleyard hundred—Hederſet, Dunſton, Erleham, Florendon, Cringleford.——In Deepwade hundred—Carleton, Kekelington, Wacton, Tibenham, Aſlacton, Moulton, Stratton, Taſbergh, Tanaton, Midleton, Mourningthorp.——In Clavering hundred—Thurverton.

Ralph de Caineto, or Cheyneys, was lord, and ſucceeded by John his ſon, whoſe ſiſter and coheir, Sibill, married William Fitz-Robert, alias de Cheney, and had by him 3 daughters and coheirs; Margaret, the wife of Hugh de Creſſi; Clementia, of Jordan de Sackvile; and Sarah, of Richard Engayne. In 1217, Jordan de Sackvile, and Vitalis, ſon of Richard Engayne, releaſed their right to Margaret, who on the death of Sir Hugh de Creſſi, remarried Robert Fitz-Roger, but Stephen de Creſſi, his brother, had an intereſt herein; and the jury find in the 8 of Edward I. that he had great parcels of lands and rents here, as deſcended from the Cheyneyes; Ermentruda his wife, after married William de Statvile, lord of Greſſenhale, and in the 15 of Edward I. it was found that ſhe held of the king, 15*l. per ann.* in land, at Horſham, and 10*l. per ann.* here, in dower, and had married without the king's licenſe, Roger de Colvil, ſenior, and that the lands were taken into the king's hands.

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[a] Terre Alani Comitis——Ling ten. Alfah i lib. ho. t. r. e. iii car. t're. ſep. xv vill. 7 ii ſer. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. tnc. iii car. hou'. p. 7 mo. ii 7 viiii ac. p'ti. ſilva ccc porc. 7 i mol. 7 v ſoc. xxiiii ac. t're. ſemp. i car. 7 ii ac. p'ti.

Margaret, widow of Hugh de Creſſi, married Robert Fitz-Roger, in the 10 of the ſaid king, and was lord in his wife's right of this town, Rudham, and [b] Mileham, holding one fee and an half, and a quarter of a fee, of the honour of Richmond, and Roger de Creſſi is ſaid to hold 2 knight's fees in Fincham, Mileham, Nerford, Swaffham, and here, of the ſaid honour; Robert Fitz-Roger had alſo a weekly mercate on Thurſday, gallows, pillory, tumbrell, aſſiſe of bread and beer, frank pledge, and free warren.

Sir Alexander de Clavering was lord in the 23 of Edward I. and had then the grant of a fair.

In the 14 of Edward II. Dame Joan de Clavering, relict of Sir Alexander de Clavering, [c] ſon and heir of Sir Robert Fitz Roger, granted, on Friday before the feaſt of St. Michael, to Sir Walter de Norwich, this lordſhip for life, paying to her the yearly rent of 60*l.* *per ann.* and if Sir Walter dies before her, it was to revert to her, otherwiſe to remain to him and his heirs.——Sir John de Clavering, youngeſt brother of Sir Alexander, by his deed, dated on the feaſt of St. Margaret the virgin, granted to Sir Walter in the ſaid year, the reverſion of this manor, which Dame Joan de Clavering held for life, on his paying 200*l.* ſterling; and in the ſaid year, Sir Walter had a charter for 2 fairs in the year.

In the 17 of Edward III. Sir John de Norwich had licenſe to make caſtles of his manor houſes at Ling, and Mettingham in Suffolk; and in the 47 of that king, Sir Jn. de Norwich, the laſt of that family, conveyed to Sir Jn. de Plays, Sir Rob. Howard, Sir Roger Boys, &c. this manor in truſt, to ſettle it on his college of Mettingham, in Suffolk, and Sir Roger Boys, by patent, granted in the 5 of Richard II. ſettled it accordingly, and it was held by a quarter of a fee of the honour of Richmond.

At the diſſolution of this college, April 8, it was granted by King Henry VIII. in his 33d year, to Sir Anthony Denny, on April 14 following, and in this family it continued till ſold to the earl of Yarmouth, and was purchaſed by the Lord Anſon, who preſented in 1757, whoſe brother Thomas Anſon, Eſq; is the preſent lord. This lordſhip in Sir Anthony Denny's time, paid a rent of 25*s.* *per ann.* (Richmond fee) to the lord of Swafham, in Norfolk, but his heirs were diſcharged by letters patent.

Sir Robert Hovell claimed part of this manor and patronage, as a gift from Sir Hugh Creſſy, and granted, by fine, his right of patronage of the church, to Richard, abbot of St. Mary, of Sibeton in Suffolk, with land called Hodeſaker, in the 53 of Henry III. but Walter, abbot of Sibeton, regranted it to Rob. Fitz-Roger, in the 10 of Edward I. and after this, recovered ſeiſen of this 3d part, valued at 10*l.* *per ann.* againſt Walter de Langton, biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry, and Hugh Hovel, and had 45*l.* damages allowed him, and the deed by which the Hovells claimed, was proved a forgery.

The tenths were 3*l.* 6*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

Here was in antient days, a religious houſe or nunnery, which is ſaid to have been removed to Thetford, about 1176, at the requeſt of John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich, Jeffrey Ridell, archdeacon of Canterbury, and William de Camera, ſheriff of Norf. and Suff. but it was rather after this. In the 34 of Hen III. mention is made in a pleading of the houſe of the [d] nuns at Ling; and in the 15 of Ed. I. the jury found the claim of the prioreſs of St. George, in Thetford, for a fair at Lyng, on the feaſt of St. Edmund, yearly. In the 16 of Henry VI. the prioreſs aliened by the king's licenſe, to the parſon of Ling, St. Edmund's chapel, belonging to the late nunnery, with ſeveral lands here, paying 4 marks *per ann.* viz. 6 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 5*s.* 9*d.* rent, with a meſſuage; alſo 6 acres of land with 32*s.* 4*d.* rent, in Feltwell; a moor and a fiſhery at Hockwold, held of the manor of Southall in Feltwell, with lands and tenements in Foulden.

[e] George Horſeman, Eſq; of Boton in Norfolk, by his will, dated December 2, 1558, appears to have a manor, tenements, and St. Edmund's chapel in Ling.

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[b] Regiſt. Coll. Metingham, fol. 89.

[c] Reg. Coll. Met. fol. 36.

[d] Plita. ao. 34 Hen. 3.

[e] Regiſt. Goldingh. Norf.

The church conſiſts of 2 iſles covered with thatch, a chancel, and has 6 bells.

It is a rectory dedicated to St. Clement, formerly valued at 20 marks, Peter-pence 4*d*. The preſent valor is 11*l*.

In the church, on graveſtones——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Rici. Wallys, Chriſtiane et Alicie uxor. ſuar.*— *Hen. Gay, gen. obt 5, die menſ. Junij*, 1584, *æt*. 56.——In the chancel a graveſtone *In memory of Ralph Knevet, rector, died in* 1671, *aged* 71.

Solomon Leach gave 10*s*. for a ſermon to be preached yearly, on the Sunday after All Saints day, and 12*d*. weekly in bread, &c. to poor widows.

The patronage went along with the lordſhip.

RECTORS.

Reginald occurs rector, *ao*. 9 Henry III.——1304 John Walram inſtituted, preſented by Sir Alexander de Clavering.——1305, John Bard, ditto.——1305, John Walram, ditto.———1317, Mr. John de Bitteryng, by Lady Joan de Clavering.—1338, Mr. Richard de Ling, by Remigius de Hetherſet, and Robert Clere.——1339, William de Mortimer, ditto.——1343, Nicholas de Hederſet, by Sir John de Norwich.——1349, Oliver Platun, by Sir John de Norwich.——1381, Richard de Cratefeld, by Sir John Plays, Sir Robert Howard, Sir Roger de Boys, John Wolterton, &c.——1387, Robert Goſſelyn, ditto.——1392, Henry Burwood, by Richard Cratefeld, cuſtos, or maſter of the college of Norton Soupcors.

1424, Robert Popy, by the maſter of Mettingham college.—1470, Robert Moor, ditto.——1480, Richard Langham, ditto.——1486, Richard Kaa, ditto.——1495, Mr. Peter Fauſton, decret. bac. ditto.

1518, Thomas Maſon, ditto.——1541, John Denney, ditto.——1554, Chriſtopher Meltham, by Hugh Brown, and Richard Denny, on a grant of John Denney, of Cheſhunt, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq;—1554, William Canvas, by John Denney, Eſq; —1555, Richard Dunning, L.L.B. by Thomas Graunge, on a grant of Jn. Denney. —1557, Thomas Brewer, by Roger Bulwer, a grant from ditto.—1561, John Machet, A.M. by John Denney, Eſq;—1570, Thomas Brome or Brown, by Richard Partrick, a grant from ditto.—1574, Richard Haywood, by Thomas Seaman, *hac vice*.—1575, Richard Doughty, by John Denney of How, Eſq;——1576, William Fenton, S.T.B. by John Denney, Eſq;—1577, Thomas Clarkſon, A.M. ditto.—1584, Richard Graunge, by John Graunge, a grant from John Denney.

1609, Robert Hulliard, A.M. by G. Tounſon.—1613, Thomas Howlet, A.M. by John Denney, Eſq;—1652, Ralph Knevet.—1673, John Doughty, by John Corance, Eſq;

1702, Thomas Roberts, by William Cecil, clerk.—1728, William Harvey, by Robert Harvey, Eſq;—1748, Nathaniel Ponder, by John Bennet, gent. *hac vice*, on a grant from the earl of Yarmouth.———1757, James Baldwin, by the Lord Anſon.

Here were the ſepulchre light, and the common torches; St. Edmund, St. Margaret, and St. John Baptiſt's gilds.

RINGLAND.

WILLIAM BEAUFOE's lordſhip of Helmingham, extended into this town, and was the capital manor of it, being that lordſhip which he held in his own right, as a lay fee, and granted to him by the Conqueror, on the expulſion of Renold, as may be ſeen there: as the ſame lords at all times poſſeſſed it, I refer the reader to that town.

Water Giffard, earl of Bucks, had alſo a ſmall fee out of which 3 free men were ejected, who had 60 acres of land and a carucate, with 2 carucates and 2 [a] acres of meadow, valued at 10*s*. The ſoc belonged to the king's manor of Folſham, in King Edward's reign, but now belonged to Walter.

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[a] Terre Walti. Giffardi——In Remingelanda iii libi. ho'es. lx ac. t're. ſep. i car. ſep. i car. 7 ii ac. p'ti. val. x ſol. ſoca in Folſh. regis, t. r. e. mo. tenet W.

Adam de Lions held part of this in the reign of Henry III. (ſee Lions manor in Weſton,) and Simon Eſt, in the ſaid reign; ſee Eaſt's manor in Helmingham.

In the time of Henry VI. the Atmeres had an intereſt in a lordſhip belonging to this fee, held of the honor of Clare, and was called

BROCKDISH MANOR.

William Atmere, and Alice his wife, had an intereſt here, 25th of Henry VI. and in the 1ſt of Edward IV. William Atmere paid a fine of 20*l.* on his entry to part of it, and Thomas Atmere in the 22d of Henry VII. paid a fine to John, Earl of Oxford, high ſteward of the honor of Clare.

William Atmere of Ringland, paid 20*l.* fine on his entry on part, (on the death of his father Thomas) in the 6th of Edward VI. June 25, and Firmin Neave paid his fine in the 20th of Elizabeth, to Nicholas Bacon, Eſq; then high ſteward, on his purchaſing this part of Thomas Atmere, and the Le Neves poſſeſſed it in 1640.

Firman Neve and Mary his wife, ſold all his lands here, to Francis Neve of Wichingham, Eſq; on March 14, 1634; and Francis, in 1640, gave them to Henry, ſon of his late brother Robert; and Francis, ſon of Henry, gave them to Oliver Le Neve of Wychingham.

The tenths of this town with Helmingham were 3*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church of Ringland was formerly a rectory, valued at 9 marks, and paid Peter-pence 12*d.* Julian de Swathfield, lord of the manor under biſhop Beaufoe, gave this rectory, to the abby of Weſt Derham, which was confirmed to them by King John in his 2d year, but in the 27th of Edward I. an aſſiſe was brought by Thomas de Helmingham, againſt the abbot for this church, wherein it is ſet forth that Julian de Swathfield, his anceſtor, held it, who had iſſue, Thomas, who had William, father of Peter, who had Thomas the preſent petent, but the abbot maintained his right, producing the grant of Julian, and the confirmation of the appropriation of the church by the biſhop and prior of Norwich, ſo that the church was appropriated at that time, and probably on the grant of it in King John's time, when a vicarage was ſettled, valued in 1293, at 26*s.* 8*d.* the preſent valor is 3*l.* 16*s.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

VICARS.

Thomas, occurs vicar, in 1288.

1318, John Tylly inſtituted, preſented by the abbot, and nominated by the biſhop of Norwich.——1330, Robert Graunt, ditto.——1349, John de St. Faith's, ditto.——1349, John Bryan, ditto.——1359, Robert de Stedey, ditto.——1361, John Gardener, ditto.——1368, Henry Attemoor, ditto.——1375, Henry Chedryk, ditto.——1383, William Enges, ditto.——1392, Nicholas Howton, ditto.

1400, Richard Heringflet, ditto.——1435, Richard Cauſton, ditto.——1439, John Symonds, ditto.——1481, Godfrey Penyſton, ditto.

1514, Thomas Same, *alias* Gorham.——1546, Thomas Church, by the king; this came to the crown on the diſſolution of the abbies, *&c.*——1555, John Whight, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1558, Richard Blackburn, ditto.——1598, George Burton, by the queen.

1603, Thomas Parlington, by the king.——1605, Samuel Buſh, by the biſhop of Ely, who on the exchange of lands belonging to his ſee, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, had the impropriate rectory granted to him, and his ſucceſſors. 1626, Miles Harman, ditto.——1662, John Gibſon, ditto.——1667, John Sheffield, ditto.

1715, Phil. Smith, ditto.——1733, Charles Ames, ditto.——1755, John Jeffrey, ditto.

The church has 3 iſles and a chancel, a ſquare tower and 5 bells.

In the middle iſle—*Orate p. a'i'a Joh. At Mere et Elizabethe uxor. ſuæ, qui quidem Joh. obt. 3°. die Nov. A. D.* 1506, *&c.*——*Hic jacet Robertus Neve, filius et heres Joh. tertio geniti Rob. Le Neve de Tyveteſhale, Gen. qui ob. A°. Dni.* 1558.

Here lyeth the body of John Leverok, Gent: buried Janu. 27, 1657, *in the grave of John Laverock, his great grandfather, Æt. ſuæ* 64.——*Orate p. a'i'a. Rob. Outlaw.*

In the eaſt window of the north iſle, ſeveral perſons kneeling before a crucifix, and with labels—*S'ca Trinitas, unus Deus, miſerere nobis*—underneath—*Orate p. fratrib; et ſororib; gilde S'ce. Trinitatis, qui fieri fecerunt iſtram feneſtram.* In the church was alſo the guild of St. Mary: mention is made in 1467, [*b*] of a cloth to cover the image of the holy ſpirit, in this church.

In the eaſt window of the ſouth iſle, gules, 3 cups, or, at the top of each, a plate, (or wafer) the arms or emblem of the ſacrament; here was St. Peter's guild; near to this, againſt the wall, on a marble monument—*Orate p. a'i'a. Johanne Smalpeice, que obt.* 29, *die menſ. Aug.* 1502, *&c.*——*Here lyeth the body of Barnard Utber, Gent: who died Dec.* 4, 1657, with his arms——two bars, each charged with 2 - - - - - -

In the chancel, on 2 black marble graveſtones, with the arms of Le Neve in a lozenge, argent on a croſs ſable 5 de lys, of the firſt—*In memory of Alice Le Neve, ſiſter of Francis Le Neve, Gent: ſhe died Apr.* 7, 1685——*In memory of Alice, wiſe of Hen. Le Neve, Gent: who lyeth in the chancel of Great Wichingham church, ſhe died Sept.* 6, 1691.

In the window, the arms of Delapole, Duke of Suffolk, impaling, argent, a chief, gules, over all a lion rampant, or.

John Atmere of Ringland, in 1506, [*c*] wills that the heir or purchaſer of his head place ſhall fynde a light of waxe brennyng before the high rode, as other lights are kept in the ſaid church perpetual.

In a houſe called Blackborn's houſe, was the coat armour of John Saliſbury, *D. D.*—gules, a lion rampant, between 3 creſcents or, impaling argent, a feſs between 3 mullets, ſable, Barret.—He was dean of Norwich, biſhop of the iſle of Man, and was the laſt prior of Horſham, and married.

King John, in his 1ſt year, confirmed 15*s.* rent *per ann.* out of the mills here, to the canons of Weſt Derham.

Aunger, by the patience of God, abbot of Derham, confirmed to Humphry, ſon of Everard, a meſſuage and 4 acres of land here, which his father held of the church of Ringland, paying 12*d.* *per ann.* and to the vicar 2*s.* *per ann.* witneſſes, William of Helmingham, Adam de Lyons, *&c.*

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abby were, in lands, a mill, and a fiſhery, 26*s.* 6*d.*—Wendling abbey temporalities, 4*s.* 6*d.*—of Longevile priory 4*s.*—Norwich priory 12*s.* Sautre abbey ſpiritualities 12*d.*

Roger de Creſſi gave half a mark rent out of his mill, and Muriel de Gloz 4*d.* rent in land.

SPARHAM.

THE principal lordſhip of this town was granted at the Conqueſt, to Godric, the king's ſewer or ſteward, and was held by him of the king, at the grand ſurvey, of which Edwin, [*a*] a freeman, (as the book of *Domeſday* ſets forth) was lord in King Edward's reign, and now deprived; this Edwin was (as I take it) the great earl of Mercia, and it is to be obſerved that the Conqueror's reſentment was ſo great, that titles of honor are not beſtowed, for the moſt part, on the greateſt Engliſh

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(*b*) Reg. Wylby, Norw. p. 82.

(*c*) Reg. Rix, 413.

(*a*) Terre Godrici Dapiferi.——Sparham tenet Edwin. lib. ho. t. r. e. m°. G. de rege, ii car. tre. ſemp. ii vill. 7 xvi. bord. tc. 7 p'. ii ſ. m°. i tc. 7 p'. ii car. in dnio m°. iii tc. iiii car. hom. p'. 7 m°. ii 7 vi ac. pti. 7 dim. molin. ſilva. c. porc. qu. recep. ii runc. m°. iii ſep. vii an. 7 xxiii porc. tc. LX ovs. modo. LXXX m°. x vaſa. apu. 7 i lib. ho. XXX ac. tre. i ac. pti. ſep. dim. car. 7 eccliæ. XL ac. et vi ac. ſilve. tc. 7 p'. val. LX ſol. m°. c. ſol. et ht. i lg. in longo 7 x qr. in lato 7 reddit viii*d.* 7 obolu. de gelto.

Engliſh noblemen who were living and held eſtates before the Conqueſt; Harold, King of England, Godwin, Earl of Kent, his father, &c. are ſtiled freemen. In Edwin's time here were 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, 16 borderers, 2 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, with 6 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, paunage for 100 ſwine. When Godric entered on it there were 2 runci 7 cows, &c. and 60 ſheep, 10 ſkeps of bees, and a freeman had 30 acres of land with one of meadow, and half a carucate, here was alſo a church endowed with 40 acres and 6 acres of wood, the whole valued in King Edward's reign at 60*s.* at the ſurvey, at 100*s.* it was one leuca long, and 10 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* *ob.* gelt.

This Godric had a grant of many lordſhips on the conqueſt, and held theſe following at the ſurvey.——In South Greenhow hundred, Godeſton, Oxburgh, and South-Acre.—In Fourhow hundred, Wramplingham and Tokethorp.—In Waleſham hundred, Waleſham and Opeton.—In Heinſtede hundred, Stoke, Porland, Framingham, Ulverton, Holveſton, Rockland, Bramerton, South Berlingham, Kirkeby, and Appleton.—In Lothing hundred, Halgeton, Aſhby, Claxton, Norton, Carleton, Walingford, Siſland, and Alemunton.—In Eynford hundred, Sparham, and Bintry.—In Taverham hundred, Beſeton.—In Humbleyard hundred, Melton *Magna* and *Parva*, Hederſet, Colney, Dunſton, Swardeſton, Flordon, Swainſthorp, Keſwick, and Keningham.—In Clavering hundred Heckingham, Hales, Southwood.

STEWKEY-HALL.

AFTER the death of Godric, this lordſhip came to the crown, and was granted by King Henry II. to Sir William de Montchenſy, grandſon of Hubert de Monte Caniſio, who came into England with the Conqueror, in which family it continued 'till Dionyſia, only daughter and heir of William, Lord Montchenſy, brought it by marraige to Sir Hugh de Vere, a younger ſon of the Earl of Oxford, who preſented to this church in 1303; on her death, *s. p.* it deſcended to Adomare de Valentia, Earl of Pembroke, ſon and heir of William de Valentia, Earl of Pembroke, by Joan, his wife, ſiſter of William, Lord Montchenſy, and aunt of the aforeſaid Dionyſia. On the death of the ſaid Aylmer, in the 17th of Edward II. Mary de St. Paul, Counteſs of Pembroke, his late wife, held it, and on her death it was aſſigned to Iſabel, (firſt ſiſter and co-heir to Adomare) the wife of John Haſtings, Lord Abergavenny; in this family it remained, 'till the deceaſe of John Haſtings, Earl of Pembroke, *s. p.* in the 13th of Richard II. when Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn, was found to be his cozin and heir, lineally deſcended from Elizabeth, ſiſter of John de Haſtings, and daughter of John de Haſtings, Lord of Abergavenny, by Iſabel, ſiſter and coheir of Adomare de Valentia, Earl of Pembroke.

The lords abovementioned held in capite, and this lordſhip was held of them, by the family of De Stivekey, or Stewkey; Bartholomew, ſon of Hubert de Stivekey, held a quarter of a fee in the 20th of Henry III. and in the 53d of that king, Jeffrey Stivekey and Sybill, his wife, conveyed by fine to Walter, ſon of Walter Tyrell of Manington, lands there and in Iteringham and Saxthorp; and Walter conveyed to Jeffrey, and his wife, their intereſt in the lordſhip of Sparham.

In the 17th of Edward II. the heirs of Jeffery de Stewkey were found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the earl of Pembroke, and in 1393, John Stivecle, &c. preſented to this church.

The Haſtings, Earls of Pembroke, inherited it as heirs to the Valentia family, as did the Greys, Lords of Ruthyn, and Earls of Kent, in the 20th of Henry VII. when George Grey, Earl of Kent, left it to Richard his ſon and heir, who ſold it before his death, to Charles Somerſet, natural ſon of Henry Beaufort, Duke of Somerſet, created Lord Herbert, of Gower, &c. and Earl of Worceſter, as in Foxley; and Sir George Somerſet, 3d ſon of Charles, Earl of Worceſter, was lord in the year 1539, and preſented to this church, and Charles Somerſet, Eſq; his ſon, by his aſſigns, in 1569.

Robert Giggs, of Sparham, Gent: had an intereſt in this lordſhip, under the earls of Kent; by his will dated April 2, 1534, he deſires to be buried in the church of Sparham; by Alice his wife, he had a daughter and heir, Anne, who married firſt, John Blakeney, Gent: by whom ſhe had a ſon, John Blakeney, and afterwards married Thomas Clere, who was then her [*b*] huſband. Robert Giggs was lord of Barkyns in Filby, *&c.* patron of that church, lord alſo of a manor in Cromer, and of the manor of Waterhouſe, late Thomas Blakeney's, Eſq; in Thompſon; it was proved May 1, 1535, Thomas Clere being his executor.

This Robert was a relation of Sir Thomas Gegges of Rolleſby, living in 1433, whoſe daughter, Eleanor, married Roger Atte Townſend, Eſq; of Rainham.

John Blakeney, Gent: had a moiety of this manor in the 4th of Edward VI.

This family was deſcended from William de Blakeney, one of the bailiffs of the city of Norwich in the 26th of Edward III. before that city had a mayor. It appears from the regiſter of Sparham, that Charles, ſon of Charles Blakeney, Gent: and Dionyſia, his wife, was baptized March 13, 1585, and William their ſon, December 24, 1598.—John Blakeney, Gent: and Elizabeth Green, married May 28, 1574.—Lancelot Blakeney of Sparham, married at Stanhow, March 3, 1583, Griſell, daughter of - - - - - Cantrell of Stanhow, and was buried there December 8, 1632. Thomas ſon of Lancelot and Griſell, was baptiſed December 6, 1584, at Stanhow, and Henry their ſon baptized at Sparham, September 19, 1586.

In a houſe, weſt of the church, where the Blakeney's lived, are to be ſeen in a window theſe arms; quarterly, in the firſt, ſable, a chevron ermin, between 3 leopards faces, or, Blakeney; in the 2d, ſable, a frett ermin, and a chief cheque, argent, and of the firſt, Giggs; barry of 6, gules and ſable, 3, 2, and 1 tops, argent, Topps, in the 3d; and in the 4th quarter, or, a chevron azure, between 3 lions couchant gules, - - - - -

In another ſhield, Blakeney, with his quarterings as before, impaling Breton of Wichingham, with his quarterings—1ſt quarterly per feſs indented, gules and argent, a mullet in the 1ſt quarter ſable, Breton.—2d argent, a chevron between 3 ſeals feet eraſed, ſable, Yarmouth †.— 3d gules, 2 lionels paſſant, ermin, crowned, or, Felton;—in the 4th ermin, on a chief gules, 5 lozenges of the firſt, Gerbridge—in the 5th ſable a feſs between 2 chevronells, or; the 6th as the 1ſt Breton:—another ſheild, Blakeney, impaling azure 5 eſcallops or, Methwold.

From the Somerſets, the chief lords as above obſerved, it was conveyed to Sir William Cordel, Kt. of Long Melford in Suffolk, and from that family by the marriage of Joan, their ſiſter and heir, to Richard Allington, Eſq; ſo to the earl of Rivers, to Winwood, Pitfield, and Edward Lombe, Eſq; as in Foxley, and by Mary, ſiſter and heir of John Lombe, clerk, came by marriage to John Haſe, Eſq; who preſented in 1747, and remains in that family.

SPARHAM-HALL,

WAS (I take it) a part of Godric's lordſhip, and held by a family of the ſaid name: [*c*] William, ſon of Alexander de Sparham, lived in the reign of Richard I. Sir William de Sparham, ſon of William de Sparham, had licence from Walter, Biſhop of Norwich, in 1246, to have a chantrey in his chapel, in his court at Ouby, and held part of a fee here.

Hubert de Sparham and Beatrix, were living in the 35th of Henry III. as appears by a fine, and then manumitted Humphrey de Baldreſwell their villain; the heirs of Bartholomew de Sparham held the fourth part of a fee, and Adam de Sparham a fourth part of Adomare de Valentia, Earl of Pembroke, in the 17th of Edward II. on the death of that earl, as by the eſchaet rolls; and William de Sparham held a fourth part of the lord Grey of Ruthyn in the 3d of Henry IV.

(*b*) Lib. Haydon, Reg. Norw.

† The family of Yarmouth, or de Jernemutha, held the 4th part of a fee here, of the earl of Pembroke.

(*c*) Reg. Holm abb. fol. 43, 76, 143, *&c.*

This William had a ſon, John, who dying *ſ. p.* his 2 ſiſters were his coheirs; Beatrix married to John de Folcard, and Maud to Edmund Colman; this John Folcard was an alderman of Norwich, in the 28 of Henry VI. and purchaſed lands in Wichingham, St. Mary; ſo John his ſon was living at Sparham, and lord in the 7 of Edward IV. and by Joan his wife, (who after his death married Thomas Papworth) was father of William Folcard, who by Joan his wife, (his widow in the 34 of Henry VIII.) left Thomas his ſon and heir, who dying *ſ. p.* his eſtate came to his two ſiſters and coheirs, Alice the wife of John Coke of Ryſton, and Joan the wife of Thomas Boley. John Coke was lord in right of his wife, and left Robert Coke, Eſq; of Sparham, his ſon and heir, whoſe immediate deſcendant, the Right Honourable Thomas, Earl of Leiceſter, died lord, as in Holkham.

Cordel bore, gules, a chevron between 3 griffins heads, eraſed, argent, Somerſet, quarterly, France and England, in a bordure, ermin.

Folcard, ſable, a chevron, between 3 covered cups, argent.

SPARHAM's PEDIGREE.

Alexander de Sparham—

William de Sparham—Clementia, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Ouby.

Sir William de Sparham—Ranulfa, daughter of ——— de Nerford.

Hubert de Sparham—Beatrix,

Bartholomew Sparham— Geffrey Sparham—

Edmund *obt. ſ. p.*

Adam de Sparham—
9 Edward II.

John de Sparham—Beatrix, daughter and heir of William Yarmouth.

William de Sparham—
3 Henry IV.

John de Sparham, *obt. ſ. p.* Beatrix—John de Folcard. Maud—Edmund Colman;

MAUTEBY's-HALL.

THERE was alſo a lordſhip in this town, held by Robert Grenon, of which Ulric, a free man, in King Edward's reign was lord, and ejected at the conqueſt; [d] 3 carucates of land belonged to it, 5 villains, and 5 borderers with 2 ſervi; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 carucates with 5 acres of meadow among the tenants, the moiety of a mill, &c. 6 ſheep and 25 goats, with 3 ſocmen, who held 30 acres and half of land; a carucate belonged alſo to it when Grenon rented it, and Oſbert held it under Grenon; in Ulric's time it was valued at 60*s.* at the ſurvey at 4*l.*

Grenon had alſo on the conqueſt, the manors of Norton and Rington in Clavering hundred, of Baconſthorp in South Erpingham hundred, of Loddon, in Lothingland hundred, and of Thorp in North Erpingham hundred.

This lordſhip came alſo into the king's hands, ſoon after the ſurvey, and was granted to the Montchenſys, and ſo came to the earls of Pembroke. Avelina de Mauteby was returned to be lady of it in the 9 of Edward II. and Robert de Mauteby

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[d] Terra Robti. Grenonis———Sparham tenet Oſbt. q. ten. Ulric. i lib. ho. t. r. e. p. man. iii car. t're. ſep. v vill. 7 v bor. tc. ii ſ. mo. null. ſep. ii car. in d'nio. 7 ii car. ho'um. 7 vi ac. p'ti. 7 dim. mol. ſil. c por. qu' rec. ix por. mo. vi ov. 7 xxv cap. et iii ſoc. xxx ac. t're. ſep. dim. car. tc. 7 p. val. lx ſol. 7 mo iiii lib.

teby was found to hold one fee here, of the earl of Pembroke, in the 35 of Edward III. Peter Mauteby, Eſq; by his will, dated October 4, 1438, requires to be buried in the church of Sparham, St. Mary; and in the 20 of Henry VI. Sir Simon Felbrig, &c. truſtees of Robert Mauteby, Eſq; ſettle this lordſhip on John Paſton, Eſq; who had married Margaret, daughter and heir of John Mauteby, Eſq; (ſon and heir of the ſaid Robert) for life, remainder on Margaret. Margaret Paſton, widow of John Paſton, Eſq; by her will, proved December 18, 1484, gives to each poor houſhold in this town, late her tenants, 6*s*. Sir William Paſton was lord in the reign of King James I. and held then (as ſaid) of the Lord Morley, and valued at 15*l*. 4*s*. *per ann.*

About the year 1600, the rent of this lordſhip in the whole, amounted to 107*l*. 2*s*. 1*d*. *ob. q.*

[*e*] Hacon's lordſhip came alſo to the crown, and was united to the other manors: it conſiſted of 30 acres of land, and one borderer, half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, of which a free man was deprived, valued at 4*s*.

In the 3d of Edward I. this village was fined 5*s*. by William Riffard, then high ſheriff, for not doing ſuit and ſervice to the ſheriff's turn.

The tenths were 7*l*. 5*s*. Deducted 45*s*.

The church is a regular pile, conſiſting of a nave, north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, a ſquare tower at the weſt end of the nave, embattled, with 5 bells, and a chancel that is tiled.

It is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, was formerly a rectory, valued with its vicarage at 25 marks; the priory of Norwich had alſo a portion of tithe valued at 4 marks *per ann.* it conſiſted of two parts of the tithes of the demeans of Walter de Sparham; and in 1308, was farmed by the rector at 40*s*. *per ann.* Peter-pence 6*d*. Preſent valor 9*l*. 17*s*. 11*d*.

In the 7 of Edward I. William Fitz-Warin impleaded Bartholomew de Sparham for the right of patronage, and it was then allowed him.

RECTORS.

1303, Thomas de Kenſington, preſented by Sir Hugh de Veer.——Symon de Gaynſburgh occurs rector in 1341.——1346, Nicholas Janing, by William de Clynton, earl of Huntingdon.——1351, John Foucher, by ditto.——1355, Robert de Burwood, by the Lady Julian Haſtings, counteſs of Huntingdon.——1375, James de Whitwell, by the king, on the minority of John Haſtings, earl of Pembroke.——1387, Thomas de Wortham, ditto.——1393, John, ſon of Robert de Thornham, by John Styvecle, &c.

1417, William Ince, by Reginald de Grey, Lord Haſtings, Weyſford and Ruthin.——1424, John Burdeux, by ditto.——Thomas Peye.——1454, Thomas Scroope, biſhop of Dromore, by Edm. Grey, Lord Haſtings; he occurs ſuffragan to the biſhop of Norwich in 1463.——William Muſtarder occurs rector 7 of Edward IV.——1493, Mr. John Wardall, S.T.B. by George Grey, earl of Kent.

1505, Richard Dykke, by Richard Grey, earl of Kent.——1539, Maur. Johns or Jones, by Sir George Somerſet, knight.——1541, William Smith, by ditto.——1554, Chriſtopher Dixon, by his aſſignees, &c.——1569, William Cockman, by the aſſignees of Charles Somerſet, Eſq——1572, Richard Bourne, by the aſſigns of Sir William Cordell, knight, and Jane, relict of Richard Allington, Eſq;

1608, Zorobabel Bourne, by Sir Edward Coke, and Sir Philip Stanhope, knights.——1662, Thomas Cupper, by Richard Winwood of Quainton in Bucks, Eſq;——1676, Thomas Brome, by ditto.——1688, John Taylor, by Alexander Pitfield, Eſq;

1708, William King, by the executors of Edward Lombe, Eſq;——1711, Robert Whitefoot, by the queen.——1712, James Hunt, by Edward Lombe, Eſq;——1743, John Lombe, by John Haſe.——1747, Jos. Hogan, ditto, died rector 1763.—

1763,

[*e*] Terra Hagonis——In Sparham i lib. ho. xxx ac. t're. 7 i bor. ſup. quem habuit ſuus anteceſſor com'd. tantu' ſep. dim. car. 7 ii ac. p'ti. 7 val. iiii ſol.

1763, Mr. Athill, by Mrs. Haſe.

Joan Buſt, widow, gave by her will, in 1481, all her lands and tenements to the building of a new iſle in the ſouth ſide of the church of Sparham.

Peter Mychell, pariſh prieſt, buried at the ſteeple door, before the image of our Lady, in 1526.

To the rectory belong convenient houſes, with 66 acres of glebe land, whereof 10 are wood ground, alſo a little manor.

In the chancel a graveſtone *In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Neve of North Tudenham, wife of Thomas Cupper, rector of this pariſh, who died Feb.* 20, 1662. ——*Hic jacet Wills. Muſterdar, quonda' rectr. ecclie.*

On a ſtone with a braſs plate, at the eaſt end of the nave——*Orate p. a'i'a. Clementis Wulugby de Sp'ham qui obt. triceſimo die menſ. Nov. ao. Dni.* M.CCCC. *nonageſimo.* VII. *cuj.* &c.

A prieſt in his veſtments——*Hic jacet Richardus Dykke, quond. rector huj. ecclie.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Willi. Folcard generoſi, cu. &c.

Orate p. a'i'a. Joan. Par quond. uxor Johs. Par, armigeri, et Matilde filie eoru. nup. uxor Clement. Wulugby, que obt. XVII *die Maij, A. D.* M.CCCCLXXXXIII: *quor.* &c.

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle,——*Pray for the ſowle of Elianor Creſnal, late the wife of Thomas Creſnal,* 1544.

The windows of the ſouth iſle have been finely illuminated with the effigies of ſaints, &c. There remain the ſhattered arms of Lord Grey, quartering Haſtings, Valence, &c. and impaling Percy, quartering Lucy.

The emblem of the crucifixion, azure, 2 hands, and 2 feet, in ſaltire, and an heart between, proper and wounded.——Coke impaling Folcard, ſable a chevron, argent, between 3 cups covered, or;—argent, 6 croſs croſslets fitché, ſable, on a chief, azure, 2 mullets pierced of the firſt, Lord Clinton;——azure, 6 lioncels rampant, argent, Leybourn.

Thomas de Blumvyle, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed the grant of John de Grey, [d] biſhop of Norwich, of the tithe of 2 parts of the demeans of Ralph de Sparham, of the gift of the ſaid Ralph, to the priory of Norwich.

[e] William de Sparham gave lands to the priory of Walſingham, in Ernald's Croft. Their temporalities valued at 16*d. per ann.*——King Henry VIII. on May 2, in his 36 year, granted to Nicholas Bacon, and Thomas Skipwith, meſſuages and lands late Walſingham priory's; John Atkinſon, and Maud his wife held them *ao.* 8 of Elizabeth; and William Curſon, Eſq; held meſſuages and lands lately belonging to Beck Hoſpital, in the ſaid reign.

Temporalities of St. Faith's 5*ſ.* 5*d.* of Bromholm priory 57*ſ.* 11*d. ob.*

In the church, by the old rood loft, on a graveſtone——*Of your charitys pray for the ſoules of Robert Gyggs, and Alys his wife, the which Robert deceaſed the 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord God,* 1534; *and the ſaid Alys deceaſed the 1ſt of July, in* 1535;——with their portraitures in braſs, and theſe arms——Quarterly, in the firſt and 4, ſable, fretty, ermine, a chief †cheque, argent and of the firſt, Gyggs;——in the 2d quarter, barry nebuly, argent and vert, on a feſs, 3, and in chief, ſable, 3, tops or, Topps;——in the 3d, or, a chevron, azure, between 3 lions couchant, guardant, gules.

SWANINGTON.

WALTER GIFFARD [a] had a grant of a lordſhip in this town, of which 7 freemen at the conqueſt were deprived, who held one carucate and an half, with 16 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and a borderer, with 5 carucates, 12 ſocmen with 2

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[d] Regiſt. 1 eccle. Norw. fol. 37.

[e] Reg. Walſing. p. 3.

† Toppe bore rather barry of 6,—6 tops, q.

[a] Terre Walti. Giffardi——In Sueningatuna vii libi. ho'es. i car. t're. 7 dim. 7 xvi ac. t're. 7 iii ac. p'ti. 7 i bor. tc. 7 p. v car. mo. 7 xii ſoc. xl ac. t're. ſep. ii car. 7 iii ac. p'ti. ſilva vi por. ſep. val. xl ſol. ſoca in Folſa. Regis t. r. e. mo. tenet W. ht. dim. leug. in longo 7 in lato. 7 reddit vii*d.* de gelto Regis.

2 carucates and 3 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 40*s.* but the ſoc belonged to the king's manor of Folſham, in the reign of King Edward; at the ſurvey it was in Walter Giffard; this was half a leuca long, and the ſame in breadth, and paid 7*d.* to the king's gelt.

This Walter was made earl of Buckingham, by King William I. he was ſon of Oſbern de Bolebeck, and Aveline his wife, and related to the Conqueror; he attended him in his expedition into England, and was rewarded by him with the following lordſhips in Norf. in this hundred, with Binnetre, Giggeſete, Norton, Dalling, Wichingham, Swanington, Helmingham and Remingaland;—in Taverham hundred, Attlebrig, Felthorp;——in South Erpingham, Straton, Cuineham, Rippetuna, Ermingland;——in South Greenhow hundred, Fuldon;——in Grimſhow hundred, Linford, Ickburgh;——in Holt hundred, Laringſet, Bayfield, Glamford, Snitterley, Bodenham and Hunworth;——in North Greenhow hundred, Warham; ——in North Erpingham hundred, Berningham;——in Heinſted hundred, Scoteſham, Saxlingham and Stoke.

He had alſo a grant of 2 lordſhips in Berkſhire, one in Wiltſhire, one in Somerſetſhire; one in Huntingdonſhire, 5 in Cambridgeſhire, 3 in Oxfordſhire, nine in Bedfordſhire, three in Suffolk, forty-eight in Buckinghamſhire: at the time of the ſurvey he was ſent with Remigius, biſhop of Lincoln, &c. into Worceſterſhire, and ſome other counties of England, to make that ſurvey.

By Agnes his wife, daughter of Gerard Flatell, ſiſter to William, biſhop of Eureux, in Normandy, he had Walter his ſon: on his death, July 15, in 1102, in England, he was carried into France, and buried at the abby church of Longaville in Normandy, [*b*] which he had founded, in the chapel of the cloiſter.

Walter his ſon and heir, earl of Bucks, in the 12 of Henry II. on an aid for the marriage of that king's daughter, certified that he held 94 knights fees and an half, *de veteri feoffamento*, and one and an half *de novo:* with Ermetrade his wife, he founded the abby of Nutley in Bucks, and dying *ſ. p.* came to his heirs. In Richard I's. time, Richard de Clere, earl of Hertford, deſcended from Rohais, (ſiſter of this Walter) wife of Richard Fitz-Gilbert, anceſtor of the earls of Clare, was lord.

In the 10 of Richard I. a fine was levied between William Battail, petent, William Huntingfeld, and Iſabel his wife, and William Briton, tenents, of lands here and in Alderford, releaſed to Battail and his heirs, with the churches of Swanington, &c. to be held of William Huntingfeld and Iſabel, and the heirs of Iſabel, by the 6th part of a fee, as in Alderford. Ralph de Batayle of Swanyngton, was living in the 5 of Edward I.

Alan Hovel or Holywell, had free warren here and in Alderford, in the ſecond of Edward II. and in the 8th of that king, held there half a fee of the honour of Clare.

Sir John de Norwich grants to Robert Mayn, of Stoke Holy Croſs, and his heirs, full ſeiſin of all his lands, tenements, &c. in this town, Alderford, Attlebrigg, &c. which Sir Walter his father purchaſed *ao.* 9 of Edward II. of Roger de Mortimer, of Chirk, dated on Monday after the feaſt of St. Martin, *ao.* 22 of Edward III.

Roger Geney of Swanington, gives to Walter de Middleton of Wichingham, and William his ſon, lands and rents in Swanington, by deed, *ſans* date.

Sir Thomas Gyney had an intereſt here: by his will, dated May 1, *ao.* 5 Henry V. proved in 1420, bequeaths money to the repair of this church.

John Richers of this town, by his will, dated March 4, 1500, gives to Henry his ſon, the manor of Hovels in Swanington, and the manor of Dawkyns in Heveringland, proved at Lambeth, February 12, 1501.

Henry Richers married Cecily, daughter and coheir of Robert Tilles of Sallows, gent. and was living in 1511, and bore argent, 3 annulets, azure. Henry was living in the 20 of Henry VIII. and ſold to Robert Richers of Swanington, his brother, the manor of Turtevile's in Wichingham, *ao.* 6 of Edward VI.

In the 17 of Queen Elizabeth, Thomas Gawdy, ſerjeant at law, conveyed the manor of Heverland, to Henry Richers of Swanington, and Edmund his ſon, who conveyed it in the 31 of that queen, to Thomas Herne, Eſq; Henry Richers of Swanington,

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[*b*] Neuſtria Pia, p. 667. Agnes is called the ſiſter of Anſelm de Ribothmonte.–Dugd. Baron. v. 1. p. 59.

nington, Eſq; married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Miles Corbet, and was living in the reign of James I.

Charles Bladwell, Gent: conveyed it to his brother, Mr. John Bladwell, an upholſterer, in Bow-Street, Convent-Garden, the preſent lord.

Alan, [c] Earl of Richmond, had a grant of a lordſhip, of which Turbern, a freeman, was deprived, of half a carucate of land, with 8 ſocmen, a carucate in demean, 2 among the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow belonging to it, valued at 20*s.* *per ann.* and Anchetill held it under Earl Alan.

Anchetil was probably anceſtor of the family of De Furneaux: Sir Jeffrey de Furneaux was lord in 1180, and of Middle-Herling, father of Sir Robert, Jeffrey and Ralph: Sir Robert was living in 1219, and lord of Bergham in Cambridgeſhire; Jeffrey his brother, was enfeoffed of this lordſhip by his father; Sir Robert married Alice, (by whom he had Sir Michael de Furneaux) and was living about 1250, with Alice his wife: Sir Simon was living 1281, and had a grant of free-warren then in this manor, and married Alice, ſiſter and co-heir of Miles, ſon of Philip de Haſtings, and left an only daughter married to John de Lee.

Sir Robert de Furneaux preſented to Middle-Herling church, in 1308, and Sir John de Furneaux in 1324, and 1358.

Sir John Furneaux and Iſabel his firſt wife, were living in 1320, and in 1348, Elizabeth occurs his 2d wife; his 3d wife was Amy, who ſurvived him and married Robert Denney in 1384; by his firſt wife he left a ſon and a daughter.

His ſon and heir John ſucceeded: his wardſhip was granted by John, Duke of Lancaſter, with the marriage of Elizabeth his ſiſter, to Sir Hugh de Cliderow, but Sir Hugh in 1361, granted them to John de Herling; and John de Furneaux died in that year. Elizabeth his ſiſter and heir, married Thomas Crabbe, whoſe widow ſhe was in 1401, John Crabbe, her eldeſt ſon dying, had an only ſiſter, Eleanor, married to William Bardwell, Eſq; of Weſt Herling, but whether they had any intereſt herein does not appear.——The family of De Furneaux bore ſable, a pale lozengy, argent.

William de Lions and his tenants held here and in Attlebrigg, half a fee in the reign of Henry III. of the Forneaux's, and they of the honor of Richmond, and in the 20 of Edward III. Nicholas Maloyſel held it, late Lion's: Peter Maloyſel paſſed by fine lands here and in Attlebrigg, belonging to his manor, to William le Saucer in the 46th of that king.

In the 13th of Richard II. John de Melton and Alice his wife, of this town, releaſed to John de Briſingham their right in the lands which they bought of Robert Maloyſel.

Thomas, Lord Scales, died ſeiſed of it in the 35th of Henry VI.

The church is a rectory, the antient valor was 14 marks, Peter-pence 7*d.* the preſent valor is 6*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* *ob.*——Dedicated to St. Margaret, and diſcharged of tenths, &*c.*

In the 36th of Edward III. it was appropriated by the king's patent, to Trinity-Hall Cambridge.

RECTORS.

William de Whitwell occurs rector about 1260, and Steph. Bataile, about 1280.

1304, Robert Eſt, inſtituted rector, preſented by John de Brandeſton, and occurs 17th of Edward II.——1338, Symon Reppes, by Robert Quitoſs, rector of a mediety of Reiſham——1361, Steph. Morle, by Simon de Babyngle, Ralph Urri, Robert Walton, &*c.*—— - - - -, Steph. Houghton, rector.——1373, Thomas de Berford, by the maſter, &*c.* of Trinity-hall.

(*c*) Terre Alani Comitis——In Sweningatuna, tenet Anchitel, qua. ten. Turbern. lib. ho. t. r. e. dim. car. tre. tc. viii ſoc. p'. 7 m°. v ſep. i car. in dnio. tc. ii car. hom. 7 m°. i 7 iiii. ac. pti. ſilva. v porc. 7 val. xx ſol.

1422, Robert Eggefeld, ditto.——— - - - -, Robert Norwich, rector.——— 1446, John Wellys, ditto.———1449, Simon Thornham, *L. L. B.*———1453, Thomas Lightfoot.———1470, Henry Falke, decret. dr.———1490, John Halowich.

1512, Thomas Barker.———1519, William Aleyn, decret. bac.———Peter Hobard, *A. M.*———1560, Lancelet Robinſon.———1591, John Turner, *L. L. B.*

1609, John Gibſon, *L. L. B.*———1616, Miles Knolles, *L. L. B.*———1628, William Hotckis, *L. L. B.*———1630, Edmund Dunton, *L. L. B.*———1662, John Hildegard.———1667, John Gibſon, *A. M.*

1702, Owen Hughes.———1716, William Allen, *L. L. D.* by the maſter, *&c.* of Trinity-hall———1733, Franc. James, *L. L. D.* ditto———1739, William Thickneſs, ditto.———1751, John Banſon, ditto.———1759, George Carr, ditto.

Here were the gilds of St. Mary and St. Margaret, and the chapel of St. John Baptiſt, in the church, mentioned in 1383.

In 1450, the Feaſt of the dedication of this church was tranſlated from March 11, to the feaſt of St Catherine.

STINTON,

WAS a village or townſhip in the time of the Conqueror, tho' now it is a principal lordſhip and farm in Salle: at the ſurvey we have this account of it; that Ralph held it, [*a*] Wither a freeman being deprived of it, who had it in King Edward's time, with 3 carucates of land, 9 villains, 39 borderers and 3 ſervi, there were 3 carucates in demean, 8 among the tenants, and 4 acres of meadow, paunage for 100 ſwine, one mill, 2 beaſts for carriage and 20 cows, *&c.* 120 ſheep, 27 goats, and 3 bee ſkeps, a church endowed with 14 acres, 14 ſocmen with 80 acres and 4 carucates, *&c.* Ralph had 2 of theſe ſocmen, when he forfeited, and they held 12 acres valued at 20*d.* the whole was then valued at 5*l.* at the ſurvey at 7*l.* it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 11*d.* gelt to the king. Ralph here mentioned, was Earl of Norfolk and lord of this town, which he poſſeſſed 'till he loſt it for his rebellion, and was granted then to the earl Warren, lord, as we find, at the ſurvey.

A moiety of this town conſtituted what was afterwards called Heydon, (which town is not mentioned in *Domeſday Book*) and the other moiety, what is called now Stinton-hall.

The ancient family of Le Rus or Rufus, was enfeoft of this ſoon after the reign of the Conqueror: King Stephen, when Earl of Morton, granted to Ernald Rufus, ſon of Roger, the whole manor of Stradbroke in Suffolk, part of the honor of Eye, with the ſoke and advouſon of the church, *&c.* and King John confirmed the ſaid grant to Ernald Rufus (to hold as his grandfather held it) on May 17, in his firſt year.

King Henry III. [*b*] in his 11th year granted to Hugh Rufus, ſon and heir of Ernald, a weekly mercate here, on Friday, with one at Wodebridge, on Wedneſday, and the ſaid Ernald, ſon of Ernard the ſecond, in the 3d of King John, gave by deed for his ſoul's health and that of his wife Iſabel, and his anceſtors, and all the faithful deceaſed, in pure alms, to God, St. Mary, and the church of Wodebryge, and the canons thereof, all the tithe of Northaghe and Hunteſwyk, in the village of Stadbrook, ſaving a penſion of 4*s.* *per ann.* to be paid to the prior and convent of Eye; dated at Wytingham, in 1201; and this Ernald is called in the regiſter of the priory [*c*] of Eye, patron of Wodebrigge.

Hugh

(*a*) Tre. Willi de Warenna——Stinetuna, Radulfus tenet quam tenuit Wither, i lib. ho. t. r. e. iii car. tre. ſep ix. vill. xxxviiii. bor. 7 iii ſ. ſep. iii car. in dnio. 7 viii car. hou. 7 iiii ac. pti. ſilv. c. por. 7 i mol. ſep. ii r. 7 xx an. 7 xl por. 7 cxx ov. 7 xxvii cap. 7 iii vaſa. apu. i eccleſia, xiiii ac. 7 xiiii ſoc. lxxx ac. ſep. iiii car. ſilv. x por. 7 i ac. pti. 7 i bor. duos ex h. ſoc. tenebat. R. qu'da. forisfecit, habebant duodecem, ac. 7 val. xx*d.* int. totu. tc. val. c ſol. m°. vii lib. et ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lato. 7 redd. xi*d.* in geltu. regis.

(*b*) Claus. Hen. III.

(*c*) Reg. Eye, fol. 51.

Hugh Rufus, his ſon, in the 10th of Henry III. was one of the collectors of the fifteenth in Norfolk, and in the following year had the grant of a mercate in the manor of Stradbroke and in Wodebridge, as above obſerved. In the 31ſt of that king, Maud, widow of Roger de Clere, demanded of John Le Rus, the 3d part of certain lands in Stinton, Salle, and Heydon, and in the 37th of that king, William Le Rus was found to die ſeiſed of the advouſons of Sall and Heydon, with the lordſhips of Stradbroke and Haſketon in Suffolk, and Alice was his daughter and heir, aged 6 years.

This Alice married Richard de Breoſe or Brews, (ſecond ſon of Sir William, and Maud his wife) and was a retainer of the earl Marſhall, cuſtos of the peace of Norfolk and Suffolk, in the 50th of Henry III.. lord of Stinton-hall, and many other manors in right of his wife; and in the 52d year, Richard and Alice grant to the prior of Wodebrigge 10 marks rent *per ann.* to find a canon to celebrate for ever in the priory church for their ſouls, and in the 55th they conveyed by fine to the biſhop of Ely and his ſucceſſors the patronage of the church of Whitinton.

In the 56th of the ſaid king, William de Breous granted by fine to Richard and Alice, the manor of Akenham and advouſon, with thoſe of Cleydon and Hemengeſton, they granting to William and Mary his wife the manor of Bromley in Surry, *&c.*

In the 5th of Edward I. Sir Richard de Breuſe and Alice his wife, gave lands in Thurleſton, in Suffolk, to the canons of St. Peter and St. Paul of Ipſwich, and in the 15th he claimed view of frankpledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer in Salle; and died, as appears from the eſchaet rolls, in 25th of the ſaid king; Alice his wife ſurvived him, and died in the 29th, and Gyles was her ſon and heir, aged 28: this manor was then valued at 18*l.* 10*s* *per ann.* and was held of William de Say, by the ſervice of one fee. This Gyles was lord of Akenham, Whitinton, Clopton, and Haſketon, held of Edmund, the king's brother, of the honor of Lancaſter: he married Catherine, daughter of Sir Laurence de Huntingfeld of Suffolk, by whom he had no iſſue: his 2d wife was Joan, daughter of----- -----, by whom he had 3 ſons.

Sir Gyles died in 1310; Joan was then livivg, and Richard their eldeſt ſon was aged 9 years, and it was found that the view of frank pledge was held of William Marſhall, lord of the hundred, by the payment of 18*d.* and that the mercate in Heydon was held of the manor of Cauſton. Sir Gyles is ſaid to bear theſe arms——argent, a lion rampant, gules, crowned or, and cruſily of croſſes pattee, fitchée of the ſecond, but in the roll of knights in King Edward I's reign, Sir Richard bore ermine, a lion rampant, gules.

Sir Richard Brews, eldeſt ſon of Sir Gyles, married Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Shelton, by whom he had 2 daughters; Mary, who married Sir John Weyland, and Catherine, married Sir John Howard: Sir Richard died in 1323, and was buried in the priory of Woodbridge, and ſucceeded by Robert his ſecond brother, who being under age, his cuſtody was granted by the king to Robert Fitz-Pain; he aſſigned it to Edmund Bacon, then in the king's ſervice in Gaſcoin; this Robert dying *ſans iſſue*, in 1325, John de Brews, his brother and heir, inherited this lordſhip, *&c.*

Sir John de Brews was lord in the 20th of Edward III. he married Agnes, daughter of Sir Robert Ufford, and ſiſter of Robert Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, by whom the genealogiſts ſay he had Sir John de Breauſe, his ſon and heir; but it appears that a fine was levied in 1355, *A°.* 29, Edward III. between Sir William de Thorp and Sir John de Breuſe and Eva his wife, of the manor of Lutheburgh in Lincolnſhire, conveyed to William; and in 1370, mention is made in the will of William de Luthborow, rector of Salle, of Sir John de Brews and Eva his wife, and Sir John de Brews, junior, and Gyles his brother; he was lord of Topcroft and reſided there.

Sir John de Brews, his ſon, in the 4th of Richard II. was one of the gentlemen ſeized by the Norfolk rebels and ſent by them with Sir William Morley and 3 of their own party to the king, to obtain a charter of manumiſſion and pardon, with a great ſum of money, the better to obtain it, which had been received of the citizens of Norwich, to preſerve their city from fire, and plunder; but were releaſed by Henry Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, who routed them and cut off the heads of 3 of the rebels. He was lord of this manor, and of Heydon, Witlingham, Witneſham, and Haſketon, patron of Woodbridge priory, &c. and married Joan, daughter of Sir John Shardelow, and was father of Sir Robert Brewſe, who was lord in 1406, who by Ela his wife, daughter of Sir Miles Stapleton, of Ingham, had Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir: he died in 1424, and Ela his wife, in 1456, and were buried in Woodbridge priory; ſome make Elizabeth, daughter of the lord Willoughby of Ereſby, to be his wife.

Ela, relict of Sir Robert, by her will dated at Wodebrig, in Suffolk, October 16, 1456, [d] requires to be buried in the chancel of the conventual church there, near to her huſband; bequeaths to Thomas her ſon, her huſband's ſignet; to Elizabeth his wife a gold ring, to William, ſon of Thomas, a † broche of gold, and was a benefactor to Ingham priory and the chapel of St. Gyles of Walſingham; to the wife of William, a girdle of gold, to William Yelverton, the king's juſtice, a ſilver chalice cup with a cover, and to Ela his wife, an agnus Dei of gold, with relicks, and a fillet of gold. Sir Robert, her huſband, is called of Freeſingfeld, and died there, as I find, inteſtate, and adminiſtration was granted to Ela, September 30, 1424.

Sir Thomas Brews ſucceeded his father, Sir Robert, and in the 11th of Henry VI. was found heir to Sir John Shardelow, being ſon of Sir Robert, who was ſon of Sir John Brews and Joan his wife, ſiſter of Sir John Shardelow, Kt. father of Robert Shardelow, father of Sir John Shardelow, who died without iſſue, ſeiſed of the manors of Barton, by Mildenhale, with the mills of Cavenham, Cowling, Stradſell and Downham, in Suffolk, with the advouſons of Flempton and Santon. By Mary, his firſt wife, daughter of Sir John Calthorp, he had William Brews, his ſon and heir, who dying in 1489, October 28, was buried at Freſingfeld, in Suffolk, and left by Iſabel his wife, daughter of Sir John Hopton (relict of Sir John Jermy) 2 daughters and co-heirs; Thomaſyne, who married Sir Thomas Hanſard, Kt. and Ann the wife of Sir Roger Townſend of Rainham. Sir Thomas Brews, by his ſecond wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Gyles, and ſiſter and heir of Sir Gilbert Debenham, left alſo a ſon Robert, [e] and died in 1482, and was buried in the priory aforeſaid. On a diviſion of the inheritance of Sir William Brews, between his two daughters and co-heirs, Robert Brewes, Eſq; having no intereſt herein, Stinton-hall came to Ann ‡ aforeſaid, who on the 25th of July in the 5th Edward VI. then a widow, died poſſeſſed of it, and John Townſend, Eſq; of Brampton in Suffolk, was her ſon, and by Eleanor his wife, daughter of John Heydon, had Richard, his ſon and heir, who by Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir Humphrey Brown, had Roger his ſon, who being aged 6 years, was found heir to his great grandmother Ann aforeſaid. In this family it continued 'till Sir Horace Townſend conveyed it, in or about 1643, to Eraſmus Earl, ſerjeant at law, of Heydon, and his deſcendant, Auguſtine Earl, Eſq; † died lord in 1762, leaving a ſon and heir, Eraſmus Earl, Eſq; who died unmarried, leaving his ſiſter and heir, who married William Wigget Bulwer, Eſq; of Wood-Dalling, who is now lord in her right.

Huntingfeld bore, or, on a feſs, gules, 3 plates.

Debenham, ſable, a bend between 3 creſcents, or.

Shardelow, argent, a chevron between 3 croſs croſslets fitche, azure.

Hopton, argent, on 2 barrs, ſable, 6 mullets, or.

Hanſard, gules, 3 mullets, 2 and 1, argent.

Stotevile, p. pale, argent and ſable, a ſaltire engrailed, counterchanged, ermine and ermine.

Ilany, gules, a bend between 3 martlets, or, of Salle.

Fountain, or, a feſs gules, between 3 elephants heads eraſed ſable, of Salle.

SALLE.

(d) Reg. Hurning. Norw. pt. 1. fol. 17.

† Unum Brochum Aureum.

(e) Elizab. his widow, on July 24, A°. 22, Ed. IV. conveyed in truſt her right in all her lands, tenements, rents and ſervices, called Deys in Mendham, Wodryſdale, Wey bred and Treſſingfeld in Suffolk.

‡ She was wife to the judge Townſend, and died in 1489.

† Auguſtin Earl, Eſq; was one of the honble. commiſſioners of exciſe.

SALLE.

THE principal lordſhip of this town was, in the reign of the Confeſſor, poſſeſſed by Godwin, (uncle of Ralph Waher, earl of Norfolk) father of King Harold, who was deprived of it at the Conqueſt: at the ſurvey it was in the Conqueror, and Godric farmed it, or took care of it for him. In Godwin's [a] time there were 3 carucates of land, 7 villains, 6 borderers, *&c.* 2 ſervi, and 3 carucates in demean, 3 carucates belonging to the tenants, and 6 acres of meadow, *&c.* 2 beaſts for burden and 10 cows, *&c.* and 9 ſocmen and the moiety of another held 46 acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, with a carucate and an half; 6 freemen alſo had a carucate and half of land, and 6 borderers, with 6 acres of meadow; there were then 6 carucates valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* *&c.* at the ſurvey 10*l.* quit rent, and 20*s.* by tale, as a preſent or free gift. It was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 6*d.* ½ to the king's gelt, whoever held it; the ſocmen belonged to the king's manor of Folſham.

NUGOUN'S MANOR,

TOOK its name from its lords; the Nugouns, or Noiouns, were early infeoffed of it; Sir Ralph de Nugoun lived in the reign of King John, and was witneſs to Sir William de Gyney's foundation deed of the priory of Mountjoy in Haverland.

Sir Richard de Nugun [b] was ſon of Sir Ralph, and living in the 41ſt of Henry III. by Joan his wife, he was father of Sir Ralph, lord of Batheley, in 1303, and patron.

Sir John de Nougon was living in the 9th of Edward II. Alice his wife, was daughter of Peter (ſiſter and co-heir of Roger) Fitz Oſbert, in whoſe right he had part of Wightlingham in Norfolk, Somerleton, *&c.* in Suffolk, and died in the 18th of that king. Sir John, his ſon, died in the 14th of Edward III. and by Beatrice his wife, was father of another Sir John, who died ſeiſed of this lordſhip in the 22d of the ſaid king, leaving John, his ſon, aged 4 years, who dying without iſſue in the 35th, John Jernegan was found his cozen, and heir to the Fitz Oſberts lands, being ſon of Peter, ſon of Walter, who married Iſabel the other ſiſter and co-heir of Roger Fitz Oſbert.

In the 6th of Richard II. a fine was levied between John Gilbert, *&c.* querents, and John, ſon of Nicholas Spo, and Nicholaa his wife, deforciants of the third part of the manor of Nogouns; and in the 7th of Richard II. one between Nicholas de Blakeney, citizen of Norwich, and John Gilbert, querents, and John Attemore, citizen of Norwich, and Beatrix his wife, deforciants of this manor, with one meſſuage, a toft, *&c.* conveyed to Gilbert, from Beatrix and her heirs.

Thomas Brigg and John Melman were found in the 3d of Henry IV. to hold three parts of a fee of the lord Morley.

Thomas Brigg of Salle, by his will dated May 6, 1444, was buried in the chapel of St. James, in the church of Salle, and was lord of this manor, Penſthorp, Wood-Dalling, Hardegrews, *&c.* [c] he appoints 3 chaplains to pray there for him, and a ſalary to each of 8 marks, *per ann.* names therein Margaret his wife, and John his ſon, who married, as I find, Alianere, daughter of Thomas Beaupre of Outwell, Eſq; and was deſcended from Ralph de Ponte or Brigg, who was living in the 3d of Edward I.

(a) Terre Regis qua' Godric. ſervat——Salla ten. Goduin. avuncul. Rad. Comitis, t. r. e. iii car. tre. ſemp. vii vill. tnc vi bord. p'. 7 m°. viii ſemp. ii ſ. tnc. iii car in dnio. p'. 7 m°. ii ſep. iii car. hom. 7 vi ac. pti. ſilva c por. ſep. ii r. 7 x an. 7 xxx porc. 7 xxx ov. et ix ſoc. 7 dim. XLvi ac. tre. 7 dim. ac. pti. ſep. i car. 7 dim. et vi libi. hoes. i car. tre. 7 dim. vi bord. 7 vi ac. pti. ſilva xvi porc. tc vi car. p' 7 m°. iiii tc. val. iiii lib. p'. c ſol. m°. x lib. blancas 7 xx ſol. de gerſuma ad num 7 ht. i leug. in long 7 dim. in lato. 7 reddit vi*d.* 7 obolu. in geldu. regis quicunq ibi. tenet. Soca in Foſha. Regis manerio, de iſtis ſoca man'nis.

(b) Reg. Walſingh. fo. 76.

(c) Reg. Wilby Norw.

Thomas Brigg, Eſq; was ſon of John, and by his will dated May 21, 1494, was buried in the church of the Friers Minors at Norwich; gives to the repair of Manington church 10*l.* to that of Wood-Dalling 100*s.* and to that of Salle 10*l.* to the priory of Bynham 100 marks, to pray perpetually for him and his parents.—To Margaret his wife all his utenſils at Manington and elſewhere, with his ſilver veſſels, and 40*l.* to Thomas Lomner, and Ann his wife, 53*l.* Elizabeth Lumnor 40*l.* John Lumnor 20*l.* Henry Lumnor 20*l.* and to Thomas Sefoul, Eſq; 30*l.*—orders his executors to provide a prieſt to celebrate in the chapel of St. James in [*d*] Salle, 10 years for him and his wife, and a marble ſtone for his tomb; one for his father John, in Salle; one for Alianore his mother, in the church of St. Peter, in the mercate at Norwich, and a ſtone for Matilda Mounſey, in the church of Wood-Dalling; gives his capital meſſuage in Salle, with all his lands there, in Heydon, Reſham, and Kerdeſton, late his father's, to Edward Briggs, his brother and his heirs, on condition of paying to Margaret his ſiſter 40 marks, and to Joan his ſiſter 40 marks. Margaret his wife, to have Fretenham manor for life, remainderto Sir Henry Heydon, on condition of paying 400 marks, 200 to his executors, and 200 to William Lomner.

Margaret his wife, was daughter and coheir of Thomas Monceaux of Wood-Dalling, Eſq; and relict of William Lumnor of Mannington in Norfolk, Eſq;

Edward Brigg, brother of Thomas, married Cecilia, daughter of Edmund More of Wolterton in Norfolk, Gent: and was father of John Brigg, who died May 25, in the third year of Edward VI. and left by Dorothy his wife, daughter of Thomas Quaplode, James, his ſon and heir aged 18, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Stotevill of Dalham in Suffolk, Eſq; he died on February 10, in the 6th of Edward VI. Mary, his only daughter and heir, was married to John Fountain, Eſq; and in her right was lord of this manor, ſerjeant at law, and died in 1671, and was father of Brigg Fountaine, Eſq; of Salle, who died in 1661, and had by Johanna his wife, daughter of Andrew Henley, Eſq; of Taunton-Dean in Somerſetſhire, James, his eldeſt ſon and heir, who married Anne, daughter of - - - - - Slaney, of London, Gent: and dying November 2, 1690, was buried in this church, leaving Brigg Fountaine, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who died without iſſue, at the Poppinjay in Norwich, in April 1729, and left his eſtate to his ſiſter Dorothy, widow of John Repps, Eſq; of Mateſhall. See there, and in Weſt Walton.

Of this family, ſee in Narford: [*e*] I ſhall only add that Adam de La Funteyne, anceſtor of this family, was living in the 41ſt of Henry III. and Jeffrey de Founteyn, who married Margery, 2d daughter and coheir of John, ſon of Walter Evernuth of Runham, who died (as appears from the eſchaet rolls) in the 4th of Edward I.

HAW'S MANOR.

IN the reign of Edward I. John Attehawe and his tenants held the 4th part of a fee of John de Bellamont, and he of the earl Marſhall; Sarah, widow of John Attehawe, was found, in the 10th of Edward II. to die poſſeſſed of it, and William, ſon of John Attehaw, was lord, in the 21ſt of Edward III. Thomas Brigg had an intereſt in it at his death, in 1444, and Thomas Brigg in 1494.

Henry Calthorp of Boton in Norfolk, Eſq; by his will, dated in March 1511, orders his manor of Haws to be ſold by his executors.

MORE HALL.

IN the reign of Edward II. William, parſon of the church of Wolfreton, conveyed a moiety of this manor to Matthew Fitz-Herbert and Margaret his wife, with the manor of Wolfreton, and the ſaid Matthew held it in the 13th of Edward III.

Nicholas

(*d*) Regiſt. Wolman, p. 202.

(*e*) Blomf. Hiſt. of Nor. vol. 3. p. 521.

Nicholas Le Putten and Margaret his wife, John, ſon of William Chandught, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed it by fine to William, ſon of Robert Clere, in the 34th of the ſaid king, after this the family of the Boleyns are ſaid to have had an intereſt herein, of whom ſee in Blickling.

In the 41ſt of Elizabeth, Sir Thomas Knevet had a præcipe to deliver it to Edmund Double, Gent: Sir Thomas had licence to alien it, in the 9th of James I. to Sir John Hobart.

William Hunt, ſon of George Hunt of Salle, Gent: by Frances his wife, ſiſter of Sir John Potts, Bt. died poſſeſſed of it, and unmarried, in June 1711, and Anne, his ſiſter and co-heir, married Nathaniel Pagrave, rector of Laringſete, by whom he had John Pagrave, rector of Whitwell, and Hackford, and North Barningham.

WALSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

IN the 34th of Henry III. Almaric Peche and Elizabeth his wife, impleaded the prior on account of lands in this town, in right of his wife, and in the following year they came to an agreement, and 30 acres of land, 26*s.* rent here, were granted William, prior of Walſingham, by Robert Fitz Ralph, kinſman of the aforeſaid Elizabeth, and the prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee.

Alice, widow of Sir Richard Brews, gave leave with the conſent of the rector of Salle, and the biſhop of Norwich, for an oratory here, in the reign of Edward I.

In the 15th of Edward I. the jury find that the prior had view of frank pledge, and the aſſiſe of bread and beer of his tenants: their temporalities in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* *ob*

At the diſſolution, King Henry VIII. granted March 22, in his 31ſt year, this lordſhip to Sir James Boleyn, in conſideration of the lordſhip of Kemſing, *&c.* in Kent.

Sir John Clere was lord, and Edward, his ſon and heir, had livery of it, in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary; and in the 13th of Elizabeth, Sir Henry Cary, Lord Hunſdon, was lord of it.

SAL-KIRK-HALL MANOR.

THIS belonged (as 'tis ſaid) to St. Peirs de Baſſingham of Baſſingham, in Norfolk, and came to the family of De Mauteby, on the marriage of Chriſtian, daughter and heir of Sir Peter, with Sir Walter de Mauteby; in the 6th of Edward I. ſeveral meſſuages and lands here, and in Dalling, were ſettled by fine, on Sir Walter de Mauteby and Petronilla his wife; in the family aforeſaid it remained, till Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir John de Mauteby, brought it by marriage to John Paſton, Eſq; in the reign of Henry VI. in which family it continued many years; in 1611, the annual rent was 7*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* and Sir William Paſton, Bt. ſold it, April 21, in the 18th of Charles I. to Eraſmus Earl, Eſq; with Briſton, for 1620*l.* Aug. Earl, Eſq; died lord, as in Stinton, *&c.* and William Wigget Bulwer, Eſq; is the preſent lord.

There was an antient family who had lands here, *&c.* and took their name from this town.

Warine De Salle was living in the 9th of Richard I. Everard de Salle, in the 14th of Henry III. Robert, ſon of Ralph de Salle, was a benefactor to Walſingham priory, as was Thomas, ſon of Warine de Salle, to the church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich.

Iſabel, Counteſs of Glouceſter, *&c.* granted in her widowhood, to Roger, ſon of Ralph de Salle, lands to be held by the 4th part of a fee.

Sir Bobert de Salle, who was murdered by the Norfolk rebels, in the reign of Richard II. was ſon of Edmund, ſon of Roger de Salle.

The prior of Ely had temporalities valued in 1428, at 27*s.*——Coxford priory at 17*s.*

The tenths were 7*l.*

Ralph de Beaufoe [*f*] had alſo a lordſhip here, of which Odar a freeman was deprived; 30 acres of land, 8 borderers, with a carucate and an half, and an acre of meadow belonged to it, *&c.* and the fourth part of a mill, and was valued at the ſurvey at 10*s.* This ſoon after ſeems to be annexed to the capital manor, as was one ſocman, held by Ralf, ſon of Hacon, who had alſo a lordſhip of which Weſter a freeman was deprived, conſiſting of a carucate of land, one villain, and 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 2 carucates among the tenants, and an acre of meadow, the moiety of a mill, 4 cowes, *&c.* valued at 20*s.* he was lord alſo of Kelling in Holt hundred, and Mundham in Loddon hundred.

The church is a rectory dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, the ancient valor was 40 marks, and paid Peter-pence 10*d.* the preſent valor is 12*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

The patronage was formerly in the lords of Stinton-hall, and now in Pembroke hall in Cambridge, by the grant of Eraſ. Earl, Eſq; who died in 1721.

RECTORS.

Simon de Elleſworth rector.

1316, Mr. John Bacoun, preſented by Sir Edmund Bacoun, Kt.——Thomas de Bradefield occurs rector *A°.* 8, of Edward III. 1334, as by a fine.——1349, William de Ludtheburgh, by Sir John de Brewes: by his will [*g*] dated in May 1370, he requires to be buried in the chancel, gives to Sir John de Brews, one of his beſt horſes, to the lady Eve his wife, 5 marks and a ſilver cup with a cover, to Sir John de Brews, junior, 40*s.* to Giles, his brother, 40*s.* the lady Margaret, wife of Sir William de Wychingham, a ſilver cup with a cover; he was chancellor to the biſhop of Norwich.——1371, Adam de Hautboys *Magna*, by Sir John Brews. ——1375, John Holwey, ditto.

1401, William Shefield, by the aſſignees of Robert Brewes.——1428, William Wode, by Sir Simon Felbrigg.——1441, John Neketon, by Ela, relict of Sir Robert Brewſe.——1460, Mr. Phil. Lepeyate, by Thomas Brews, Eſq; ——1478, William Roos, by Sir Thomas Brewſe, Kt.——1495, Mr. Ralph Stanhope, by Eliz. Brews, and William Yelverton.

1506, Robert Godfrey, in decret. bac. by Roger Townſend, and Anth. Hanſard, Eſq;——1523, Roger Townſend, by Sir Roger Townſend, Kt.——1538, William Warriſon, ditto.——1558, John Crane, *S. T. B.* by the king and queen.——1565, John Thirſton, by the aſſigns of Roger Townſend, Eſq;——1587, Thomas Aldred, ditto.——1590, Richard Wrathall, ditto.

1628, Thomas King, *A. M.* by Sir Roger Townſend.——1637, Roger Howman, ditto.——1670, Sam. Flack, by Frances Earle, widow of Martin Earle, and James Longe.

1708, John Snell, by Robert Snell, Gent:——1711, Robert Whitefoot, rector, by John Whitefoot, clerk, and Thomas Clayton, clerk.——Edward Lany, *D. D.* occurs rector 1724.——1725, William Sutton, by Pembroke-hall, Cambridge.——John Browning, 1731, on Sutton's death, ditto.——1734, Thomas Brown, ditto.——Lanc. Addiſon, *D. D.* the preſent rector, 1764.

The church is a ſtately pile, built chiefly of free-ſtone, in form of a cathedral, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle with 2 croſs iſles, and a chancel covered with lead, and a lofty, ſtrong, four ſquare tower at the weſt end, on which are carved the arms of St. Peter and St. Paul, of the crucifixion, *&c.* of Brews and Mautebey,

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(*f*) Terra R. de Bellofago.——In Salla tenet Odarus i lib. ho t. r. e. xxx ac. tre. ſep. viii bor. 7 i car. 7 dim. 7 i ac. pti. ſilv. v por. 7 quarta pars mol. 7 val. x ſol.——Terra Rad'i filij Hagonis——Et in Salla, i ſoc.——In Salla ten. Weſter, lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. tre. ſep. i. vill. 7 x bor. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 ii car. houm. 7 i ac. pti. ſilv. vi por. 7 dim. mol. 7 iiii an. 7 vi por. 7 val. xx ſol.

(*g*) Reg. Haydon. fol. 11.

Mauteby, Morley, Kerdeſton, &c. benefactors no doubt to this work, which was built in the reign of Henry VI.

Over the ſouth porch, and on the battlements of the ſouth croſs iſle, are the arms of Brigg, and in many parts on the church, thoſe of Delapole, duke of Suffolk, and Wingfield, quarterly, who was, as I take it, principal benefactor or builder.

The chancel is 40 feet long; in the eaſt window are the arms of Delapole and Wingfield, quarterly; and quarterly, gules and argent, in the firſt quarter, an eagle diſplayed, or, Phelips, Lord Bardolf—and azure, 3 cinqfoils, or, in the 2d and 3d quarter, Bardolf, Lord Bardolf.

On the pavement lies a marble ſtone *In memory of Roger Howman, M.D.* and Howman's arms, gules, a roſe, argent, and a chief, ermine, impaling Bulwer.

Another *For Eraſmus Howman, M.D.* and one *For Ellen Howman.*

In the nave lie ſeveral graveſtones——*Orate p. a'i'a. Margaretæ nup. uxor. Tho. Ryghtwys quæ obt.* 10 *Aug.* 15.——*Orate p. a'i'a. Margaretæ uxor. Edwardi Talke filiæ Johs. Walpole, armig'i. quæ obt.* 20 *Junij* 1486.

One *In memory of Eraſmus Earle, ſon of Edward Earle, fourth ſon of Eraſmus Earle, ſerjeant at law, who died March* 1, 1695, *in his* 28 *year.*——*Here reſts Elizabeth Earle, only daughter of Eraſmus and Mary Earle, who died July* 29, 1692; and the arms of Earle.

Orate p. a'i'a. Petri Crome et Margarete uxoris ejus.

Orate p. a'i'a. Henrici Hoddys qui obt. 1532.

Orate p. a'i'ab. Willi. Founteyn, et Margarete uxoris ejus, qui quidem Willi. obt. 1505.——*Orate p. a'i'a. Katerine Curd.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Simonis Boleyn, capellani, qui obt. 3 *die menſis Augi.* 1482.——*Hic jacet Galfrid. Boleyn qui obt.* 25 *die menſis Martij* 1440, *et Alicie uxor. ejus, et pueror. ſuorum, quorum a'i'ab;* &c. On this graveſtone are the portraitures of him and his wife, and of 5 ſons at his feet, and 4 daughters at her feet; and over their heads on a label,——*Dominus propitius eſto nobis peccatorib;*——This Geffrey was father of Sir Geffrey Boleyn, lord mayor of London, who was great grand-father to Queen Eliz.

Of this family was John de Boylene, of Salle, who lived in 1283, probably ſon of Simon de Boleyne, who purchaſed lands by fine, in the 37 of Henry III. A large account of them may be found in [*b*] Blomfield's hiſtory, under the town of Blickling; the ſaid Simon's mother was ſiſter and heir of Robert Malet, and had lands in Walpole, Stalham, and Brunſted in Norfolk; and the family is ſaid to have an intereſt in the manors of Hawes, and Morehall in this town.

In the north iſle, on a graveſtone, the portraiture of a man and woman, and ſeveral children.——*Hic jacet Tho. Rouſe, qui obt.* 12, *die menſis Octob.* 1440, *et Catherina uxor. ejus, quorum,* &c.

On another——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Alani Breuſe qui obt.* 1 *die menſ. Aprilis* 1483, *et Johanne, uxoris ej. et pueror. eorundem, quorum,* &c.

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Ryghtwys generoſi qui obt. A.D. 1504.

In the north tranſcept——*Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Funteyn, qui obt. octavo decimo die menſ. Febr.* 1453, *et p. a'i'ab; Alicie, Johanne et Agnetis uxor, ej. et p. quib; tene'tur.*——A plate of this may be ſeen at Narford.

On a graveſtone the arms of Man,——azure, on a feſs, counterembattled, between 3 goats, paſſant, argent, as many torteaux, impaling Fountain; alſo ſable, on a chevron, between 6 croſſes pattee fitchee, or, 3 de luces, azure, Smith, impaling—Man.——*In memory of Alice, daughter of George Smith, of North Nibley in Glouceſterſhire, and Dorothy his wife, daughter of Brigg Fountaine, of this pariſh, Eſq; and Joanna his wife, daughter of Andrew Henley, Eſq; of Taunton-Dean in Somerſetſhire, who died December* 7, 1693.

On the eaſt wall a mural monument of marble, with the arms of Fountayne;—*Johannes Fountayne, ſerviens ad legem filius primogenitus Arthuri Fountayne de Dalling, in hoc comitatu, unius filiorum Arthuri Fountayne, de Salle, obt.* 14 *die Junij,* 1671, *ætatis* 70, *et in hac inſula jacet ſepultus.*

The ſouth iſle and tranſcept ſeem to be built by the benefaction of John Brigg, Eſq; who is here buried, and on the ſtone work of this iſle and tranſcept, may be obſerved

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[g] Vol. 3. p. 626.

obſerved the arms of Briggs;——gules, 3 bars, gemelle, or, and a canton, argent: an account of this gentleman and his epitaph, and of the family, may be ſeen in Blomefield. Vol. II. p. 640.

Here alſo are ſeveral graveſtones———*Orate p. a'i'ab; Edwardi Briggs et Cecilie conſortis ſue, qui quidem Edw. obt. 2. die menſis Apr. A.D.* 1511.——*Hic jacet Chriſtiana Briggs nup. uxor. Johs.*

On a ſtone the portraiture of a man between his 2 wives;——*Pray for the ſoules of Thomas Briggs—and the two Margarets his wifes.*

Orate p. a'i'ab; Simonis Grene qui obt. 16 *die Januarij,* 1431, *et Helewyſie uxor. ejus et pueror. eorund.*

Here was the image of St. Mary in the chapel of St. James,—the chapel of St. Thomas, the guilds of St. Margaret, Holy Trinity, St, Mary, and St. John baptiſt, and the altars of them;——St. Thomas's light, Trinity, and the Virgin's light; in Merſegate, of Lyneton, and Steynwode, the plow light, in Merſegate Green.

In a window of the ſouth tranſcept, were the arms of Berney, impaling, checque, or and ſable, a feſs, argent, Winter; over the ſouth door the arms of Briggs, and in the windows here, Beaupre and Calthorp,—Calthorp and Briggs.

In the windows about the church, were alſo the arms of Brews, lords and patrons; gules, a lion rampant, and cruſily of croſslets, or; with their creſt, the head of an old man with a long beard, couped, and wreathed.——Alſo Brews, impaling Shardelow;—Brews impaling Ufford;—Brews and Calthorp;—Brews, impaling, argent, a chevron, gules, between 3 croſs croſslets fitchee, azure, Shardelow.

In a houſe, late Briggs's, in Salle, were theſe arms,———Briggs impaling Beaupre,———Briggs, impaling, quarterly, gules, on a chevron, argent, 3 cinqfoils, azure, in the firſt and 4, and gules, a chevron, between 3 boars heads, couped, argent,—White.

Moſt towns (I am perſuaded) took their names from ſome ſtream, or water near to them, the names of which ſtreams, &c. now through length of time, are loſt and unknown, ſo that Salla may be derived from Sa or Sal, and A; thus Saliſbury, Salford, Salton, &c. and Sala is a river's name in Germany.

THEMILTHORPE.

THIS village is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*; part of it is accounted for under the king's manor of Folſham, of which it was a member, and valued with it; part of it alſo belonged to the Earl Warren's manor of Kerdeſton.

It remained in the crown till King Richard I. granted it with Folſham to Baldwin de Betun, earl of Albemarle and Holderneſs, and from him it came to William Marſhal, earl of Pembroke; and John de Marſhal, as lord, gave in the reign of Henry III. to the priory of Walſingham, the advouſon of the church of Themilthorpe.

King Henry III. in his 28 year, granted to Alice Luton, nurſe to his ſon, Prince Edward, for her maintenance during life, the land of John de Save, a Norman, which came to the king as an eſcheat, John (as I take it) being a rebel; and in the 43 of that king, a fine was levied between William, ſon of William of Great Yarmouth, and John Luton, and Alice his wife, who conveyed to William this land of 10*l. per ann.* called Luton-Fee, lying in this town, Folſham, Geyſt, Woodnorton, Dalling, &c. and in the 15 of Edward I. Thomas Gerberge, was found to be in poſſeſſion of it; and in the 17 of Edward II. John Gerberge held half a fee here and in Geyſt, of the Earl Warren, as ſaid; Sir Thomas Gerbrigg, died lord and inteſtate, in 1370; and William Gerbrigg, his ſon, held here and in Woodnorton, half a fee of the earl of Arundel, as ſaid; of this family ſee in Wood-Norton.

In the reign of Henry VIII. Sir Robert Townſend had a grant of Luton-Fee, &c. as in Geiſt.

In the 8 of King John, a fine was levied between Muriel, widow of William de

Bellomonte, and William de Bellomonte her ſon, of the dower of Muriel in this town; and William de Bellomonte confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre, 2 parts of the tithe of his demeans here, and in Kerdeſton, held of the Earl Warren; and in the 14 of Henry III. Robert de Thymelthorp had lands, and paid half for a writ called a *pone*.

Warine Fitz-Hugh had an intereſt here in the 17 of Edward I. by Alice his wife, relict of John de St. Clare, he had 2 daughters and coheirs; Mabil married to Robert de St. Lys, and Alice to Walter de Clopton, who contended for the lands of Warine, in Cowling, Suffolk, this town, Kerdeſton, Repham, and Eaſt Barſham, Norfolk; and on a diviſion of the eſtate, Mabil had Cowling, and Alice the other towns and lands.

William de Clopton held here and in Kerdeſton, in the 20 of Edward III. the 3d part of a fee, and Hugh de Burgolion in the ſaid towns, a 3d part of the Earl Warren's fee; William de Kerdeſton alſo 2 parts of a 3d part of a fee, of William de Clopton.

On November 24, in the 38 of Henry VIII. John Byllow, and John Broxholm, had a grant of all the manor of Thymblethorp, late Sir Richard Southwell's; in the ſaid year, Byllow had licenſe to alien it to John Spencer; and again, in the firſt of Edward VI. Byllow had licenſe, and aliened it to George Themilthorp, gent. who preſented to the church in 1554, and Robert Themilthorp, by his aſſigns, in 1586.— George was ſon of Richard Themilthorp of Foulſham, by Anne Barrow, his wife, he married Bridget, daughter of Walter Jernegan of Somerley town in Suffolk, and was father of Charles Themilthorp, of Worſted, who by Margaret, daughter of Paul Birkbank, of Alborough in Suffolk, had 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Anne.— Thomas Hunt was lord in 1600: from the Hunts it came to Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet, and his grandſon, the Honourable Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet, died lord in 1757, and patron.

The tenths were 1*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 5*s.* 2*d.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Andrew; the antient valor was 6 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 5*d. ob.* The preſent valor is 4*l.* 2*s.* 7*d. ob.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths. It is a ſingle pile with a chancel thatched, and a ſquare tower with 3 bells.

In the 3 of Henry III. Vincent de Bec occurs rector, preſented by Baldwin, Earl of Albemarle and Holderneſs; in the 35 of that king, there being a ſuit between William, prior of Walſingham, and Walter de Thymelthorp, about the right of preſentation, the prior's right and grant from the Marſhals being allowed, Walter conveyed his intereſt herein by fine to the prior.

John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of Godfrey de Bellomonte, as Simon the biſhop did in 1265.

RECTORS.

William de Welbrun occurs rector in the 17 of Edward II.——1330, Jeffrey de Walſingham inſtituted, preſented by the prior of Walſingham.——Jeffrey Skynner, rector.——1352, Robert Attefaldgate, ditto.——1356, John de Ayſh.——1359, Thomas de Derham.——1367, Robert Clere.

1404, John Shepherd.——Simon Morſe, rector.——1412, Hugh Deye.——William Tanner, rector.——1414, Henry Mayhew.——1442, Robert Rydout.——John Wylſon, rector.——1458, William Preſton.——1492, William Bache, 1528, John Wright.——1529, John Baker.——1535, Robert Sall.——1554, Edmund Nicholls, preſented by George Themilthorp, gent.——1561, John Breeſe, ditto.——1576, Thomas Richards, by the aſſigns of George Themilthorp.——1581, Henry Hilton, ditto.——1586, John Walden, by the aſſigns of Robert Themilthorp.

1600, Robert Lamkyn, by Thomas Hunt, Eſq;——Robert Hunt, rector, ſucceeded him.

George Fetherſtonhagh, rector.——1660, Herbert Aſtley, D. D. rector alſo of Folſham.

1715, Jos. Hogan ſucceeded Daniel Morley.——1721, Robert Barrow, by Sir Jacob Aſtley, baronet.——George Featherſton, died rector 1721.

In the church were the arms of the earl of Arundel, and the Earl Warren, quarterly.

The temporalities of Walſingham priory 5*s.* 9*d.*——Of Weſt Derham 1*s.*

John Marſhall, lord of Folſham, gave by deed, *ſans* date, the advouſon to Walſingham priory in the reign of Henry III. and Warine Fox, of Thymelthorp, in the 35 of that king, releaſed all his right to the prior.

THURNING.

THE principal lordſhip of this village was, at the ſurvey, farmed of the Conqueror, or took care of by Godric his ſteward, Ulf, a Saxon, lord of it in the days of King Edward, being deprived, when one carucate of land and 6 villains, 9 borderers, and one ſervus belonged to it; there were 2 [*a*] carucates in demean, one and an half among the tenants, with 10 acres of meadow, &c. the moiety of a mill, 4 runci, 20 cows, &c. and 50 ſheep; and 6 ſocmen had 16 acres of land, and a carucate and an half. The ſoc belonged to the king's manor of Folſham; it was at that time valued at 60*s.* at the ſurvey at 100*s.* quitrent, and 10*s.* as a preſent, or free gift, was 5 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 5*d.* to the king's gelt.

THURNING-MANOR.

IN the 11 of King John, a fine was levied between Philip le Moyne, petent, and Berenger le Moyne tenent, of 3 hides and an half of land here, &c. and in the 13, Petronilla, widow of Roger de Lenham, conveyed to Roger de Botevant, 2 knights fees here, &c.——William, ſon of Ely, conveyed lands by fine, in the 7 of Richard I. to Ralph de Lenham.

Nicholas de Lenham in the 41 of Henry III. grants by fine, to William de Clare, an annual rent of ſix pounds out of this manor, for 11 years.

In the firſt year of Edward I. Nicholas de Lenham ſold it to Robert Burnell, (after biſhop of Bath and Wells) who in the ſaid year granted it to Sir William de Eſtormy, knight, for life; and in the 3d of that king, the jury preſent that Sir William had ſet up a ducking-ſtool; by a pleading in the 4th of that reign, it appears, that the tenants of this manor were free from toll in the mercate of Holt in Norfolk.——In the 9th year the king grants to the biſhop, free warren here and in Ryſton; in the ſaid year he purchaſed of William the prior of Norwich, 50 acres of land, with 27*s.* and 7*d.* rent, [*b*] and the advouſon of this church, by fine; and in the 10 of the ſaid king, it was found that he held this lordſhip by the ſervice of two fees, and [*c*] paying to Richmond caſtle 8*s.* 4*d per ann.* In the 15 of that king, the jury find that Roger Myniot held it of the biſhop for life, and claimed view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer, a tumbrell, free warren, weyf, &c.

On the death of this prelate, his great eſtate deſcended to his nephew and heir, Lord Burnell; and Edward, Lord Burnell, died poſſeſſed of it in the 9 of Edward II. In this family it continued till the death of Edward, Lord Burnell, in the 4 of Henry V. who left 4 daughters and coheirs;—Jocoſa, who married Thomas Erdington;——Catherine, who married Sir John Ratcliff, anceſtor of the earls of Suſſex; and Mary to Sir Edmund Hungerford: on a diviſion of the eſtate, this lordſhip came to Ratcliff; in which family it remained till Robert Ratcliff, Earl of Suſſex, ſold it in the 39 of Elizabeth, to John Hunt, L. L. D. who in the 14 of James I. gave it in marriage with Urſula his daughter, to Lionel Pitts, gent. John Pitts his ſon, married Urſula Thoriſby, and conveyed it in or about 1666, to Eraſmus Earl, Eſq; and Eraſmus Earle, Eſq; preſented to the church in 1688.——Auguſtine Earl, Eſq; died lord and patron in 176 , leaving Eraſmus his ſon and heir, who dying unmarried, his ſiſter and heir brought it by marriage to William Wigget Bulwer, Eſq; now lord in 1764. See in Stinton.

[*a*] Terre Regis qua'. Godric. ſervat. Tyrninga ten. Ulf i lib. ho. t. r e. i car. t're. ſemp. vi vill. 7 ix bord. 7 i ſer. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. 7 i car. 7 dim. ho'um 7 x ac. p'ti. ſilva lx por. 7 dim mol. 7 iiii r. 7 xx an. 7 xvi por. 7 l ovs. et vi ſoc. xvi ac. t're. ſep. i car. 7 dim. ſup. ſoca' in Folſha' reg. tnc. p. val. lx ſol. mo. c ſol. blancas, 7 x ſol. g ſuma ad num. 7 ht. v quar. in long 7 vi in lat. 7 redd. v *d.* in geldu' regis.

[*b*] Reg. i eccles. Norw. fol. 46.

[*c*] Rot. Hon. de Richmd. fol. 46.

The tenants of this manor, paid in 1616, 8*s.* and 6*d.* *per ann.* rent (Richmond fee) to the lord of Swafham in Norfolk.

Another lordſhip in Thurning was held by a free man in the Confeſſor's time, who had one carucate of land, and there were in the whole 3 carucates and an half, 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.* but at the ſurvey at 30*s.* and came to the Earl Warren, [*d*] by an exchange for lands at Lewes, in Suſſex. The lord of Thurning manor was charged or ceſſed as belonging to the king's manor of Sall, and was held by Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, afterwards by R. Blund, and one year by Godric; at the ſurvey by William de Warren; and the hundred witneſſes that he who held it in King Edward's time was a free man.

In the 15 of Edward I. the jury find that John de Sanys or Save, a Norman, held in the reign of Henry III. 10*l.* *per ann.* rent in this town, Norton, Bintre, Dalling, Thymelthorp, Sparham, Weſton, and Geiſtwade, which eſcheated to the ſaid king, and was held then by Sir Thomas Gerbridge, who was ordered to be ſummoned, and enquiry to be made about it. This was part, as I take it, of the Luton fee; ſee p. 382 and 426.

John de Mauteby was lord in the 9 of Edward II.

In 1487, John Groſs, Eſq; by his will, dated at Irſted, March 1, 1387, bequeathes to Margaret his wife his manor of Thurning, [*e*] for life; after to the iſſue of his body; remainder to Sir Henry Heydon, and his heirs, on certain conditions; proved September 17, 1488.

William Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, held in his right, as a lay fee, 15 [*f*] acres of land, and half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, &c. valued at 8*s.* and poſſeſſed by a free man in the reign of the Confeſſor. This was ſoon after united to the capital manor, as were 20 acres of land, and a carucate valued at 4*s.* held by a ſocman of Hagon at the ſurvey, &c.

The tenths were 5*l.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*

Everard, ſon of Ralph de Geiſt, by deed, *ſans* date, gave to the church of the Holy Trinity, of Norwich, for the uſe of the almoner, half a mark's annual rent, which Roger, ſon of Pagan, paid out of 24 acres [*g*] and an half in this town, and Clipeſhage, with the homage and ſervice of the ſaid Roger, for the ſoul of Roger, and Henry, ſons of Maud, who had nurſed him.

The temporalities of Norwich priory in 1428, were 5*d.*——of Walſingham, 3*s.* ——of St. Faith's of Horſham, 8*s.*——of Ely, 2*s.* 9*d.* *ob.*

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is a rectory; antiently valued at 14 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 6*d.* *ob.* The preſent valor is 7*l.*

It conſiſts of 2 iſles, and has a ſquare tower with 3 bells, but the chancel is down.

On a graveſtone before the reading deſk,——*Here lyeth the body of Peter Elwyn of Heveningham, who died April* 8, 1681.——Alſo one *For Matt. Elwyn, gent. who died June* 23, 1682.

RECTORS.

1303, Henry de Hales inſtituted, preſented by Sir Roger Miniot, knight.——Robert de Nes, by the Lady Alice Burnell, lady of Thurning.——In 1332, Robert Trott,

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[*d*] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——In Tyrninga i lib. ho. de i car. t're. intr. om's ſemp. iii car. 7 dim. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſilv. viii por. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. xxx et e. p. eſcang. de Lequis.——Ille de Tyrninga fuit in cenſu de Salla Regis, tc. R. Comitis 7 ſub R. Blundo 7 i anno ſub Godrico, mo. ten. W. de War. 7 hoc teſtatr. hund. qd. fuit lib. ho. t. r. e.

[*e*] Reg. Wolman pt. 2. fol. 8.

(*f*) Terra Epi. Tedfordenſis de feudo ejuſd.——In Turninga i lib. ho. xv ac. terre, et dim. car. 7 i ac. p'ti. tc. ſilva i porc. 7 val. vii ſol.——Terra Hagonis——In Tirninga i ſoc. xx ac. t're. ſep. i car. 7 val. iiii ſol.

(*g*) Reg. 2. eccleſ. cath. Norw. fol. 61.

Trott, occurs rector.——1342, Henry de Becford, ditto.——1354, Edward de Attone, ditto.——1354, Henry de Becford, ditto.——1361, Ad. Shehull, ditto. John Dalby rector.——1375, Clement Dolberyn, by Sir Richard Burnell.

1421, Thomas Fitz-Richard, by Sir John Talbot, Lord Furnival.——1434, William Cuckow, by Sir John Radcliff, and Sir Edmund Hungerford.——1452, Richard Otterington, by John Ferrers, and Catherine his wife, late wife of Sir John Radcliff.——1457, John Hyvo, by John Radcliff, of Attilburgh.——1464, Mr. Laurence Yerdeſherſe, by the Lady Fitzwater.——1468, Richard Muſtarder, by Sir John Denham, in right of Elizabeth his wife.——1482, William Rokeland, a carme, by John Radcliff, Lord Fitzwater.——1484, John Preſtwyk, ditto.——1486, William Crane, ditto.

1509, William Eton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1520, Ralph Stuardſon, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1562, Peter Langton, by Thomas, Earl of Suſſex.—1567, Simon Thompſon, ditto.

1608, Francis Catlyn, by William Catlyn.——1624, John Brown, by the aſſigns of John Hunt, L.L.D. maſter in chancery.——1641, Robert Garret, by Lionel Pitts, gent. and Urſula his wife.——1688, Arthur Gallant, by Eraſmus Earl, Eſq;——1692, Arthur Gallant, ditto.

1706, Robert Wace, ditto.——1740, Francis Aylmer, by Corpus Chriſti college, Cambridge——1759, John Barnardiſton, rector, preſented by Corpus Chriſti college, Cambrige, the preſent patrons.

TWYFORD.

THIS town is not mentioned in *Domeſday* book, being accounted for under the lordſhip of Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, in Bintre, and under the lordſhip of Swanton in Folſham, then in the king's hands; I ſhall therefore treat of them joyntly, and in order of time as I find them.

Both theſe lordſhips of Giffard's, in Bintre and Swanton, were held by the Marſhalls, earls of Pembroke, and the family of De Bintre was ſoon after the conqueſt, enfeoffed of this lordſhip of Twyford, that belonged to the earls of Clare, by the Marſhalls, who held it of that honor.

In the 2d year of King John, Eborard de Bintre was lord; Bartholomew de Bintre held here, &c. half a fee of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare, in the reign of King Henry III. and in 1309, preſented to this church, as did Robert, ſon of Bartholomew, in 1321, and Joan, daughter of Bartholomew de Byntre, in 1342. John de Foxley, who gave name to this lordſhip, preſented in 1349, and William de Wichingham in 1356. In the year 1373, Robert Curſon of Huningham, granted to William Curſon of Belford, all his right of the manor of Swanton's in Folſham, with the appertenances, and the advouſon of Twyford church, he had of the grant of Thomas Curſon; and Thomas Curſon of Folſham, preſented in 1379; it was ſettled on Thomas Curſon for life.

In the 9 of Richard II. Peter Bygayn who held by the law of England certain lands and tenements in Twyford, &c. of the inheritance of John, ſon and heir of Thomas de Foxley, after the death of Agnes, late his wife, grants to John Churchman, citizen of London, the ſaid lands and tenements.

Thomas Curſon of Twyford was lord, and preſented in 1393, and William Curſon in 1414, but in the year 1448, John Heydon, Robert Popy, &c. preſented; John Popy was lord in 1464, and with Catherine his wife, preſented, as Robert Popy did in 1485, and in 1509.

Rob. Poppy was lord in the reign of Henry VIII. and his daughter and heir Alice, brought it by marriage to Robert Townſend, Eſq; ſon of Sir Roger Townſend of Reinham, who preſented in 1541, then ſerjeant at law; Thomas Townſend, Eſq; his ſon, in 1558, and Roger Townſend, gent. in 1571, as did Thomas Townſend, by his aſſigns, in 1578 and 1581.

From the Townſends it came to George Grime, Eſq; who was patron about 1600.

Auguſtine Holl, Eſq; was lord and patron in 1715, ſon of Sir Robert Holl, by Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Guybon of Thurſford, and this family preſented in 1740.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Nicholas; the antient valor was 35*s.*

The abby of Nutley had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s.*——the portion of Ichyringham, 6*s.* 8*d.*—Peter-pence 2*d. ob.* The preſent valor is 4*l.* 19*s.* 8*d. ob.* and is diſcharged from firſt fruits and tenths.

R E C T O R S.

1309, Hugh de Byntre inſtituted, preſented by Bartholomew de Byntre.——1321, John de Byntre, by Robert, ſon of Bartholomew de Byntre.——1342, Richard de Geyſt, by Joan, daughter of Bartholomew de Byntre.——1349, Richard Godwyne, by John de Foxley.——1356, Richard de Dedmore, by William de Wichingham.——Robert Girne, rector.——1385, Richard Ulſy, ditto.——1393, John Wraſtlyngworth, ditto.——1394, William Blaby, ditto.——1399, John Hamond, by Thomas Curſon of Twyford.

1402, Thomas Vyel, ditto.——William Frankelyn, rector.——1414, John Pelles, by William Curſon.——1415, John Gardener, ditto.——1418, William Windele, ditto.——1448, William Doraunt, by John Heydon, Robert Popy, &c.——1464, John Porter, by John Popy, and Catherine his wife.——1478, Nicholas Williams, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1485, Robert Mark, by Robert Popy.——1487, Thomas Barker, ditto.——1494, John Freeman, ditto.——1495, John Trewe, ditto.

1503, William Heyward, ditto.——1509, Thomas Harneys, ditto.——1541, Robert Jary, by Robert Townſend, ſerjeant at law.——1554, Robert Watſon, by Sir Robert Townſend.——1555, John Jubb, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1558, Robert Seaman, by Thomas Townſend, Eſq;——1561, William Gippes, ditto.——1562, Henry Ruſton, ditto.——1571, Thomas Church, by Roger Townſend, gent.——1578, Andrew Steynſby, by the aſſigns of Thomas Townſend.——1581, Henry Hilton, ditto.——Edward Ricks, rector, ſucceeded Hilton; and George Grime was then patron.

J. Goodman occurs rector in 1689.

Daniel Morley, rector——1715, Joſeph Hogan, on the reſignation of Morley, by Aug. Holl, Eſq;—1720, Robert Barrow, ditto.—1722, Francis St. John, ditto.—1723, Robert Laurence, ditto.—1730, Edward Farmer, ditto.—1740, John Gregory, by Auguſtine Holl, &c.

The Holls deſcend from Thomas Holle, of Heyham, by Norwich, gent. who died in 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary, and left Thomas his ſon and heir.

The church is a ſingle pile without a ſteeple, but there is a ſhed in the church-yard for 3 bells.—In the chancel, on a graveſtone,—*Orate p. a'i'a. Tho. Harnes quo'd. rector.*—In the eaſt window,——Azure, a chevron, ermin, between 3 gilly flowers, proper, the ſtalks, or, the arms of Poppy, impaling, ermine, a bend compony, argent and ſable, Curſon.

In the church——*Orate p. a'i'a. Iſabelle Poppy nup. uxor. Roberti Curſon, que obt.* 1497.

Sacred to the memory of Henry Framingham, Eſq; who by his laſt will, gave 1000*l. to endow an hoſpital for ten poor men in Lynn Regis, of which town he was twice mayor, as he was alſo high ſheriff of the county of Norfolk: he departed this life November* 29, 1710, *in the* 73 *year of his age:*

Here alſo lyeth the body of Bridget his wife, who died March 2, 1712, *aged* 78. *This monument was erected by Dame Johanna Seaman, wife of Sir Peter Seaman, only child and heir to her father.*

In the 38 of Elizabeth, George Gryme had a *præcipe* to render to Robert Tilney, Eſq; and Robert Themilthorp, gent. Twyford-Foxley's manor, and Swanton's in Folſham, Geiſt, &c. and South Hall in Twyford, Bintre, &c. and in the 13 of James I. Nicholas Cooke, gent. had a *præcipe* to render to Thomas Fairfax, gent. and Thomas Lane, the manors of Twyford-Swanton's, Foxley's, and Southall meſſuage.

After this, it came to Mr. Raley, and by his daughter to Nabbs, gent. and by his daughter and coheir, to James Ward, Eſq; of Hindringham, and ſo by marriage to Auguſtine Holl, Eſq; who was lord in right of his wife, Catherine, in 1714.

The town takes its name from ſome ſtream or rivulet, called antiently the Twy; thus Twyford in Hampſhire, Leiceſterſhire, &c. Twywell, Northamptonſhire, Twyverton in Somerſetſhire, &c. or from 2 ſtreams or rivulets.

WESTON.

THE principal part of this town was a beruite to William de Scohies's lordſhip of Wichingham, granted to him on the deprivation of Hardewin, a free man, who was lord of it in King Edward's time; when there was one carucate of land, held by one villain, and 12 borderers, and one ſervus, one carucate [a] in demean, and one among the tenants, and 2 acres of meadow; 10 ſocmen had 80 acres of land, and there were 8 carucates and 2 acres of meadow; a church endowed with 12 acres, valued at 4*d.* the whole was then valued at 7*l.* and after at 8*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* two free men had the 5th part of half a carucate, and 2 borderers a carucate and half, valued at 30*s.* The ſoc of theſe two, was in Folſham manor, but William, Earl Warren, now had it: it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt whoever held it.

LONGUEVILE's MANOR.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES, who was a Norman and not a Scot, ſold all his lordſhips in England, in the reign of Henry I. to Walter Giffard, the 2d earl of Buckingham, who granted this, with the tithe of his demean, and the church, to the priory of Longavile in Normandy, of their foundation, and where Walter his father was buried; from the Giffards it came by marriage to the earls of Clare.

King Edward III. in his wars with France, ſeized on this manor, as a priory alien, and it remained in the crown, till King Henry VI. on September 12, in his fifth year, gave it to Wincheſter (or New) college in Oxford; and Walter Hill, cuſtos of that college, in the 6 of Edward IV. when the manor of Tye Hall and Aldenham's, paid quitrents to this manor, that had the lete of the town.

TYE-HALL.

SO called from the family of De Tye, or Atte Eye, that is at the water, or Iſland; Sir Peter de Tye was lord of it in the 11 of Edward III. when a fine was levied of lands in Weſton, conveyed to him by Nicholas Malyſel, and Sibilla his wife, probably ſon of Peter Atte Eye, who was ſummoned in the 17 of Edward II. to a great council of the prelates, earls, barons, &c. In the 21 of Edward III. a fine was levied between Sir Peter, and Dionyſia his wife, querents, John de Broke, &c. truſtees, deforcients, of 16 meſſuages, a mill, 430 acres of land, 33 of meadow, 40 of wood, &c. with 70*s.* rent, the rent of 2 hens, and the eighth part of 550 acres of heath, in this town, Hindringham, Sparham, Lyng, &c. with the ſervices of many perſons; he farmed of King Edward III. the priory-manor of Longueville; Dionyſia his widow, by her will, proved Auguſt 1, 1375, deſires to be buried before the church door of the Holy Trinity of Barſham; bequeaths to Edward Charles her ſon, 100*s.* *per ann.* out of her manor of Keſſingland in Suffolk, and to

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[a] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Weſtuna beruita, i car. t're. 7 ſep. i vill. 7 xii bor. 7 i ſer. ſep. i car. in d'nio. 7 i car. ho'um. 7 ii ac. p'ti. 7 x ſoc. lxxx ac. t're. tc. 7 p. viii car. mo. vii 7 i poteſt fieri 7 ii ac. p'ti. i eccl'a xii ac. 7 val. iiii*d.* totu' tc. vii lib p. viii. lib. x ſol. mo. ſimil. et ii libi ho'es quint. dim. car. t're. 7 ii bor. ſep. i car. 7 dim. 7 val. xxx ſol. de his duob; ſoca in Folſham regis, ſ. W. tenet 7 ht. i leug. in long, 7 in lat. 7 reddit xx*d.* in geltum quicumq; ibi teneat.

Sir Robert Tye, her ſon, the manor of Hoo in Manewedon, [*b*] in the ſaid county, in order to purchaſe the patronage of ſome church of the value of 20*l. per ann.* to appropriate it to the cathedral church of Norwich, to find two ſecular prieſts to celebrate for the ſouls of John de Hoo, and Dionyſia his wife, William their ſon, and all the faithfull.

Sir Robert, ſon of Sir Peter de Tye, on his paſſage beyond ſea, made his will at Barſham, in the 6th of Richard II. and deſires his feoffees to enfeof his wife Elizabeth, of the manor of Barſham and advouſon of Keſſingland, with his lands in Mutford, and Wangford hundreds, for life, except the meadows called the Park, in Barſham, which he gives to Robert Charles, as it was ordained by feoffees; his manors of Cretingham, Lenwade, and Titleſhale, his feoffees to take poſſeſſion of, 'till Dionyſia his daughter arrive to 14 years old, then to marry her, and give her 200 marks portion; the manors then to go to his ſon, or ſons to be born, his wife being then with child, but if ſhe ſhall have daughters, and no ſon, then the eldeſt daughter to have the manors of Barſham, and Keſſingland, with Lenwade and Titleſhale, and lands in Norfolk. Laurence de Tye, his brother, and Sir John de Hoo, his brother, Sir Emery de Willington his uncle, mentioned. The will of Elizabeth, relict of Sir Robert, proved 1385, September 25, wherein ſhe bequeaths her body to be buried in Barſham church, by her huſband.

Sir John de Hoo abovementioned, was prior of Yarmouth. Sir Robert bore argent, a bend between 6 croſs croſslets, ſable.

Sir Robert de Tye, ſon of Sir Robert, was lord in the 2d of Henry V. and ſoon after ſold it to Auguſtine Stratton, Eſq; Sir Robert dying on the 8th of October, 1415, was buried in the church of Soterley in Suffolk, as appears by his monument [*c*] there, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; and in the following year, Sir John Heveningham, John Knevet, Edmund Oldhall, Eſq; *&c.* confirmed to Auguſtine Stratton, Eſq; and John Stratton, citizen and mercer of London, their manor of Weſton, which they purchaſed of Sir Robert Tye, on this condition, that if the ſaid Auguſtine, *&c.* pay to John Wilby, maſter of the chantrey of Metingham, and John Norwich, 100 marks, to take effect, otherwiſe not; by deed dated at Weſton, April 5, in the 4th of Henry V.

John Stratton was lord of Tyes-hall, Lyons, and Aldenhams, in Weſton in the 8th of Henry VI. when they were ſettled on him and Elizabeth his wife, and their heirs, and ſealed with, argent, on a croſs ſable, 5 bezants; by Elizabeth his wife, (daughter, as I take it, of Sir Hugh or Andrew Lutterell) he had an only daughter who married John Andrews of Baylſham in Suffolk, ſon of James Andrews, Eſq; by Alice his wife, daughter and heir of John Weyland, ſon of William Weyland.

In the 8th of Edward IV. November 8, John Heydon, feoffee of John Stratton, of Weſton, Eſq; grants to John Andrews, and Elizabeth his wife, the manor of Weſton, and all the lands in Helmingham, Morton, Ringland and Hokering, which he had of the feofment of John Stratton, Eſq; and Elizabeth, by deed dated Auguſt 4, in the 17th of Henry VI. John Andrews, by Elizabeth his wife, left 2 daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, who married Thomas Wyndſore, Eſq; of Stanwell in Middleſex, and Anne, the wife of Sir John Sulyard of Wetherden in Suffolk, Lord chief juſtice of England: between theſe two daughters, the eſtate of Andrews was divided.

In the 5th of Henry VII. September 12, Dame Anne Sulyard, late wife of Sir John Sulyard, Robert Lytton, Eſq; of Knebworth in Hertfordſhire, under treaſurer of England, and Elizabeth his wife, late wife of Thomas Wyndeſore, Eſq; leaſed to John Miſis, yeoman, their warren, games of conies, hares, feaſants, *&c.* in Weſton, Tyes, Aldendam, Lion's manors, *&c.* and in the 9th of Henry VII. Auguſt 8, the ſaid Dame Anne, by the name then of Dame Anne Bouchier, [*d*] grants to And. Sulyard her ſon and heir, (by Sir John Sulyard, ſhe being his 2d. wife) and to Margaret London of Norwich, widow, whom the ſaid Andrew † is to marry, all her moiety in Weſton, and all her lands in Norfolk, with all her cat-

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(*b*) Reg. Haydon, fol. 84.

(*c*) Hervey's Collect. of Funeral Mon. Mſs.

(*d*) She was then the wife of Sir Henry Bouchier, 5th. ſon of Henry, Earl of Eſſex.

† Andrew's 2d. wife, was Dame Mary Timperley, and died in 1546, buried in St Steph. church at Norwich, relict of Sir John Timperley.

tle and ſheep in number 440, valued at 36*l.* to him and the heirs of his body, on his paying to her an 100 marks; and in the 15th of the ſaid king, November 5, Sir Robert Lytton and Dame Elizabeth his wife, let to farm to And. Sulyard and Margaret his wife, their part and intereſt in the other moiety, and all their lands in Morton, Lyng, *&c.* in Norfolk.

Margaret London aforeſaid, was widow of William London, Eſq; and daughter and co-heir of Robert Lyſton of Badingham in Suffolk.

On March 10, in the 24th of Henry VIII. And. Sulyard, Eſq; ſold his moiety of Weſton Tyes, Lions, and Lanwade, held of the manor of Longvile, to Firmin Rookwood, Eſq; Andrew died *s. p.* in the 30th of Henry VIII. and was buried at Wetherden in Suffolk, where his father and mother, and firſt wife lay, he was Eſq; of the body to the lady Mary, daughter of King Henry VIII.

Sir And. Wyndſore, Kt. Lord Wyndeſore, by his deed dated November 30, in the 27th of Henry VIII. confirmed to Edward his ſon, the moiety of the wards and his manors, in Weſton, and ſealed with a buck's head, cabos'd. After this, Windſore's moiety came alſo to the ſaid Firmin.

Firmine Rookwood is ſaid to have built the hall of Weſton, and was 3d ſon of Edmund Rookwood, (ſon of Roger Rookwood) of Euſton in Suffolk, by Alice, his wife, daughter of William London, wife afterwards of Sir Thomas Bedingfield of Oxburgh, and of the lord Burgh; her ſiſter and co-heir, Margaret, married Sir Edward Clere.

On an inquiſition taken at Norwich, April 10, in the 1ſt of Elizabeth, he was found to die November 19, laſt paſt, ſeiſed of the manors of Ties hall, Lions, Lenwade, and Aldenham's, and to have left by Thomaſine, [*e*] his 2d wife, William, ſon and heir, aged 27. He had to his 1ſt wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Timperley and Jane his wife, natural daughter of the firſt Duke of Norfolk, and ſome pedigrees make William Rookwood, ſon and heir of Firmin, to be by this wife. This family of Rookwood deſcended from John Rokewode, who was eſchaetor of Norfolk, and Suffolk, in the 49th of Edward III. and was living at Euſton in Suffolk, in the 10th of Richard II.

William Rookwood was collector to Henry, Biſhop of Norwich, in 1381, and eſchaetor in the 1ſt of Henry V.

Roger Rookwood, of Euſton, died in or about 1479, Alice his wife in 1482; Nicholas Rookwood was chief prothonotary of the common pleas in the 32d of Henry VIII.

William Rookwood, Eſq; lord of Weſton, married Frances, daughter of Robert Holditch of Ranworth, Eſq; by whom he had William, his ſon and heir, and by Margaret his wife, daughter of Henry Doyley of Shoteſham, was father of Henry Rookwood, Eſq; of Weſton. By the marriage articles, between Firmin Rookwood and Robert Holditch, it was agreed, that the marriage of William, ſon of Firmin, and Frances, daughter of Robert, ſhould be at Ranworth, and the charges born by Robert, except one hogſhead of wine to be bought by Firmin, who was to pay for William's apparel, by the advice of the right honourable the lady Burgh; and Robert Holditch was to lay out 20 marks in apparel for his daughter Frances, by the ſaid lady's advice; Robert was to give them their board for one year, and Firmin the next year's board, the portion to be 180*l.*—Dated March 10, *A°.* 3, and 4, of Philip and Mary.

William Rookwood, ſenior, Eſq; was lord in the 20th of Elizabeth, and in the 22d of that queen, he and Alice (then his wife) entered into covenants on the marriage of his ſon William, with Margaret, daughter of Henry Doyly; who was to pay 600 marks as a portion for his daughter: this William was living in the 4th of James the firſt, and was father of Henry Rookwood, Eſq; of Weſton, who married in the ſaid year, Suſan, daughter of Anthony Drury, Eſq; of Beſthorp in Norfolk. He was living in 1647, and had by Margaret his wife, daughter of Charles Suckling of Wotton in Norfolk, Henry his ſon and heir, who died unmarried, October 11, 1718, and was buried in Weſton church, ſo that Thomas his

(*e*) Thomaſine his wife was living in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary.

his brother was his heir, and by Mary, daughter of George Thurlow of Hetherſet, was father of William Rookwood, Eſq; lord in 1720; after this it was conveyed to John Cuſtance, Eſq; alderman of Norwich, in 1726.

ALDENHAM'S MANOR and LENWADE'S.

IN the 40th of Edward III. Iſabel, daughter of William Ode of Weſton, late citizen of Norwich, confirmed to John de Derby, rector of Weſton, &c. a meſſuage there, formerly John Aldenham's, with lands, &c.

This afterwards came to John de Stratton, and continued in the lords of Tye-hall, 'till William Rookwood, ſenior, and William, his ſon, ſold it in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to Robert Roſe or Roſs, but in the 3d of James I. Robert Roſe, in conſideration of 466*l.* 13*ſ.* 4*d.* ſold to Thomas Southwell, ſenior, his heath and ſheep-walk, called Aldenham's.

Lonwade ſeems to have been an hamlet to Weſton, and to have given name to the bridge there, over the river.

Adam, ſon of Herman de Lonwade, confirmed by deed *ſans date*, to John, his nephew, lands in Lenwade.

In the 30th of Edward I. a fine was levied between John de Lenwade, and Margaret, querents, W. de Repps, &c. of meſſuages, and lands here, in Sparham, Wichingham, &c. This in old writings is called a manor, and was held of the lordſhip of Longvile, and came alſo to the lords of Tye-hall, and ſo to Rookwood.

Edmund de Lonwade, in the 3d of Edward III. ſettled by fine on himſelf for life, a meſſuage, 70 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 2 of marſh, and 32*ſ.* rent in Weſton, and Wichingham, remainder to Peter Atte Tye and his heirs, from whom it came, as in Tye-hall, to Stretton, and Rookwood.

LYONS MANOR.

RALPH DE LIONS, and William de Lions were lords, and mentioned in the grant of Walter Giffard, the 2d earl of Buckingham.

Adam de Lyons of Weſton, was living in the 24th of Henry III. and acknowledged to do ſervice for half a fee to William de Englefield, for his lands in Weſton, and Helmingham: Jeffrey de Lyons, and Thomas, ſon of Henry de Lyons, in the 32d of Edward I.

Hugh de Stanford ſettled by fine on Adam de Lyons, in the 8th of Edward II. 7 meſſuages, a mill, 120 acres of land, 30 of meadow, and 40*ſ.* rent in Weſton, Helmingham and Ringland, for his life, remainder to Ernald de Lyons his ſon, and Alice his wife in tail.

Adam, ſon of Ernald, releaſed in the 21ſt of Edward III. to Sir Peter de Tye, and Dionyſia his wife, lands here, and ſealed with a lion rampant.

By a deed, dated at Rolleſby, in the 15th of Richard II. on Thurſday next after the feaſt of the Annunciation of the bleſſed Virgin, Nicholas, ſon of Arnald Lyons of Weſton, parſon of Rolleſby, reciting, that whereas William Lyons of Flytcham, had infeoffed John Stanford, &c. in his manor of Weſton Lyons in Weſton, Helmingham, Moreton, which where the ſaid Arnald Lyons, Nicholas releaſed his right in the ſame.

In the 3d of Henry IV. Walter de Middleton held here the 4th part of a fee, of the heirs of Arnald de Lyons, and he of the earl of March, and in the 10th of that king, William de Sneteſham, conveyed it to Sir John de Ingaldeſthorp. After this it came to Stratton and Rookwood.

Alan, Earl of Richmond, had 20 ſocmen who held one carucate of land, and 16 borderers, in the reign of the confeſſor; [d] there were among all theſe 8 carucates

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(d) Terre Alani Comitis——In Weſtuna, xx. ſoc. i car. tre. 7 xvi. bord. int. om's. t r. e. viii car. p'. 7 m°. v 7 iiii ac. pti. 7 ſunt iſti ſoc. in p'tio. de Coſtefei. Soca in Folſha' Regis t. r. e. m°. tenet A. quia. tenuit Rad. Comes.

rucates and 4 acres of meadow, and theſe ſocmen were valued in Alan's manor of Coſteſey or Coſſey. The ſoc was in the king's manor of Folſham, and on Ralph, Earl of Norfolk's, rebellion, the Conqueror gave it to Alan.

In the reign of Henry III. Adam de Lions and his tenants held lands by knight's ſervice here, and John de Veutry, the moiety of a quarter of a fee of the manor of Linge, and did ward for the ſame to the caſtle of Richmond.

Robert Vincent of Marlingford, confirmed in the 42d of Edward III. to John, ſon of Thomas de Weſton, and Thomas, ſon of John, a meſſuage, and 12 pieces of arable land. In the 19th of Richard II. Martin de Taverham, confirmed to Margaret Stratton, late wife of Thomas de Weſton, all the lands, tenements, rents, ſervices, *&c.* in Weſton, and Helmingham for the life of the ſaid Margaret, remainder to the right heirs of Thomas de Weſton.

In the eſchaet rolls of the 12th year of Edward IV. it appears that Margaret, ſiſter and heir of Sir Thomas Tudenham, relict of Edmund Bedingfield, Eſq; of Oxburgh, died ſeiſed of a manor called Aſgat's in Weſton, and had alſo an intereſt in the lordſhips of Ties-hall and Aldenham's, all which ſeem to have come to the Rookwoods: ſee in Helmingham.

Odo, Biſhop of Baieaux, [*e*] had a ſmall fee here as a beruite to Sneteſham, 50 acres of land, and 20 acres held in King Edward's time by 6 borderers, and valued in Sneteſham.

This with another ſmall tenure held by Hacon, [*f*] at the ſurvey, who had one ſocman, with 16 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at the ſurvey at 11*s.* and came afterwards to the Rookwoods, *&c.*

The tenths were 4*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*—Deducted 16*s.*

Weyland bore—argent, on a croſs, gules, 5 eſcallops, or.—Andrews, argent, on a bend between 2 bendlets ſable, 3 mullets, or.—Sulyard, argent, a chevron, gules, between 3 phæons, ſable.—Lutterell, or, a bend, between 6 martlets, ſable.—Windſor, gules, a ſaltire, between 12 croſs croſſlets, or.—Rookwood, argent, 3 cheſſrooks, and a chief, ſable.—Holditch, azure, on a chevron or, 3 magpies proper.

The church is a rectory, dedicated to All Saints, the antient valor was 40 marks, the preſent valor is 8*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* It paid Peter-pence 18*d.* and the prior of Longuevile had the patronage, and a portion of 6 marks *per ann.* now paid by the rector to New college, in Oxford, and was for the tithe of Giffard's demean lands, granted by him.

In the 1ſt of Edward I. Reginald de Sprouſton, and Theophania his wife releaſed their right in the patronage to the prior of Longuevile.

The church has a nave and 2 iſles, with a chancel, and a tower with 5 bells.

In the middle iſle a graveſtone,—*In memory of Wm. Lamb, Gent: who died Sept.* 27, 1666.—On one, with an effigies in braſs—*Of your charity pray for the ſowle of Elizabeth, late wife of Firmin Rookwood, Eſq; daughter and heir of Sir John Timperley, Kt. who died May* 13, 1533.—Another—*In memory of Margaret wife of Hen. Rookwood, who died Janu.* 19, 1691, *aged* 79 *years.—Here lyeth the body of Hen. Rookwood, the elder, Eſq; who died April* 16, 1659.—*Infra deponitur corpus Jerningamiæ, uxoris chariſſimæ Gulielmi Rookwood, Generoſi, incorporea anima tollitur in excelſis, ob.* 22°. *Decemb.* 1668, *Ætat.* 44.—*Hen. ſon of Wm. Rookwood dyed Nov.* 12, 1656.

In the chancel window, Tye, impaling ſable, a bend ingrailed, argent, cottiſed, or

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abby, were 36*s.* 8*d.*—of Norwich priory 11*s.* 2*d.*—of Ely priory 5*s.*—of Hickling 12*d.*—of St. Faiths 6*s.*

Lands lately belonging to Weſt Derham abby, granted April 4, in the 24th of Elizabeth, to Theoph. Adams and James Woodſhawe valued at 55*s.* *per ann.*

In King Henry III's. reign the king was patron, and Mr. Simon Thanet was rector.

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(*e*) Tre. Epi. Baiocenſis—In Weſtuna, ten. Stiga'd. t. r. e. i beruita L. ac. tre. 7 xx ac. ſemp. vi bord. ſep. dim. car. et e. in ptio de Sneteſham.

(*f*) Terra Hagonis—Et in Weſtuna, i ſoc. xvi ac. tre. ſep. dim. car. 7. val. ii ſol.

RECTORS.

Ralph de Walpole occurs rector about 1290.

1329, Roger de Gildeſburgh, preſented by the proctor of the prior, &c. of Longville.——1333, Thomas de Brinton, ditto.——William Plugge.——1359, John de Derby, by the king; the temporalities of Longeville, in the king's hands; he exchanged it for the archdeaconry of Barnſtable.——1369, Peter Horſeman, by Sir Nicholas Tamworth.——1374, John de Kendal, by the king.——1397, John de Middelton, ditto.

1440, Simon Thornham, L. L. B. by Sir Ralph de Rochford.——1458, Robert Popy, in decret. bacc. by the maſter, &c. of St. Mary of Wincheſter's college in Oxford.——1471, John Fermour, A.M. ditto.——1477, William Holden, ditto.——Richard Skypton.——1485, John Wodeward, ditto.

1511, William Bower, ditto.——1543, Roger Hardy, A.M. ditto.——1556, William Smithe, ditto.——1559, Henry Cornwallys, ditto.——1577, Chriſtopher England, ditto.

1631, John Moorſe, ditto.——1654, John Sheffield, ditto.

1715, Philip Smith, ditto.——1733, Gloſter Ridley, ditto.

Here were the guilds of All Saints, St. Mary, and St. John baptiſt; the image of St. Thomas the martyr, and St. Mary's light.

WHITWELL.

RALPH, ſon of Ivo, was principal lord of this town, of which Ketel, a free man, was deprived at the conqueſt: it conſiſted of 2 carucates and 15 acres of [a] land, and 8 villains, 17 borderers and 4 ſervi, with 2 carucates in demean, 6 carucates among the tenants, 14 acres of meadow, &c. 3 mills, the moiety of a fiſhery, when Ivo entered on it, 2 runci, 6 cows, 80 ſwine, 50 ſheep, 20 goats, and 6 ſkeps of bees. Two free men had alſo half a carucate of land, with 3 acres of meadow, and 2 free men one carucate of land, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, with paunage for 5 ſwine; it was valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* but at the ſurvey at 6*l.* and 16*d.* and theſe 2 free men at 6*s.* it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 5*d.* gelt, when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.*

WHITWELL, alias GAMBON's MANOR.

IN the 12 of King John, a fine was levied between Philip de Gyney, of a mill in Whitwell, which Maud de Gyney, mother of William, held in dower, whereby it was granted to Will. and Maud, and the heirs of Will. who granted licenſe to Philip, and his brother Frary, to build a mill in Hackford, with a watercourſe to it, through the land of the ſaid William in Hackford, and Witewell, of the breadth of ſix, and 5 feet deep. And by a deed, *ſans* date, William de Gyney confirmed to his brother Roger, the grant which the lady his mother had given him of an acre of land, with a meſſuage, late Ralph's, by the chapel of St. Nicholas in Whitwell, to be held of the ſaid lady during her life, and after of him.

In the 34 of Henry III. William de Whitwell impleaded Walter Ingham for 2 carucates of land in this town, Reſham, &c. and in 1260, preſented to the church of Skeyton, which came to him by the marriage of Clarice, or Catherine, daughter and coheir of Hugh de Skeyton.

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[a] Terra Rainaldi filii Ivonis——Witewella tenet i lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car. t're. 7 xv ac. p. man. tc. 7 p. viii vill. mo. vii ſep. xvii bor. tc. i p. iii ſ. mo. ii ſep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. 7 p. vi car. ho'um p. 7 mo. iiii 7 xiiii ac. p'ti. ſilv. lxxx por. iii mol. mo. ii 7 dim. priſc. qu'. rece. ii r. mo. i vi an. tc. lxxx por. mo. xxxiiii tc. l ovs. mo. lx. ſep. xx cap. tc. vi vaſa apu'. mo. xii 7 ii libi. ho'es. dim. car. t're. tc. 7 p. i car. 7 dim. mo. i 7 iii ac. p'ti. 7 ii libi. ho'es. dim. car. t're. ſep. i car. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſilv. v por. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. vi lib. 7 xvi*d.* Iſti ii libi. ho'es. val. vi ſol. 7 ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 redd. v*d.* in geldu' de hundret de xx*s.*

Richer de Whitwell was living in the 46 of that king, and had a lordſhip here; William, ſon and heir of Richer, paid relief in the 51 of that reign, for all his father's land; and Richer, ſon of William de Witwell, gave in the reign of Edward I. lands here, to Walſingham priory.——*Reg. Wals. fol.* 102.

Sir William de Quitwell died lord in the 22d year of Edward I. ſeiſed of a manor here, (and of Skeyton and Runhall,) without iſſue; and John was his brother and heir, aged 40, and lord of Winterborn Kingſton, in Dorſetſhire; this John died in the 26 of the ſaid king, ſeiſed of this manor, held of the honour of Glouceſter, by the moiety of one fee, valued at 11*l.* 12*s. per ann.* and William was his ſon and heir.

In the 8 of Edward II. William de Whitwell held half a fee of the honour of Glouceſter, and Roger Gyney 4 fees here, &c. of the ſaid honour, as appears by the eſcheat rolls. William de Whitwell, and Catherine his wife, were living in the 18 of Edward II. and in the 12 of Edward III. Nicholas de Hederſet, as truſtee, ſettled on William and Catherine, and their heirs, this lordſhip, with 3 meſſuages, 22 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 5 of paſture, and 44*s.* rent in Hackford, Alderford, &c. the ſaid William was living in the 20 of that king, and father of Simon de Whitwell, who preſented to the church of Skeyton in 1367; by his daughter and coheir, Cecily, it came to William Gambon, Eſq; who was lord in 1378 and 1396; Richard their ſon, died young, and had a ſon, Richard, who dying *ſans* iſſue, John his brother, ſucceeded, and died poſſeſſed of it in 1432, leaving Ellen his wife, in poſſeſſion of it for life; then it came to Robert Sterne, Eſq; lord *ao.* 22 Henry VI. ſon of Joan, (ſiſter and heir of John) by her huſband, - - - Sterne; and Thomas, ſon of Robert, and Margaret his wife, dying without iſſue, July 3, in the firſt year of Edward IV. left Henry, his brother and heir, at whoſe death, in the 13 of that king, Henry his ſon was a minor, aged 4 years; on his death he was ſucceeded by Simon Sterne, who occurs lord in 1548, and in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary, ſold it to Thomas † and Robert Coke, gent. 2 brothers; Thomas dying, Robert held it during the minority of George, ſon and heir of Thomas; this George held his firſt court in October, the 18th of Elizabeth, and gave it in the 7 of James I. to Auguſtine Meſſenger, gent. his brother in law, by Joan, the widow of Thomas Coke, who remarried Henry Meſſenger.

Roger Meſſenger, gent. held his firſt court in the 3d of King Charles I. and in the 9 of that king, Auguſtine Meſſenger, gent. and John Bendiſh, gent. were guardians to Auguſtine Meſſenger, a minor, and held a court in 1659; this Auguſtine married Suſan, daughter of Charles Prettyman, gent. of Bacton in Suffolk.

By an inquiſition taken October 4, in the 2d of Charles I. before William Leek, Eſq; on the death of Auguſtine Meſſenger, who died June 10, in the ſaid year, Roger was found his ſon and heir, aged 24, who dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by Auguſtine his brother, who on his death in 1650, left Auguſtine his ſon and heir, who living a batchelor, left it on his deceaſe, in 1680, to Robert Monſey, clerk, ſon of Thomas Monſey of Hackford, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter aud coheir of Thomas Meſſenger, gent.

Robert, by Mary, his 2d wife, daughter of Roger Clopton, clerk, rector of Downham, in the Iſle, had Meſſenger Monſey, M.D. phyſician of Chelſea college, now living.

Whitwell bore gules, a croſs, patonce, argent,———Meſſenger, vert, a bend, voided, and ingrailed, argent, ——Gambon, azure, a feſs, between 3 eagles legs, couped at the thigh, or.

ROSS's MANOR.

THE [*b*] part of Whitwell, which conſtituted this lordſhip, was a beruite to Cauſton, and held by Harold in King Edward's days, and after when King of England; on his death, the Conqueror poſſeſſed it, containing one carucate of land,

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† Robert was a lawyer of Lincoln's Inn.

[*b*] Terra Regis——In Witewella i beruita que jacet in Cauſtuna ten. Herald. t. r e. i car. t're. tc. x bor. mo. vii ſep. i car. in d'nio. tc. i car. hou'. mo. null. ſilva xx por. 7 v ac. p'ti. et e. in p'tio. de Caſtona.

and 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, &c. five acres of meadow, and was valued in Cauſton.

[c] This lordſhip was held of the family of de Vaux; Hugh de Vaux conveyed it by fine, to Adam, prior of Caſtleacre, before Henry de Bath, John de Gateſden, &c. the king's juſtices, with 15*s.* *per ann.* *ao.* 35, Henry III. out of a mill here.

In the 11 of Edward I. on the death of Sir John de Vaux, it came to Robert, Lord Roos, and Maud his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir John, and from the family of the Lord Roos, by marriage, to the family of Manners, afterwards earls of Rutland, &c.

The inhabitants of this manor in the 26 of Richard II. claimed a freedom from toll, as antient demean of the crown.

Henry, Earl of Rutland, conveyed by fine, in the 33 of Henry VIII. this lordſhip to Ralph Symonds, Eſq; and Elizabeth, his widow, held her firſt court in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary; Ralph was deſcended from John Symonds, gent. of Suffield in Norfolk, father of John Symonds of Cley, by the ſea, who died July 24, 1492, and had by Anne his wife, John his ſon and heir, who died January 14, and left by Anne his wife, who died May 31, 1512, Ralph abovementioned, who died February 2, 1557, and by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William Biſhop, of Great Yarmouth, was father of Gyles Symonds, who by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir Anthony Lee, of Burſton in Bucks, had Ralph, who married Anne, daughter of Jeffrey Cobb, of Sandringham, Eſq; and kept his firſt court in the 39 of Elizabeth, and was father of John Symonds, Eſq; who kept his firſt court in the firſt year of Charles I. and left by Anne his wife, daughter of—— Toothby, of Lincolnſhire; Gyles, his ſon and heir, who ſold it to Auguſtine Meſſenger, gent. in September, 1678, who gave it to Robert Monſey, clerk, lord of this manor, and that of Gambon's in 1707.

The tenths of this town were 4*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* Deducted 12*s.* The temporalities of Pentney, 12*d.* Spiritualities of St. Faith's, 10*s.* Of Stoke college 1 mark.

The church of Whitwell is dedicated to St. Michael, and was a rectory, but being granted by Sir John de Vaux, ſon of Sir Oliver, to the priory of Pentney, with one acre of land, was appropriated to it by Roger, biſhop of Norwich, on the firſt of Auguſt, 1256, aud a vicarage was ordained; the preſent valor of which, is 7*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* The valor of the rectory was 15 marks.———The church is leaded, has a ſquare tower, with 5 bells, and a clock, and a chancel covered with lead.

VICARS.

1321, John Makehayt inſtituted vicar, nominated by the biſhop of Nor. preſented by the prior, &c. of Pentney.——1345, Thomas Stutevill, collated by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1349, Thomas Martyn, nominated by the biſhop, preſented by the prior.——1375, John Benjamin, ditto.

1413, William Fitz-Piers, ditto.———1415, William Symond.——William de Spanley, vicar.——1423, John Skot.——1441, Simon Friſkney.——John Bytham, vicar.—— 477, Edmund Glydrow.———1492, John Robinſon.——1493, Robert Northern——William Stalworthy, vicar.

1525, Henry Danyel——1541, John Warner, by the king.——1542, Chriſtopher Lockwood, by the king.

In his 35 year, King Henry VIII. on December 3, granted to Robert and Gyles Townſend, Eſq; this impropriated rectory, lately belonging to Pentney priory, with the advouſon of the vicarage; and licenſe was granted to Robert Townſend, Eſq; in the ſaid year, to alienate it to Robert Cooke, and Winefride his wife, who ſoon after alienated it to Thomas Bayfeld, in truſt; and on April 18, in the ſaid year, by indenture tripartite, betwixt Robert Coke, owner of the fee ſimple, of the pariſh church of Whitwell, and Chriſtopher Lokwod, clerk, parſon of Hackford, and vicar of Whitwell, of the 2d part, and Thomas Bayfeld, William Breſe, &c. of Hackford, very and undoubted patrons of the vicarage of Whitwell, on the 3d part, witneſſeth that as the church of Hackford, and the chancel, with all the church goods, ornaments and jewels, and moſt part of the houſes in Hackford, were burnt by misfortune, the ſaid church was conſolidated to that of Whitwell, by William, biſhop of Norwich, all parties conſenting.

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[c] Reg. Caſtle. fol. 51.

William Colleſon, vicar.——1601, William Dawſon, by Sir Chriſtopher Heydon.——1602, Robert Lamkyn.——1617, William Quelch.——1620, Robert Griffith.——1633, Robert Blofield.——1637, Thomas Symonds.——1684, John Pitts.——1689, Nathaniel Palgrave.

1706, John Palgrave.——1721, Robert Cory.—1750, Mr, Neal.——1758, Mr. Buckle, who occurs vicar in 1760.

In the chancel, on a graveſtone,—*M.S. Auguſtini Meſſinger gen. et Suſannæ uxoris ejus filiæ & cohered. Caroli Prettyman, nup. de Bacton Suff. gen. qui reliquerunt unicum filium Auguſtinum, hæc obt.* 5 *cal. Apr.* 1653, *ætat.* 35.—*Ille* 6 *cal. Nov. ſequentis anni ætat.* 49.—*M. S. Auguſtini ab Auguſtino Meſſinger gen. filii unici qui cælebs obt.* 4 *Oct.* 1690.—*Anguſtine Meſſinger, gent. died June* 9. 1626, *married to his* 2*d wife, Mary, daughter of Reynold Mead, Eſq; of Eſſex.*——*Rachel, late wife of Auguſtine Meſſenger, gent. daughter of John Bowles, Eſq; died May* 25, 1609.——*George Coke, gent. died February* 7, 1609.

Aug. Barber, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Monſey of Hackford, children of Nicholas Barber of Freſingfield, Suffolk, gent. by Anne Meſſenger, daughter of Aug. Meſſinger, he died Auguſt 7, 1657, *ſhe May* 3. 1666.

The church ſtands in the ſame cemitary, or church-yard, as that of Reefham; on the ſouth ſide of the church is a chapel, with the arms of Vaux on the ſtone-work, and in the church windows are the ſaid arms, with thoſe of Lord Roſs.

In this town was alſo a chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas, valued at 7*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* it belonged to the priory of Pentney, given by the family of de Vaux; at the diſſolution it was granted to Robert Townſend, Eſq; and came after to Robert Coke, and to the dean and chapter of Norwich.

Roger de Gyney, parſon of Wytewell, *ſans* date, gave to Trinity church of Norwich, the homage of William at the chapel of Wytewell, 12*d. per ann.* out of his meſſuage between his court or hall, and the land of Sir William de Wytewell, knight; he alſo confirmed to Caſtleacre priory, the gift of his father, &c. of Offemill, with an annual † rent of 5*s.*——Gilbert, ſon of Richard and Adeleedis his wife, gave to the monks of Caſtleacre, 10*s.* out of the tithe of the mills here.

The prior of Horſham, St. Faith's, had 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of Sir William de Whitwell, ſon of Richard de Whitewll; and Raymond the prior, leaſed it to Roger, prior of Pentney, for 26*s. per ann.*

On a graveſtone alſo in the church—*Depoſitum Johs. Wigget, cives et aldermanni Norwici, filii Gulielmi Wigget de Geiſt, in Norf. qui obt. ſine prole ao.* 1692, *æt.* 73.——*Hic jacent exuviæ Thomæ filii Robt. Monſey, &c. obt. prid. cal. Feb.* 1720, *æt.* 25.

WITCHINGHAM

MAGNA and PARVA.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES, or de Eſcois, had a lordſhip of which Harduine, a free man, was deprived; there belonged to it 3 carucates of land, 16 borderers, 4 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and one [a] among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 5 ſwine, 2 mills, &c. 80 ſheep, 30 goats; and 12 ſocmen had 80 acres of land, and 5 carucates and 2 acres of meadow; and there was a church belonging to it, but not endowed.

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† Reg. Caſtleacre, f. 51.

[a] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Witcingeham ten. Hardewin. i lib. ho. t. r. e. dim. car. t're. tc. xvi bor. 7 p. 7 mo. xiii ſep. iiii ſ. ſep. ii car. in d'nio. 7 i car. ho'um 7viii ac. p'ti. ſilv' v por. ſep. ii mol. mo. i r. 7 iiii an. tc. xii por. mo. xvi tc. lxxx ov. mo. c. tc. xxx cap. mo. xl et xii ſoc. lxxx ac. t're. ſep. v car. 7 ii ac. p'ti. i eccl'a. ſine t'ra.

This William de Scohies [*b*] is, by ſome hiſtorians, ſaid to be a Scotchman, but it appears that there was a town in Normandy called Eſcoües and Eſcoyes, of which church, *&c.* the abby of Bec in Normandy were patrons; from this town the family of Scohies took their name, ſo that it is plain, he was a Norman adventurer, and rewarded by the Conqueror, with 40 lordſhips in this county.

Rainald, [*c*] ſon of Ivo, had a manor, out of which Ketel a freeman was ejected, to which there belonged half a carucate and 3 acres of land, (and Boter held it of Rainald) with one villain, and 10 borderers; there was alſo one carucate in demean, one carucate and 3 acres of meadow, of the tenants, with a mill, *&c.* valued at 20*s.* formerly, but at the ſurvey at 30*s.*

Walter Giffard [*d*] was alſo lord of a fee held by a freeman in King Edward's reign, conſiſting of half a carucate of land, one villain and 3 borderers belonged to it, and 2 ſocmen with 3 acres of land, and 3 of meadow, *&c.* valued at 10*s.* but at the ſurvey at 20*s.*

Theſe three lordſhips ſoon after the ſurvey were in the Giffards, Earls of Bucks, and made up ſeveral lordſhips, which came by marriage to the earls of Clare.

LONGUEVILE MANOR.

WALTER GIFFARD, the ſecond Earl of Bucks, confirmed to the monks of St. Faiths of Longuevile in Normandy, the grant of his father, and all that he poſſeſſed in Wichingham (excepting the fees of William and Ralph de Lions, and Botery) together with the church of St. Mary and all its appertenances, with the tithe of his demean, alſo the church of St. Faiths in the ſaid village, with all it appertenances, and the fiſheries, *&c.* witneſſes, Roger, Earl of Clare, Richard his brother, Hugh de Bolebec, Ralph de Langetot, Elias Giffard, Hugh de Newers, William de Redeham, Godfrey Botery, *&c.*

In the 19th of Edward II. Philip, the prior of Longuevile, and the convent of the order of Cluny and dioceſe of Roan, confirm to John de Dalling, citizen and mercer of London, and Joan his wife, a meſſuage and 7 acres of arable land: the convent's ſeal to this is broke of, but that of the prior remains, which is oblong, of blue wax, with his impreſs or figure, in his robes, ſtanding upright; the legend——*Sigill. Secret. Sce. Fidis de Longavile.*—After this, in the French wars, King Edward III. ſeized on the temporalities of this priory, as an alien, and in the reign of Richard II. Sir Gilbert Talbot of Waddeley in Berkſhire, farmed all the lands of this priory in England of the king, and Sir Ralph Rochford in the 9th of Henry VI. at this time the temporalities of the priory in this town were taxed at 10*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

In 1440, King Henry VI. granted this lordſhip to New college in Oxford, at the inſtance and requeſt of Thomas Bekington, biſhop of Bath and Wells, who in the college evidences is ſtiled——*Tho. Wellenſis Epiſc. Collegii, Suſtentator præcipuus.*

The college and their tenants, plead great privileges, granted and confirmed by the kings of England, viz.—Diſcharge from toll in fairs and markets where it belonged to the king, or granted from the crown ſince the 2d year of Richard II.—Diſcharge from all duties of carriage, and of bridges; and for landing any thing on the king's keys or wharfs, or for ſhipping any thing, from them; from laſtage, *&c.* and a diſcharge from all ſuits and ſervices of the king's hundred courts, wepentaks, letes, *&c.*

This manor is ſtill in New college.——Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; held it by leaſe in 1680, *&c.*

(*b*) Neuſtria pia. p. 486.

(*c*) Terre Rainaldi filij Ivonis——In Witcingeham ten Ketel, i lib. ho. t. r. e. dim. car. tre. 7 iii ac. m°. tenet Boter. ſep. i vill. 7 x bor. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 i car. hom. 7 iii ac. pti. ſep. i mol. ſep. iiii an. 7 vi por. tc. 7 p'. val. xx ſol. m°. xxx s't.

(*d*) Terre Walti. Giffardi.——In Witcingeham dim. car. tre. ten. i lib. ho. t..r. e. ſep. i vill. 7 iii bor. et ii ſoc. iii ac. tre. et iii ac. pti. ſilv. x por. tc. val. x ſol. m°. xx ſol.

WYCHINGHAM's MANOR.

IN the firſt of King John, William de Bellomonte and Muriel his wife conveyed by fine to Gilbert de Langtot, the ſervice of two knights fees, and the third part of one in this town, Saxlingham, Byntre, Ikeburgh, *&c.* and Sara de Wychingham was found in the 31ſt of Henry III. to hold the fourth part of a fee here of Robert Langtoft, he of the earl of Glouceſter, and the earl of the king; ſhe was then the widow of Walter de Wychingham, deſcended of an ancient family who had ſoon after the conqueſt an intereſt here. William, ſon of Wycher de Wychyngham was living [*e*] in the reign of King Stephen, and Roger de Wychingham was father of Walter aforeſaid, whoſe ſon Walter was living in the 53d of Henry III. when Robert de Newton, ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, received 10*s.* 8*d.* of him to excuſe him from being a knight; and the ſaid Walter was lord and kept a court in the 7th of Edward I.—Roger, ſon of Walter was living in the ſaid reign and granted meſſuages, lands, *&c.* to Sarah, widow of Walter.

Sir William de Wychingham, ſon of Richer de Wychingham, was lord in the 33d of Edward III. he was bred to the law, of which he was a ſerjeant, and a judge of the common-pleas in 1363; by his will proved March 25, 1381, he was buried in the ſouth iſle of Wichingham St. Mary's church, which he had built; gives legacies to Margaret † his wife, to Richer, Nicholas, and William his ſons, and to William Caley and Dionyſia his wife, who was his daughter.

Of this family was * Sir Geffery Wichyngham, lord mayor of London in 1346, who with the juſtices, Robert de Sadyngton, William de Thorp, and William Truſſell was to enquire into the eſcapes of John de Graham, earl of Monteith, and Duncan, earl of Fyfe, Scotch noblemen, priſoners in England, and bore for his arms, as Sir William did, ermine, on a chief, ſable, 3 croſſes pattée, or.—Alſo Hugh de Wichingham, brother of Sir Geffery, a merchant of London, who was appointed by patent in the 30th of Edward III. exchanger and aſſayer of the mint, which office was held before by Henry de Briſle, a Norfolk man.

Richer, eldeſt ſon of Sir William, married Alice, and died *ſans iſſue*; he was buried according to his will, dated in 1384, in the church aforeſaid, and proved November 10, following.

Nicholas de Wychingham ſucceeded his brother Richer, and married firſt, Alice, daughter of Roger Flete, citizen and draper of London, and was ſeiſed in her right of the manor of Totham *Parva*, in Eſſex, by whom he had William, his ſon and heir, Alice, married to Sir Roger Harſike of Southacre, and Margery to Sir Robert Tudenham of Oxburgh; his 2d wife was Joan, by whom he had Edmund of Woodriſing in Norfolk, who married Alice, daughter and heir of Sir John Falſtolf of Fiſhley, by whom he had 4 daughters and co-heirs; Amy, who married Richard Southwell of Wood-Ryſing, Eſq; Frances, to Sir William Mull of Harſcomb in Glouceſterſhire, Joan to Robert Longſtrather, and after to Robert Boys, of Honing in Norfolk, and Elizabeth, to William Bardwell, Eſq; of Weſt Herling.

The will of Nicholas is dated at Wood-Riſing in 1430, and he was buried before the high croſs, (by his firſt wife) in the church of St. Mary of Wichingham; gives legacies to that church, [*f*] and thoſe of St. Faith's in Wichingham, Alderford, Whitwell, Hankford, Salthous, Geyſt, Wood-Ryſing, Sotherton and Antingham, where he had lordſhips or lands; to Edmund, his ſon, the manors of Wood-Ryſing, Salthouſe, and Kelling, with that of Geyſt, paying an annuity of 8 marks to William Wichingham (brother of Robert) his grandſon; to Joan his wife, ‡ the manor of Antingham, who was his executrix, and proved his will in 1433, and dying in 1459, was buried in the church of the Friers Preachers of Norwich.

(*e*) Reg. de Hulmo, p. 49.

† Margaret, widow of Sir Wm. was living in the 3d of Hen. IV. and held the manor of La Vile, in Fiſhley, Walſham hund. ſee there.

* Geffrey, in a deed dated *A*°. 16, Edw. III. ſtyles himſelf Le Tableter.

(*f*) Reg. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 138.

‡ Reg. Breſyard, Norw.

William, eldeſt ſon of Nicholas aforeſaid, married, and left Robert his ſon, and heir to his grandfather Nicholas, his father William dying before him; his ſaid grandfather left by will to the ſaid Robert, the manor of Thorp-hall, in Hackford, with lands, rents and ſervices in Wichingham St. Faiths, Swanington, Alderford, Weſton, Brandeſton, Attlebrigg, Kerdeſton, Reſham, Whitwell, *&c.*

Robert de Wychingham, Eſq: married Agnes, daughter and heir, of Robert Walton, Eſq; by whom he had John, his ſon and heir, and dyed in the 29th of Henry VI. Agnes his widow, re-married James Arblaſter, Eſq; this John died in the 3d of Henry VII. lord alſo of Fiſhley Burgh-hall, and Reedham Park-hall, and left John, his ſon and heir, who by Ann his wife, daughter of Thomas Brampton, Eſq; of Brampton in Norfolk, left 3 daughters and co-heirs; Thomaſine aged 10 years, Elizabeth 5, and Oliva 4; as appears from the eſchaet rolls in the 21ſt of Henry VII. Ann ſurvived him, and in the 24th of Henry VIII. was the relict of Thomas Garniſh.

Thomaſyne married ------ Leak, and in the 38th of Henry VIII. May 16, by the name of Thomaſyne Leak, ſold all her right in this lordſhip, to George Horſeman, Eſq; Elizabeth married Chriſtopher Coot of Blow-Norton, Eſq; and Oliva to ----- Rookwood, who conveyed alſo their intereſt herein to their ſiſter Thomaſine, or to Horſman, who was lord of this manor: and in the 38th of that king, granted off a parcel of the demeans, and made it copy-hold, as appears from a court roll——“ *Dominus de ſuâ prudentiâ propriâ, in incrementum* “ *et augmentationem, redditus ſui p. curiam ſuam conceſſit, extra manus ſuas Henrico Frances heredibus et aſſignatis ſuis, ad voluntatem Domini, &c.*”

On October 14, in the 14th of Elizabeth, Sir Chriſtopher Haydon paid his fine for entering on this manor, held of the honor of Glouceſter and Clare, which he had lately bought of Henry Horſeman, ſon of George; and Sir Chriſtopher conveyed it in the 18th of that queen, to Chriſtopher Layer, alderman of Norwich, and on his death June 19, 1600, Thomas Layer, ſon of Auguſtine, ſon and heir of Chriſtopher, was found to be his cozin and heir.

In 1649, October 2, Chriſtopher Layer of Boton in Norfolk, and Suſan his wife, and Thomas Layer of Beccles, Eſq; ſold it to Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; who bought the letes (of Mr. Hunt, lord of the hundred) of Wichingham *Magna* and *Parva*.

John Norris, Eſq; of Witton, bought privily the reverſion of this eſtate of John Neve, a blackſmith of London, Oliver having no ſons, and it being entailed, came to his brother Peter Le Neve, Eſq; norroy, who died *s. p.* ſo that the heirs of Norris now poſſeſs it in right of the ſaid reverſion thus purchaſed, as is ſaid.

Peter Le Neve, Eſq; brother of Oliver, was norroy, king at arms, ſent with the enſigns of the noble order of the garter, by King George the firſt, to his brother, Prince ----, Biſhop of Oſnaburgh in Germany, a gentleman eminent for his judgement and ſkill in all parts of hiſtory and antiquity, and particularly in heraldry, a collector and purchaſer of many ancient and valuable *MSS.* and records; of indefatigable pains and induſtry, in the ſtudy of thoſe that related to this county, as his collections that he left ſufficiently teſtify.

He was educated at Merchant-Taylors ſchool in London.

MIDDLETON'S MANOR.

SIR JEFFREY DE MUTHORP, Kt. granted to Walter, ſon of William de Middleton, for 200 marks of ſilver, all his manor in Witchingham, by Reſham, with the appertenances, parks, fiſheries, foldages, *&c.* by deed *ſans date*—witneſſes, Sir William de Kerdeſton, Sir William Gyney, Sir Robert Baynard, *&c.* and Walter de Middleton, and William his ſon, were witneſſes to the deed in the reign of Edward I.

William de Middleton, in the 4th of Edward I. was one of the keeprs of the tallages aſſigned on the Jews, and cuſtos brevium of the common pleas, and held this lordſhip of the honor of Glouceſter and Clare. Walter de Middleton was an eminent lawyer, attornatus in Banco Regis, retained by Thomas, abbot of Bury, as their ſtanding council, by penſion of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* about 1310.

In the 28 of Edward I. Walter de Middleton and Maud his wife, purchaſed by fine of Simon de Kelling, *&c.* 7 meſſuages, a mill, 63 acres of land, 3 of wood, and 26*s.* rent, in the towns of Wichingham, Alderford, Sparham, *&c.*—Maud his wife, ſurvived him, and married William Gyney, who granted or leaſed the manor in the 9th of Edward II. to Thomas Athelwald of Weſton, at 12 marks *per ann.* Sterling, during the life of Maud.

In the 27th of Edward III. William de Middleton, and Iſabella his wife, had grant from Thomas, abbot of Wendling, and the convent, of a meſſuage in Norwich, in Conesford ſtreet, on the north ſide of St. Clement's church, with the advouſon of that church, for their lives: this William ſealed with a feſs, between 3 croſſes.

William, ſon of Walter de Middleton of Wichingham St. Mary, grants in the 3d of Henry VI. to Thomas his ſon, and Joan, daughter of William Dyches of Salle, and their heirs, on a marriage, this lordſhip; Joan, widow of William, (who died in the 4th of the aforeſaid king) was living in the 5th of the ſaid king, and Thomas, ſon of William, was found to hold it by the fourth part of a fee, of the honor of Glouceſter and Clare.

Thomas Middleton, chapman, of St. Clement's without Temple-Bar, London, ſon and heir of Thomas aforeſaid, releaſed it to Thomas Bryce, citizen and mercer of London, October 29, in the 31ſt of Henry VI. and Thomas Bryce and Margaret his wife paſſed it by fine to Sir John Paſton and James Arblaſter, from the heirs of Margaret, in the 9th of Edward IV.

James Arblaſter, Eſq; ſon of James, was lord in the 21ſt of Henry VII. and Ralph his ſon, in the 11th of Henry VIII. but in the 17th of that king, Miles Groos, Gent: and in the firſt of Edward VI. George Horſeman, Eſq; of Boton, who died poſſeſſed of it in 1558, when it came to his eldeſt ſon Henry, who in the 12 of Elizabeth, conveyed this lordſhip and that of Wichingham's with 4 meſſuages, 4 cottages, 8 tofts, 6 gardens, 8 orchards, 300 acres of land, 30 of meadow, 100 of paſture, 10 of wood, 10 of alder, with 40*s.* rent, and a fold-courſe in the Wichinghams, Alderford, Hackford, *&c.* to Sir Chriſtopher Haydon; from Sir Chriſtoper it paſſed to Chriſtopher Layer, and from the Layers, to Oliver Le Neve, as may be ſeen in Wichingham manor, and ſo to John Norris, Eſq;

HALL'S MANOR.

JOHN DE AULA, or HALL, was living in reign of Edward I. and kept a court in the 33d of that king, and held this lordſhip of the honor of Clare, by the fourth part of a fee; Margaret, widow of John, ſon of John de Aula, was living in the 6th of Edward III. and Gyles, ſon of John de Aula, in the 10th of that king; in the 26th of whoſe reign, Gyles conveyed it to Sir William de Wychingham; the rent of aſſiſe was then 34*s.* 9*d.* In this family it continued till Edmund Wichingham, Eſq; ſettled it in the 38th of Henry VI. on Sir John Paſton and James Arblaſter, Eſq; and James, his ſon, ſold in the 21ſt of Henry VII. to Robert Ferrar, draper, of Norwich, and William Potter, alderman of that city, who in the 17th of Henry VIII. conveyed it to Miles Groſs, from whom it came to Horſeman, and Frances Horſeman, widow of George Horſeman, kept her court, in the 1ſt of Elizabeth: ſhe re-married Robert Glaſcock, who was lord in her right, in the 7th of that queen; and Henry Horſeman paſſed it to Sir Chriſtoper Haydon, and ſo it came to Layer, and Le Neve, as above, *&c.*

BRETON's MANOR,

TOOK its name from an antient family. Robert le Breton was living in the reign of Richard I. and William Breton in the 18 of Henry III. who was made a juſtice of the Jews, and aſſociated to Henry de Bath, and Elias de Sunninge.

[g] Thorald le Breton was living at Wichingham in the 31 of that king, and married Aveline, daughter or ſiſter, of Ralph le Vilechen, of Holkham.

Robert de Norton, ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, received in the 53 of the ſaid reign, 10*ſ*. 8*d*. of William le Breton, to excuſe him from being a knight.

Edmund de Breton of Wichingham, by Ermitrude his wife, was father of William Breton, who lived in the reign of Edward I. and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of ——— Yermouth, by whom he had William his ſon.

Of this family was alſo John Breton, biſhop of Hereford, L.L.D. in the reign of Henry III. and died in 1275, who wrote his treatiſe *De Juribus Anglicanis*, at the command of the king; and John Breton who married Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir Hamon Felton, of Litcham.

In the 6 of Edward III. William Breton purchaſed of Robert Faſtolf, lands, &c. in Winterton; and in the 16 of that king, he and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed this lordſhip to William his ſon, and Iſabell his wife, daughter of John de Berney, or (as ſome) of —— de Kerdeſton; and this William is ſaid to be the father of John Breton, of Wichingham, who married Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir Hamon Felton, by whom he had John, his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of Ralph, ſiſter of Edward Gerbridge of Wickhampton, Eſq; by whom he had Edward his eldeſt ſon, who married Margery, daughter of Simon Blyant, and dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his brother Robert, who died in the 5 of Henry VI. and left by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Thomas Brampton, of Brampton, Eſq; Thomas, living in the 28 of Henry VIII. who by Margery his wife, daughter of Thomas Jermy of Metfield, in Suffolk, Eſq; had Thomas his ſon and heir, lord of this manor, and of Felmingham in Norfolk, who kept his firſt court here in the 30 of Henry VIII. and by Eleanor his wife, daughter of James Whynborough, of Whinborough, had Henry his ſon and heir; Eleanor, widow of Thomas, kept her firſt court here in the firſt of Edward VI.——Henry Breton, gent. lived at Felmingham, and married Martha, daughter of Ralph Symonds of Cley, by Holt, in Norfolk; he held his firſt court in the 3d of Elizabeth, on the death of his mother, Eleanor.

In the 8th of Elizabeth, Robert Rogers, gent. was lord, and kept his firſt court, and occurs in the 21 of Elizabeth; but on an inquiſition taken at Norwich, Auguſt 10, in the 40 of that queen, John Bendyſh, gent. was found to die July 16, in the 38 of the ſaid queen, ſeiſed of this manor, and lands held of the manor of Longevile, and ſo of the honor of Clare, and Francis was his ſon and heir, aged 14, and lord in 1621.

Afterwards it was poſſeſſed by —— Edwards of Belaugh, who ſold it in 1721, to Mr. James Peterſton, yeoman.

Breton bore quarterly, p. feſs indented, gules and argent, a mullet, in the firſt quarter ſable.

[h] Godric had at the ſurvey, the care of a manor belonging to the king, held by 3 free men in King Edward's reign; 2 villains and 9 borderers, belonged to it, with a carucate and an half of land, and 4 carucates and 9 acres of meadow, valued at 20*ſ*. but at the ſurvey paid 30*ſ*. quitrent.

This ſeems to be afterwards in the Giffards, and ſo was united to the honour of Clare, and became part of the lordſhips of Wichingham, Middleton, &c.

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[g] Reg. Walſingh. fol. 33.

[h] Terre Regis qua' Godric ſervat———In Wincingeham iii libi. ho'es. i car. t're. 7 dim. ſep. ii vill. 7 ix bord. ſep. iiii car. 7 ix ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx ſol. mo. xxx ſol. blancas.

St. BENNET's ABBY of HOLM

HAD [i] alſo a little lordſhip, given to that monaſtery in the Saxon age, to find proviſion for the monks; half a carucate of land, with one borderer, and a carucate and 2 acres of meadow belonged to it, valued at 10s. *per ann.* and the ſoc was in the king's manor of Folſham.

TURTEVILE's MANOR.

THE ſcite of it was in Wichingham *Parva*, or St. Faith's, and was given to St. Bennet's abbey, by Ernaldus a Saxon; Hugh, the abbot, in the reign of King Stephen, [k] granted it to Roger de Turtevile and his heirs, paying 10s. *per ann.* to the convent.

In the 19 of Henry III. the prior of Walſingham had an intereſt herein, and there was an agreement between him and the abbot of Holm, about the payment of the 10s. *per ann.* ſaid to be iſſuing out of a tenement of William's, ſon of Jeffrey de Turtevile, that the prior ſhould pay it to the abbot, and do homage and pay relief for it.

Robert de Turtevile, ſon of William, and Agatha his wife, were living in the 34 of Henry III. and gave lands in South Walſham to the abby of Holm, and Walter Turtevile, and Agnes his wife, in the 16 of Edward I.

It was after in the Berneys, and John Berney of Reedham, by his will in 1440, gave it to his ſon John, in tail; in the 38 of Henry VI. John Berney, and Margaret his wife, convey it with 2 meſſuages, 100 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 80 of paſture, 8 of wood, and 20s. rent in Wichingham, St. Faith's, and St. Mary's, Alderford, Attlebrigg, &c. to Henry Richers, Eſq; in truſt, and John Berney, Eſq; was found to die ſeiſed of it in the 19 of Henry VIII. held by fealty and 15s. rent, of the manor of Caſtleacre. Henry Richers after held it, and ſold it to his brother Robert Richers, gent. of Swanington, in the 6 of Edward VI. September 22, for 250*l.*

In the 14 of Charles I. Ralph Outlaw was lord; and in 1664, Thomas Outlaw.

Another lordſhip was poſſeſſed by Euſtace, Earl of Bologne, in Normandy, which Godwin, a free man, (father, as I take it, of King Harold, and earl of Kent,) held in the Confeſſor's reign, and deſcended to his ſon Harold: it conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, held by 2 villains, and 18 borderers, with 3 ſervi, 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, with 3 acres of meadow, 2 mills, 2 runci, or beaſts of burthen, 12 cows, 24 ſwine, 80 ſheep, and 4 ſkeps of bees; and 8 ſocmen had 20 acres of land; they belong to the ſoc of Folſham, but the earl held them; there were 2 carucates and an acre of meadow, then valued at 100s. at the ſurvey at 7*l.* *per ann.*

CLEY-HALL.

BARTHOLOMEW DE ANTINGHAM was lord in the 52 of Henry III. in which year, William Kerdeſton of Bintre, and Cecil his wife, paſſed by fine, to him, 2 meſſuages, 170 acres of land, 9s. rent, a mill, 2 acres of wood, 13 of meadow in Wichingham *Parva*, Alderford, &c. Sir Bartholomew died ſeiſed of it in the 16 of Edward I. held of Bertram de Criol, as part of the barony of Averenches, in Kent, who married one of the 3 daughters and coheirs of Hamon Crevequer, by the ſervice of one knight's fee and 3 quarters, and paying to the wardſhip of Dover caſtle at the end of every 28 weeks, 17s. and 6*d.* the rent of aſſiſe was then found to be 66s. *per ann.*

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[i] Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Hulmo ad victum Monachor.—In Wicingaha' dim car. t're. i bor. i car. ii ac. p'ti. val. xs. Soca in folſha' regis.

[k] Reg. de Hulmo fol. 6. 29, 44, et Reg. Walſ. fol. 102, 132.

In the 15 of Edward II. Roger de Antingham, ſon of Bartholomew, had a charter of free warren, and in the ſaid year this lordſhip was ſettled on Roger and Amicia his wife, for life, remainder on Bartholomew their ſon; and by a *compotus* of Robert Avori, baylif of the court in the 17 of Ed. III. it appears that the profits of it in that year, were 44*s.* 2*d.* that an halfpenny was paid to the ſheriff's turn, to Dover caſtle ward, November 8, 14*d.* and 14*d.* on May 22,——for the carriage of it 5*s.* 2*d.* on thoſe 2 days; and to Sir Richard Parſon of Antingham, coming to Cauſton fair.

The jury in the 39 of Edward III. find that Bartholomew de Antingham, Sir John de Repps, John Boydon, John de Somerton, &c. held lands and tenements in Wichingham and Holt, of Sir William de Morley, valued at 10*s.* *per ann.*

In the 17 of Edward IV. John Berney, Eſq, of Wichingham, died ſeiſed of this manor in Wichingham, St. Faith's; John Berney was lord in the reign of Henry VIII. and left it to his ſon John. On Saturday before the feaſt of St. Michael, in the 4 of Queen Elizabeth, Martyn Berney, Eſq; ſon of Robert Berney, Eſq; of Gunton, held his firſt court as lord of Cley Hall, Robert his father dying poſſeſſed of it December 26, in the 5 and 6 of Philip and Mary, paying 17*s.* and 6*d.* every 26 weeks, to the guard of Dover caſtle.———In the 40 of Elizabeth, May 28, Martin Berney, and Margaret his wife, Chriſtopher Grimſton of Grey's Inn, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Martin Berney, conveyed it by fine, to William Collins, who in the ſaid year paſſed it to Edward Turner.

It came afterwards to the Outlaws, and Eliz. Outlaw, widow, kept her firſt court on the laſt day of March, 1670. Thomas Outlaw of Wichingham *Parva*, was living in 1620, and by Mary his wife, daughter of ——— Corie, was father of Ralph, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, and ſiſter of Sir Robert Kemp, of Spain's Hall, in Finchingfield, Eſſex, by whom he had Thomas his ſon and heir, living in 1664, and had by Sarah his wife, daughter of William Hunt, Eſq; of Hilderſton, (ſon of Sir Thomas Hunt) Ralph his ſon and heir, who married firſt Urſula, daughter of Richers Brown, of Fulmerſton; his 2d wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Adams of Norwich, and dying *ſans* iſſue, about 1670, left part of his eſtate to —— Brown of Saxthorp, and part to Elizabeth his wife, who afterwards married Gyles Cutting, an attorney.

Antingham bore ſable, a bend, argent.

Outlaw, argent, a ſaltire between 4 foxes, or wolves heads, couped, gules.

STREET HALL.

JOHN DE BERNEY was lord in the 12 of Edward III. and granted to Alice, daughter of Simon Eſt, an annuity of 4*l.* for life, out of it, and agreed to be therewith content, ſo long as ſhe lived in the company of the ſaid John, and was found at his coſt with meat, drink, cloaths, &c. but that on the hour the ſaid John ſhould marry, he ſhould give towards her marriage, 30 marks, and provide her a convenient chamber *de lynge & launge*, then the ſaid annuity to be void; this agreement was ſealed by her at Burgh, near Brok, the morrow after St. Luke's day.

Robert de Mouton, and Felicia his wife, conveyed by fine to John de Berney, in the 24 of that king, 4 meſſuages, 48 acres of land, 5 of meadow, and 6*s.* rent, with the homages and ſervices of diverſe perſons in the Wichinghams, Alderford, &c. for 40 marks of ſilver; and in the 37 of that reign, Henry de Moreſley, and Margaret his wife, granted lands here to John de Berney, and Thomas his ſon, with homages and ſervices; in the 39 year, William de Burgh, parſon of Cantley, and John de Heveningham, convey a meſſuage, two tofts, 76 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 6 of wood, 4 of alder, and 25*s.* rent here, &c. to John de Berney, and Catherine his wife, for life, remainder to Thomas and Robert.

John de Berney, by his will, dated in 1373, was to be buried in the church of the Holy Trinity, of Norwich, by Joan his late wife, if the prior and convent conſent, if not, in [*l*] the chapel of St. Ann, built by him, and adjoyning to the church of Burgh,

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[*l*] Reg. Haydon.

Burhg, by Sarah his wife; ſhe was daughter of Sir Barth. Bateman: Catherine his 2d wife, was daughter of Peter de Bedingfeld, (by the firſt he had 2 ſons, Robert and Thomas,) orders 20*l.* for his funeral expences; gives to Wichingham, St. Mary's church, 20*s.* and to St. Faith's 10*s.*

Sir Robert his ſon, was a knight batchelor of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, ſheriff of Norfolk in the reign of Henry IV. and married Margaret, daughter of John Appleyard, Eſq; or (as ſome ſay) of Walter de Walcote, and widow of Roger de Weliſham; he died in 1415, Margaret ſurvived him, and was buried in the church [*m*] of Runhale, before the altar of St. Catherine, as by her will, dated at Gunton, on Friday after the Epiphany, in the 3d of Henry V. John Berney, only living ſon of Sir Robert, was lord in the 4 of Henry V. and John Berney, Eſq; in the 19 of Henry VI. and in the 28 of that king, John Bernard held it in right of Joan his wife, relict of John Berney; John Berney, Eſq; was lord in the 38 of that king, and on December 22, 1471, adminiſtration of the goods, &c. of John Berney, Eſq; late [*n*] of Wichingham, was granted Joan his relict.

Robert Berney was lord in 1524, John Berney, Eſq; in 1530, and Martin Berney in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

After this, it was in Thomas Allen, a citizen of London, about the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the laſt of which family was Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Aleyn of Street Hall, who married William Bladwell, eldeſt ſon of William Bladwell of Swannington, Eſq; and afterwards John Herne, 2d ſon of —— Herne of Haverland, in Norfolk, Eſq; who died September 15, 1713, and was buried (where ſhe lived) at Twayte in Norfolk.

The tenths of Great Wichingham were 7*l.* 16*s.* Deducted 16*s.* and of Little Wichingham, 2*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* Deducted 6*s.*

Lenwaden bridge in this town, was found at a general ſeſſion held at Norwich, January 10, 1653, to be a county bridge, and to be repaired by the county of Norfolk.

The temporalities of Walſingham priory were 15*s.*

The church of Great Wichingham is dedicated to St. Mary, was antiently a rectory, granted to the priory of Longuevile, by Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, and appropriated to it, valued at 40 marks, and a vicarage was ſettled, valued at 6 marks and an half, in the patronage of the ſaid priory, after of New College in Oxford, and paid Peter-pence, 10*d.* The prior and convent of Norwich had 2 garbs of the tithes of the demeans of Jeffrey, ſon of William de Leons, farmed of them, (as [*o*] appears) at 7*s. per ann.* and demiſed to Joan, Lady Bardolf, in the 22 of Henry VI. at 20*s. per ann.* The preſent valor is 4*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* This portion was granted at the diſſolution to the dean and chapter of Norwich, and was in 1660, 12*s. per ann.* John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, granted it, and Biſhop Blumvile confirmed it.

VICARS.

1312, William de Baldeſwell inſtituted vicar, nominated by the biſhop of Norwich, and preſented by the proctor of the prior, and convent of Longevile.——1332, John Badele, ditto.——John Stoner vicar.——1337, Nicholas Sutheved.——1371, Peter Atte-Townſend, preſented by the king, and nominated by the biſhop.

1414, William Ham.——1419, Henry Sweyn.——1431, William Fuller.——Richard Betts occurs in 1488.——Robert Child occurs in 1492 vicar.

1505, Robert Eſte, by the maſter of St. Mary's of Wincheſter college.——1513, Richard Cragge.——1519, William Twayts, decret. doctor.—1525, William Howſeman.—Robert Church.—1551, Hen. Saxon.—1551, Henry Lewen.—1557, James Stankye.—1561, John Skotte.——1581, Ed. Muſlebrook.——

1613, William More.——1615, John Green.——1640, Henry Complyn, vicar.—1651, Thomas Whitby.—1665, William Bearcliff.——1670, James Sacheverell.

1711,

[*m*] Reg. Thurning, p. 5.

[*n*] Reg. Jekkys Norw. fol. 36, *b.*

[*o*] Reg. 5. Ecc. Norw. fol. 8.

1711, Edward Somervile, by New college.——1722, Sacheverel Bookey, by New college.

The vicar pays a portion of 3*s.* 4*d.* to New college, *per ann.*

The church and chancel are covered with lead, and has a ſquare tower with 4 bells.

In the chancel a graveſtone——*In memory of Francis Le Neve and Margaret his wife, who lived in a wedded eſtate* 53 *years, and died on St. Peter's day* 1616, *and ſhe in* 1618.——One for *Hen. Le Neve, Gent: who died, : :th Sept.* 1652.—*In memory of Francis Le Neve, Eſq; and Alice his wife, he died Sept.* 25, 1652, *aged* 79.

Here lyeth Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; a faithful ſubject of the king, an obedient ſon of the church, a ſtout patron of juſtice, and a true lover of his countrey, no friend to popery or preſbytery, but a zealous aſſertor of the church of England, as the neareſt to primitive chriſtianity, and the very ſanctuary of the Engliſh intereſt, liberty and property; he was for his intellectuals of a moſt ſound, ſolid, deep, and piercing judgment; for his morals of a moſt prudent, ſober, grave, juſt, generous, and every way obliging, vertuous converſation, wherein he eminently excelled, and was therein conſtant to his death, which was Jan. 21, 1678, *and in the* 78 *year of his age.*

May his poſterity immortalize his name by imitation of his virtues.

Vir bonus eſt hic, qui ut leges patriæ, ſic ſacram religionem firmiter excoluit.

Near this ſtone lyeth the duſt of Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; late one of the juſtices of the peace, and captain of a foot company of the militia, of this county; ſecond ſon of Francis Le Neve, gentleman, citizen and : : : : : : of London, and of Avice his wife, daughter of Peter Wright, and ſiſter of Peter Wright, of London, merchants, he died on the 23, *of : : : : : : : :,* 17 : :, *and was buried on the* 26*th of the ſame month; leaving by his firſt wife, Anne, only daughter of Sir John Gaudy, of Weſt Herling in this county, Bt. (who lyeth by his ſide) three daughters and co-heirs, Iſabella, Anne, and Henrietta Le Neve, who cauſed, : : : : : : to be laid. As alſo what remains of Elizab. his* 3*d wife, daughter and co-heir expectant of Robt. Sheffield of Kenſington, Eſq; grandſon of Edm. Earl of Mulgrave; long : : : : : ſhe died ſuddenly on the* 8*th day of Nov.* 1707, *without a child, and buried here on the* 12*th day of the ſame month.*

A grave-ſtone—*For Anne, Wife of Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; only daughter of Sir John Gaudy of Weſt Herling, Bt. who died Feb.* 10, 1695, *aged* 31 *years:* with the arms of Le Neve and Gaudy.

Mortalibus exuviis hic depoſitis, dormit beatam præſtolans anaſtaſin (cum ſurgite noviſſimum reſonabitur) fœmina e pluribus lectiſſima, Jana, Joh. Knyvet, Equitis de Balneo, filia, : : : :, præter unam minima, virtutibus tamen magna, Oliverj Le Neve, Armigeri, uxor altera, ſed nulli ſecunda. Utpote quæ viro, ſuiſq; omnibus, non unquam erat, niſi moriendo, gravis; obt. 19 *Junij, anno ſalutis noſtræ,* 1704.

Here lyeth the body of Elizab. wife of Oliver Le Neve, Eſq; who died Jan. 23, 1658.

One—*In memory of Anne Gardiner, wife of Michael Gardiner, of the Inner Temple, Eſq; daughter of Sir John Kelling, Kt. late lord chief juſtice of England, by Martha his wife, daughter to Sir Thomas Boteler of Bedfordſhire, Kt. ſhe died Sep.* 29, 1673.

In memory of Thomas Playter, ſon of John Playter of Satterley in Suffolk, Eſq; (after Sir John Playter, Bt.) and Iſabel his wife, who died 1678.

On a grave-ſtone in the church——*Hic jacet Will'us de Wychingham, Armigi. qui obijt* 12°. *die menſis Maij A°. Dni.* 1414——with the arms of Wychingham, on a braſs plate.

Orate p. a'i'a Johanne Berney, filie Radulphi Berney, Armigeri.

Orate p. a'i'a Johs. Berney, filij Radulfi Berney de Wichingh. Armig.

Sub hoc marmore depoſuit exuvias carnis Joh. Bird, Generos. vir ſatur dierum ac honorum, qui poſt peractam quatuor coronis Britannicis [†] *in aulâ regia fidelitatem, jam tandem ad præſtandum, quintæ coronæ obſequium imperatur, ſed quinta*

[†] He was a yeoman of the guard.

corona ipſiſſima perenni et : : : : : ſera morte inſignitus eſt. Denuo poſt tot exantlatos labores et conſummatos honores in octogeſimo ſexto ætatis ſuæ curriculo denatus eſt Jul. 28, A. D. 1660, a terreſtri hoc pulvere in cæliſte faſtigium evectus eſt.

A monument on the wall by the ſcreen——*Geo. Meres, Eſq; born at Saleby in Licolnſhire, and Alice his wife, daughter of Robert Jenyſon of Burnham Market, Eſq; the parents of Suſan, wife of John Bird of Wichingham, Gent. George died* 1636, *and Alice,* 1638:—with the arms of Meres, gules, a feſs, between 2 ſwans proper, Jenyſon.

A grave-ſtone——*In memory of Tho. Alleyn of Wichingham Magna, Gent: who died Feb.* 3, 1650, *and his* 2 *wifes*:—with the arms of Alleyn, p. bend ſiniſter, frappée, argent and ſable, 6 martlets counterchanged, and this diſtich,

Death here advantage hath of life I ſpye,
One huſband with two wifes at once may lye.

In the chancel are ſeveral atchievements; Le Neve, argent, on a croſs ſable, 5 lys of the firſt, impaling, Gaudy, vert, a tortoiſe, paſſant, argent;—Le Neve, impaling Knevet, argent, a bend and bordure ingrailed, ſable;—Le Neve, impaling Sheffield.

Le Neve, impaling Corey, ſable, on a chevron, between 3 griffins heads, or, 3 mullets pierced, gules.——Le Neve, impaling Havers.

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle, was a chapel belonging to Strete-hall: in the windows, the arms of Berney, per pale, azure and gules, a croſs, ingrailed, ermine, impaling azure, a chevron, between 3 ſeapies, proper——Holditch of Ranworth.

In the windows of the church, the arms of Berney, Wichingham, Morley; Berney, impaling azure, a chevron, or, between howlets, argent, beaked and peded, of the 1ſt—Appleyard.—Berney impaling Walcot, with—*Orate p. a'i'a Robti. Berney et Margarete et Margarete, uxor ejus*; this Sir Robert ſeems to have had 2 wives; Appleyard and Walcot;—Berney, impaling Bedingfeld——argent, 2 chevronels, ſable, between 3 roſes, gules, leafed and ſeeded proper, the arms of New college in Oxford, and of biſhop Wickham their founder.

Beatrix Doraunt, widow, buried in the church-yard in 1473, gave legacies to St. Mary, and St. John Baptiſt's guilds, to St. Mary light, thoſe of St. Chriſtopher, the Holy Trinity, and our lady of pity. Thomas Frary, buried in the church-yard, gave legacies in 1513, to our lady in the chancel end, and to her light, to St. Nicholas, in the chancel, to St. Chriſtopher, St. Anne, St. Anthony, and to St. Thomas of Canterbury. Here were alſo the plow light, hallow maſs, the rode loft, common light, and light before the ſacrament.

Francis Neve, Eſq; by his will dated September 24, 1651, gave 20*l.* to the poor.

In 1556, an inventory was made of ſuch goods and implements as belonged to this church; a pix, and 6 pix cloths, 2 pair of chalyſe, one parcel gylte—a pix of ſilver, to bere in the hoſt, gylt—an altar cloth of lynnyng, upon the altar, and an herſe cloth of dornyſe for the altar—a cope of red ſatten, and a veſtment of the ſame—three abbes—two old veſtments—two corporas caſys, with one cloth—a ſacryn bell, 2 ſurpleſſes and 2 rochets—a pair of cenſors, and a holy water ſtopp—a chryſmatory, a meſſe book, a manuel, an antiphoner, a baud cloth, with a pendon, an old blew herſe cloth—a blew veſtment of right ſatten.

I alſo find there were 6 copes, the beſt of red velvet, and the image of our lady and the Holy Ghoſt in the cope, the next of - - - - - - - ſilver wrought with gold, another of white, branched damaſk, one of black velvet, *&c.*—a crymſy deacon and ſub deacon velvet—a St. Nicholas cope—a veſtment of crymſy velvet, with images of gold—a red velvet one, a black velvet one, *&c.* a cloth of white lynen for the font, 2 hand bells, a ſilver cenſor, *&c.* for every altar 2 latyn candleſticks, and for the high altar four, a ſtayned cloth before the altar painted of the aſſumption of our lady, alſo painted cloths to hang before other ſaints, a lynen cloth before the rood loſt, and one to cover the rood—the veil cloth—the ſepulchre timber—24 candleſticks of latyn for the rode loſt, *&c.*

The church of Wichingham *Parva* is dedicated to St. Faith, Peter-pence 5*d.* old valor, and the preſent valor is 5*l.*

The prior of Longavile had a portion valued at 40*s.*

RECTORS.

Mr. Hugh de London occurs rector in 1293, the biſhop's official.

1318, Roger de Stretlee inſtituted, preſented by the proctor general of the prior and convent of Longavile.——1375, William Bernard, by the king, the temporalities being in his hands.——Thomas Pykkebene, ditto.——1397, William Barton.

1406, Edmund Fyſher.——1419, John Clyfford.——1439, John Emelyn, by Sir Ralph Rocheford, in right of the priory, as leſſee.——1469, Edmund Hanſon, by the maſter and fellows of St. Mary Wincheſter college of Oxford.——1477, Mr. Richard Smith, in decret. baccal.——1479, William Lynton, ditto.—— - - - -, John Whether.

1517, Thomas Angewyn, *A. M.*——1520, John Southwood.——1521, Robert Qwarles.——1546, Richard Dominick, *A. M.*——1547, John Strong.——1557, John Sankye.——John Skotte occurs in 1561; on March 1, in the 4th of Elizabeth, he leaſed the manſion houſe, barns, ſtable, *&c.* of this rectory, with the curtilage, gardens, and 6 acres of paſture, for 80 years, at 10*l. per ann.* and was confirmed by the biſhop and patron.——1581, Edward Muſſebrook.

1613, William More.——1617, John Green.——1640, Henry Complyn.——1651, Thomas Whitby.——1665, William Bearcliff.——1670, James Sacheverell.

1711, Edward Somervile, by New college Oxford.——1722, Sacheverel Bookey, ditto.

A grave-ſtone—*In memory of Ralph Outlawe, Gent: who dyed Nov.* 14. 1670.

Elizab. his wife, died July 4, 1671.

In memory of Tho. Outlawe, of Kardeſton, Gent: who died May 15, 1650.

In memory Tho. Outlawe, the elder, Gent: who died July 3, 1633.

In the windows of the chucrh, the arms of the earls of Clare, of Ufford, Mortimer, of Attleburgh and Kerdeſton.

The temporalities of St. Faiths priory here were 2*s.*

WOOD NORTON.

PART of this town belonged to the biſhops of the Eaſt Angles, and to the ſee, when it was at North Elmham, in this county, and when the ſee was at Thetford, we have this account of it from the ſurvey.—Norton was a beruite to the biſhop of Thetford's manor [*a*] of Hilderſton, conſiſting of 200 acres of land, held by 9 villains and 6 borderers, with 2 ſervi, there was always one carucate in demean, and two among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 ſwine, there was the 3d part of a church belonging to it, endowed with 2 acres and a half of land, valued at 4*d.* and 8 ſocmen had 51 acres of land, 3 borderers, 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, *&c.* and Hugo held this under the biſhop. This beruite with the lordſhips of Hilderſton, Geiſt, Geiſtweit, belonging to the biſhop, were valued together at 13*l.* viii*s. per ann.*

Herbert, biſhop of Norwich, on his foundation of the priory of Norwich, gave this lordſhip to it as part of their endowment, and alſo granted lands, *&c.*

to

(*a*) Terra Epi. Tedford'ſis ad epiſcopatu. p'tinens t. r. e.——Hic jacet (in Hildolfeſtina) i beruita que dicitur Nortuna de cc ac. ſep. ix villi. 7 vi. bor. tc. ii ſ. m°. i ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 ii car. hominu. viii ac. pti. ſilv. xxxporc. 7 t'cia pars eccle. in bereuuita de ii ac. 7 dim 7 val iiii*d.* 7 viii ſoc de LI ac. tre. qd. ten. Hugo de epo. iii bord. ſep. ii car 7 iiii ac. pti. ſilv. x porc.

to Edric Le Cat, in this town, Geiſt and Hilderſton. Godfrey Le Groſs, a deſcendant of Edric, granted all his right herein to the aforeſaid priory, in the 31ſt of Edward I. as may be ſeen in Hilderſton. Sir Alan Le Groſs, ſon of Roland was living at Wodenorton, in the reign of Henry III. and had a daughter Chriſtiana, married to Andr. de Sharnburn, and after to Edmund de Gelham, and died the 10th of Edward I. His ſon Adam was father of Robert Le Groſs of Geiſtweyt, living in the 20th of Edward III. but John le Groſs was ſeiſed of this lordſhip in the 23d of Edward I, and in the 25th of that king, had a writ—*Ad quod Damnum*, to give lands to religious uſes.

Thomas de Gelham, in the 20th of Edward III. was found to hold half a quarter of a fee of the biſhop of Norwich, which Edmund de Gelham formerly held, and before this, in the 11th of Edward II. a fine was levied between Richard, ſon of Edmund de Gelham, Reginald and Philip his brothers, querents, and Chriſtiana, widow of Edmund, deforciants of a moiety of this manor, ſettled on her for jointure, and rendering 8*l. per ann.* to her for life inſtead of it.

In the 11th of Richard II. Thomas Curſon of Folſham, John, ſon of William Curſon, and Henry Curſon, parſon of Folſham, releaſed to William Curſon, all their right in the manors of Gelham and Gerbridge in this town.

Sir Edmund de Reynham purchaſed by fine the manor of Gelham, of John Spoo, and Nichola his wife, in 1394, and in the ſaid year, Sir Thomas Gyney, *&c.* were querents, John Curſon, junior, and Margery his wife, deforciants, of this manor and the advouſon, conveyed to Gyney, and in 1401, Sir Thomas Geney preſented to the church of St. Peters in this town.

John de Save's manor, which was granted to Alice de Luton, in the reign of King Henry III. and called Luton fee, extended into this town, Geiſt, and Themilthorp, (as is there mentioned) and came after to the Gerbridges, who had an intereſt alſo in this lordſhip, of the biſhop of Norwich; Thomas Gerbridge held it in the 15th of Edward I. John Gerberge preſented to the church of All Saints in this town, in right of this manor, in 1310, and in 1321; in 1355, Roger Gerbrigge preſented, and in 1359, the biſhop of Norwich, as guardian of the heir of Roger Gerbrigg, as lord of Ling-hall.

In 1374, Sir Thomas Gerberge died inteſtate, and left Alice his widow, and William, his ſon and heir; Alice his widow, releaſed in the 12th of Richard II. to Sir Thomas Hengrave, Hugh Curſon, *&c.* all her right in the manor of Wood-Norton, 2 parts of the manor of Yaxham, the homage and demean of Luton fee, and her right in the manor of Thorley in Hertfordſhire.

William Gerberge, in the 4th of Henry IV. held half a quarter of a fee of the biſhop, and half a fee in this town and Themilthorp, of the Earl of Arundel: in the 13th of that king, a fine was levied between Sir John Howard, and Sir John Heveningham, querents, Sir Thomas Gerberge, Kt. and Cecilia his wife, deforciants, when it was ſettled as a joynture on the ſaid Cecilia, and paid to her 8*l. per ann.* for life.

In 1414, Joan, relict of William Gerbrige, Eſq; on account of the manor of Ling-hall, [b] preſented by her aſſignee, and in 1427, John Crane preſented to All Saints church as lord; in 1449, Edmund Dokking and Margaret his wife; in 1457, Alice Crane preſented, and Edmund Docking and Margaret his wife in 1461; by this it ſeems that Crane and Dokking had each a moiety of preſentation to the church of All Saints.

John Savile preſented to it in 1503, in right of his wife, and Sir Robert Southwell, as lord of the whole town, to All Saints and St. Peter's churches, in 1509; from the Southwells it came to the dean and chapter of Chriſt church in Oxford, who preſented in 1552; the church is now conſolidated, the preſentation is in the dean and chapter at this time, lords of the town; and held of them by leaſe.

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(*b*) Lib. inſtit. Norw.

NORTON-HALL.

RAINALD, ſon of Ivo, had a lordſhip held by St. Edmund in the Confeſſor's time; [c] 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 8 villains, 8 borderers, one carucate in demean, 3 carucates among the tenants, and 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 ſwine, 6 cows, &c. 12 goats, valued at 20*s.* at the ſurvey at 30*s.*

[d] Walter Giffard had alſo 72 acres of land, out of which 3 free men were ejected, held by 6 borderers, with 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 13*s.* but at the ſurvey at 20*s.* and one of theſe free men was under the protection of Almar, biſhop of Norwich.

It appears from *Domeſday* book, that even religious houſes of the greateſt diſtinction, were not free from the depredations and plunder of the Norman invaders, and the abby of St. Edmund of Bury, was deprived of this their lordſhip here, by Rainald, ſon of Ivo.

Both theſe lordſhips abovementioned, came to the earls of Clare, from the Giffards, by marriage.

[e] Hugo or Hugh de Norton, was lord, and father of Henry; Robert de Norton, his ſon, by Maud his wife, was father of Roger de Norton, who by Alice his wife, had Robert his ſon, *ſans* date.

John de Norton was lord in the 34 of Henry III. and of Geyſtweyt, and John his ſon, was living in the 14 of Edward I. In 1308, Philip de Norton, lord, preſented to the church of St. Peter's in this town, and held this manor of Geyſweyt, of the earl of Clare, by half a fee; he preſented alſo in 1320, and Vincent de Norton in 1344 and 1349.

William de Norton was lord in 1361, and preſented to the aforeſaid church, but in the 13 of Richard II. it was found that this manor with a meſſuage, 210 acres of land, 50*s.* rent *per ann.* with the advouſon of St. Peter's church was held by John Ryſing, as of the manor of Pencethorp, and of the honor of Clare, and after by Sir Robert Carbonell, as lord of Pencethorp; and that William Norton did not die ſeiſed of it, but as a convict; and that Nicholaa his wife, was now married to John Spoo; William fled beyond ſea for ſome crime, and the manor eſcheated to the crown, and John Spoo and Nicholaa, were in poſſeſſion of it, and preſented to St, Peter's church in 1386.

After this, it was in Sir Thomas Geney, who preſented in 1401;——Thomas Geney, Eſq; in 1415, and Sir Thomas Geney in 1416; John Bryſton, Eſq; preſented as lord in 1424, and John Crane, Eſq; to St. Peter's in 1428.——In the 8 of Henry VI. there was an agreement, dated April 20, between William, prior of Norwich, &c. and their tenants, and William Paſton, one of the king's juſtices, Sir Edmund Berry, and John Crane, Eſq; ſeiſed in fee of the manor of Woodnorton, and Lyng Hall, and their tenants; and William Paſton, Eſq; of London, preſented to St. Peter's, as lord, in 1485.

John Bernard, Eſq; of Norwich, by his will, dated March 16, 1474, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Michael, of Coſlany, Norwich; gives ſums of money to the Friers Auſtine, Carmes, Dominicans there; to the nuns of Carhow, Mettingham college; the churches of Geyſt, Geyſtwayt, Burgh by Whetacre, St. Laurence's, St. Margaret, and St. John of Ilketeſhall, in Suffolk; to Anne his wife, 10*l.* *per ann.* his manor of Norton-Hall, and rents called Clere rents, with a water mill, and foldcourſe for life, after to be ſold by his executors, and the money given to pious uſes; his manor in Eaſt-Derham called Colbourns, alias Mowles, to be ſold, and his ſwan mark in Norwich river to his wife for life, after to be ſold; proved June 7, 1474. About this time Norton-Hall manor was valued at 6*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

(*c*) Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis——In Nortuna ten. S cs. Edmund t r. e. ii car. t're. ſep. viii vill. tc. viii bor. mo. xvi ſep. i car. in d'nio. tc. 7 p. iii car. ho'um mo. ii 7 viii ac. p'ti. ſilv. xxx por. ſep. vi an. 7 vi por. 7 xii cap. tc. 7 p. val xx ſol. mo. xxx.

[*d*] Terre Walteri Giffardi, in Nortuna iii libi. ho'es. lxxii ac. t re. ſep. vi bor. ſep ii car. 7 iiii ac. p'ti. ſilv. viii por. tc. val. xiii ſol. mo. xx 7 i de his hominib; fuit com'd. Almari Epi.

[*e*] Regiſt. Bromholm, fol. 64, 66, &c.

In 1509, Sir Robert Southwell, as lord, preſented to St. Peter's, and All Saints churches; and in 1533, Sir Richard Southwell to St. Peter's, and Sir Richard, by his aſſigns, preſented to All Saints in 1540.

Soon after, May 16, *ao.* 38 Henry VIII. it was granted to the king, by Sir Richard, in exchange for certain abby lands; and King Henry VIII. gave it to the dean and chapter of Chriſt Church in Oxford, December 11, *ao.* 38. In 1552, the dean and chapter preſented, and the patronage is now in that church.

Hagon, [*e*] the Conqueror's reeve or bailiff, had a grant of 50 acres of land; 5 ſocmen held it of him, and were reſident on the land; and the tenants had 2 carucates, and 11 acres of meadow, &c. it was always valued at 10*s.* This came ſoon after to the Giffards, and ſo was united to the honor of Clare.

John, ſon of John de Wood-Norton, and Warine le Groſs, with Mabel his wife, granted to Walſingham priory, ſix ſcore ſheep in the [*f*] common paſture, from Ulfs Croſs to Horſley Bec; and Jeffrey le Groſs, 6 ſheep between Jordan de Haghaghs, and Swanton Wood, and confirmed the other common in Norton meer. It appears that Bertrand, ſon of Warine le Groſs, was father of Jeffrey, and Rodland le Groſs was his ſon.

Richard le Brun, of Walſingham *Parva*, gave them lands that he purchaſed of Robert, ſon of Hugh de Byntre, and of Strangia his mother; and Hugh, ſon of Robert de Byntre, gave lands with a foldcourſe and a droveway.

By a deed, the prior agreed to pay to Godfrey, rector of St. Peter's church, 2*s.* *per ann.* for ſmall tithes of their manor in this town, called Dulacres, and the rector was to take tithe of the corn only. The temporalities of this priory in rent, land, and adovehouſe, valued in 1428 at 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

Nigel Sulier, of Hapeſburgh, by deed, *ſans* date, gave to the priory of Bromholm, [*g*] 56 acres of land, with rents, homages, and ſervices here, and in Geyſt; William Atwood gave a foldcourſe and common of paſture.——Their temporalities valued at 22*s.* 7*d.* *ob.* *q.*

The temporalities of Weſtacre priory valued at 3*s.* 6*d.*

Eborard, ſon of Sir Ralph de Geyſt, granted to Caſtleacre priory the rent of William, the clerk of Byntre, which he held of him in land and paſture at Horſley Bec; [*h*] Gilbert, ſon of Ralph, two parts of the tithe of his demeans——Ralph, ſon of Gilbert, lord of Felveteſham, two parts of the tithe in all things of his lands in Norton, as well cattle, as ſmall tithe, and all offerings, of which tithe ought to be yearly paid, as well as of corn. Their temporalities valued at 4*s.*

Temporalities of Fakenham Dam, 8*d.*——Of Coxford, 2*s.* 9*d.* *q.*——Of Norwich priory, 40*s.*

Lands in the tenure of John Ruſſel, late belonging to Buckenham priory, granted July 30, *ao.* 1 of Queen Mary, to George Rotherham and Robert Barber.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* Deducted 4*s.* 2*d.*

There were two churches ſtanding in this town in the 5 of Henry V. as appears by the will of Sir Thomas Geney of Brandeſton;——All Saints, the valor of which was 5 marks, Peter-pence 2*d.*——St. Peter's, the valor 5 marks, Peter-pence, 7*d.* *ob.* both rectories, but St. Peter's has been dilapidated long ſince, and conſolidated with All Saints; the preſent valor of which is 7*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* *ob.*

All Saints church has no ſteeple, but a frame for bells in the church-yard.

In the chancel a graveſtone *In memory of Samuel Fiſher, rector, who died Feb.* 17, 1691.——And in the church, one *In memory of Edward Blower, of Wood-Norton, gent. 2d ſon of Chriſtopher Blower, of Weſton on the Green in Oxfordſhire, who died December* 3, 1681.——And one *For John Lee of Fulmodeſton, gent. who died December* 12, 1681.

RECTORS.

In 1310, Peter le Curſon inſtituted rector, the church not named, preſented by John

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[*e*] Terra Hagonis—In Nortuna l ac. t're. 7 v ſoc in ipſa t'ra manentes ſep. ii car. intr. ho'es 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſep. val. x ſol.

[*f*] Reg. Walſingh. in Bibliot. Cotton, p. 107, 109, &c.

[*g*] Reg. Bromholm, fol. 64, &c. 74.

[*h*] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 57.

Gerberge.——1321, William Gerberge, ditto.——Vincent de Norton, rector. 1308, William de Ry, by Philip de Norton.——1314, Richard de Glooz, ditto. ——1320, Jeffrey Boteman, ditto.——1344, Henry de Fordham, by Vincent de Norton.——1349, Thomas de Heydon, ditto.——1355, Thomas Curſon, to All Saints, by Roger Gerberge.——1356, Robert Curſon, by Eleanor, late wife of Roger Gerberge.——1356 John Hubert, to St. Peter's, by Vincent de Norton.—— 1357, Richard Nicholls, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1358, William Lacthon, by the biſhop, guardian of the heir of Roger Gerberge.——Thomas Heydon, rector.——1359, John de Elford, to All Saints, by the biſhop, as guardian of the heir of Roger Gerberge.——1361, William de Rolleſton, to St. Peter's, by William de Norton.——1386, Thomas Makhaut, by John Spoo, and Nicholaa his wife.—— 1387, John Clerk, to All Saints, by William Gerbridge of Wood-Norton.——

1401, Richard Good, to St. Peter's, by Sir Thomas Geney.——1404, Thomas Ryngſted to St. Peter's, by Thomas Geney.——John Giffe occurs rector in the 8th of Henry IV.——Roger Philpot, rector.——1408, John de Thorpland, by Sir William Bardwell.—1409, Robert Folſham, by Thomas Gerbridge.——1413, John Everard, to St. Peter's, by Thomas Geney.——1414, Robert Hall, to St. Peter's, by Thomas Geney, Eſq;——1414, John Bykkys, to All Saints, by John Crane, on account of the manor of Linghall on a grant from Joan, relict of William Gerbrige, Eſq;——John Kelk, rector.——1415, John Skarlet, to St. Peter's, by Thomas Geney.——1416, Andrew Valentyne, by Sir Thomas Geney.——1424, Robert Syre, to St. Peter's, by John Bryſton, Eſq;——1425, Thomas Gloos, to St. Peter's, by John Crane Eſq;——1427, Simon Blake, to All Saints, by John Crane. ——1449, John Thomſon, to All Saints, by Edmund Dokking, and Margaret his wife.——1457, Stephen Paly, by Alice Crane.——1461, John Shyming, to All Saints, by Edmund Dokking, and Margaret his wife.——1472, Thomas Lenn, by the biſhop, a lapſe——.1485, Jeffrey Howys, to St. Peter's, by William Paſton, Eſq; of London.

1503, James Ottis, to All Saints, by John Savaile, in right of his wife.——1509, William Hayward, by Sir Robert Southwell, to All Saints and St. Peter's.—— 1533, Octavian Talbot, to St. Peter's, by Sir Richard Southwell.——1540, John Steel, ditto, to All Saints.——1552, Octavian Talbot, to All Saints, by the dean and Chapter of Chriſt Church in Oxford.——1553, John Sankey, ditto.—— 1554, John Scolt, ditto.——1556, John Dobſon, ditto.——1557, Edward Andleſer, ditto.——1579, Edward Andleſer, S.T.B. by the queen, a lapſe.

1600, William Marſhall, to All Saints and St. Peter's, by Chriſt Church, Oxford. ——1616, John Doughty, A.M. by Chriſtopher Sheringham.——1664, Nathaniel Gunter, by Chriſt Church, Oxford.——1683, Samuel Fiſher, by Chriſt Church, Oxford.——1691, William Faſwell, ditto.——1698, Edward Stillingfleet, M.D. ditto.

1708, William Hodgſon, ditto.

George Watſon, D.D. died rector in 1750, and Edward Whitmell was preſented by Chriſt Church college in Oxford.

WOOD-DALLING.

IN *Domeſday* book called Dallinga, as lying in a dale or valley; thus Dalham in Suffolk, and the additional word, wood, was afterwards to diſtinguiſh it from Field Dalling in this county.

The chief manor at the ſurvey was in Peter, Lord Valoins; Fiſt, a free man, held it before the conqueſt, and was then deprived of it; [a] there belonged to it one carucate of land, 9 villains and 16 borderers, with 2 ſervi, there was one carucate in demean,

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[a] Terre Petri Valonienſis——In Dallinga ten. i lib. ho. Fiſt t. r. e. i car. t're. ſemp. viiii villi. 7 xvi bor. 7 ii ſ. ſemp. i car. in d'nio 7 iii car. ho'um 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſilv. vi por. qu' recep. i r. mo. ii tc. vi an. mo. xx tc. vi por. mo. xxx tc. xvi ov. mo. cxx 7 xxx eap. 7 v ſoc. xx ac. t're. ſep. i car. ſoca in Folſa' regis 7 val. xl ſol. ht. i leug in long. 7 dim. in lato 7 redd. xix*d.* in geldu' regis q'iq; ibi tenet.

mean, 3 among the tenants, and 2 acres of meadow; when Peter entered on it, as lord, there was one runcus, 6 cows, 6 ſwine, 16 ſheep, and 30 goats, and 5 ſocmen with 20 acres of land, and a carucate. The ſoc belonged to the king's manor of Folſham, it was valued at 40*s*. was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 19*d*. gelt to the king, whoever was lord of it.

Tirus, Turald, or Torald, was enfeoffed of this lordſhip, by Peter, Lord Valoins, and when that lord founded the priory of Binham, Turald gave 2 parts of his tithes to that priory, in the reign of Henry I. Sir Ralph, ſon of Turald, of Wood-Dalling, † gave to the monks of Binham, the churches of this town and of Ryburgh *Parva*, with lands here for the ſoul of Peter, Lord Valoins;——witneſſes, Reginald de Warren, and Alice his wife, the Lady Juga his own wife, Roger his ſon, William de Merlai, dapifer to the earl of Arundel, Ralph de Beauſoe, dapifer to Reginald, &c.

Roger, ſon of Ralph de Dalling, confirmed the aforeſaid grants, and the Lady Agnes, widow of Sir Adam de Rattleſden, confirmed lands to them in this town;—witneſſes, Sir Gyles de Argenton, Sir Ralph Gateley, junior, William de Hackford, Richard de Bec, &c.

William, ſon of Roger de Dalling, releaſed to the prior all his right in a windmill and watermill, and Richard, the prior of Binham, confirmed to Sir Ralph, ſon of Roger de Wod-Dalling, the watermill, with the ſcite of a windmill at Weneſcote, and the land that Roger his brother held of the monks, with homages and ſervices of divers men.

In the 34 of Edward I. this lordſhip was ſettled by fine, on Simon De Rattleſden, and Maud his wife in tail; remainder to the heirs of Simon, by Gilbert Luvell, &c. truſtees; and in the 9 of Edward II. Simon held the 3d part of a fee of the honor of Valoins, and was found to die ſeiſed of it in the 14 of that king; in the 18 of Edward III. it was ſettled by fine on Sir John de Rattleſden, and Alianore his wife, by their truſtees for life; remainder to Philip and John, their ſons, in tail.

The Dallings had yet ſome intereſt here, for in the 20 of that king, John de Dalling, and Maud his wife, conveyed by fine, to John Foxley, &c. 5 meſſuages, 160 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 16 of paſture, 3 of wood, and 7*s*. 6*d*. rent in this town, Themilthorp, Folſham, &c. who reconveyed it to John and Maud, for life; remainder to William, ſon of Roger de Shimpling, and his heirs.

In the 36 of the ſaid king, John, ſon of Sir John Rattleſden, was lord of this manor and of Fakenham Aſpes in Suffolk; Joan was found to be his daughter and heir, married to Robert Hovell.

In the 17 of Richard II. it appears that Robert Monceaux, and Joan his wife, held (for her life,) this lordſhip, thoſe of Bradfield, St. Clere, and Weſton Mercate in Suffolk; this Joan was the daughter and heir of Rattleſden, before mentioned; and in the 3 of Henry IV. Robert Monceaux held 3 quarters of a fee here. This Robert, by his will, dated April 20, 1415, was then lord, and married 2 wives; Joan, relict of Robert Hovell, and Margaret who ſurvived him; Robert his ſon ſucceeded him, who dying *ſans* iſſue, Thomas, his brother, was his heir, and died ſeiſed of it, and of 100 acres of land in Geyſtweyt, Reſham, &c, held of the hundred of Eynford, in the 29 of Henry VI. leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; Margaret, married to William Lumner, of Manington, gent. Lumner bore, ſable, on a bend, azure, cottiſed, ermine, 3 eſcallops, gules; and Monceaux, or, a ſaltire, gules, and on a chief of the ſame, 3 eſcallops, argent; Margaret his widow, was the wife of Thomas Brigge, Eſq; of Salle, in 1494, in which year he made his will, as may be ſeen at large in Salle; William Lumner, ſon of William and this Margaret, ſold this lordſhip, as it ſeems, to Thomas Briggs, aforeſaid, who in his will, abovementioned, orders a graveſtone to be laid over Matilda Monceaux, in the church of Wood-Dalling, ſhe being, as I take it, ſiſter of Margaret his wife, and the other daughter and coheir of Thomas Monceaux, aforeſaid.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by Sir Henry Heydon, in the reign of Henry VII. and in the year 1552, Sir Chriſtopher Heydon was lord; from the Heydons it came to the Bulwers, a family of good antiquity in this town; John Bulwer was living here in the 2d of Henry VI. Roger Bulwer the elder, by his will, dated in September, 1512, deſires to be buried by his father, in St. Thomas's chapel, in [b] Wood Dalling church; and gives the manors of Halwood and Hardegrey's, to John his ſon; William Bulwer was living in 1534; ſee in Geiſtwick.

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† Reg. Binham, p. 1, &c. 122, &c. 167.

On May 16, in the 8 of Charles I. Richard Bulwer of this town, gent. and John Bulwer, merchant of London, convey to Sir John Hobart, of Blickling, the manors of Wood-Dalling, alias Monceaux, Halwode and Hardgrey's, in this town; and in this family it remains.

Walter Giffard, Earl of Bucks, had a lordſhip here, of which 5 free men [c] were deprived, containing 70 acres of land, 2 carucates and an half, &c. of meadow, always valued at 10*s*, and the ſoc was in the king's manor of Folſham.

This came from the Giffards, by marriage, to the earls of Clare.

Thomas, ſon of Jordan, held in the 8 of Edward II. two fees and an half here, in Laringſet, &c. of the honor of Clare.

Margaret, late wife of Sir William Wichingham, died ſeiſed of Holwode-Hall, held by the 8 part of a fee; and Henry Linge and his parceners, were found to hold it of the honor of Clare in the 3d of Henry IV.

Thomas Jordan held a 4th and 8 part of a fee, of the ſaid honor, in the 3d of Henry VI. Thomas Brigge of Salle, died lord of Hardegrey's manor here, in 1444, and Thomas Brigg, Eſq; died lord in 1494, of Holwood Hall.

Roger Bulwer the elder, was lord of Holwood and Hardegrey's, in 1512, and leſt them to John his ſon, held of the honor of Clare.

In the 8 of King Charles I. Richard Bulwer was lord, and Edward Bulwer in 1700.

The Earl Warren had a lordſhip here and in Thirning; 5 free men were deprived of their lands in Dalling, [d] and one free man of his in Thirning; among theſe there were 3 carucates and an half, with 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s*. at the ſurvey at 30*s*. and came to the earl by an exchange for lands at Lewes in Suſſex.

Thomas Watton held half a fee of the Earl Warren, when King Henry III's. ſiſter was married to the emperor; and in the ſaid reign a fine was levied between Maud, late wife of Roger Nugun, and Ralph de Nugun her ſon, whereby ſhe grants to him her dower here, excepting 8 acres of land in demean, and the rents and ſervices of ſeveral perſons, and villains; Ralph paying to her 6*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*. for life.

In the 15 of Edward I. the Earl Warren claimed view of frank pledge, aſſiſe of bread and beer of his tenants here.

John de Noioun died in the 15 of Edward III. ſeiſed of lands, Beatrix his wife, ſurviving, and John was found to be his ſon and heir, aged 14; this John, in the 35 of that king, was found to die ſeiſed of lands, and to hold the 4th part of a fee of Michael Poynings in this town, and Salle, and John Jernegan was his couſin and heir.

Jane, late wife of John Benefeld, held here, &c. in the time of Henry IV. half a fee of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

Francis Mapes of Rolleſby in Norfolk, gent. by an inquiſition taken January 15, in the 14 of Charles I. was found to die on March 9, laſt paſt, and held lands of the king in ſoccage, by fealty, leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; ———, wife of John Guibon, and Ann unmarried.

CRABGATE LANCASTER MANOR.

THIS lordſhip in 1603, [e] belonged to Sir Edward Coke, knight, attorney general;——and in 1662, Sir Thomas Rant, knight, had it.———In the 9th of

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[b] Reg. Johnſon, fol. 154.

[c] Terre Walteri Giffardi———In Dallingha' v libi. ho'es. lxx ac. t're. tc. 7 p. ii car. 7 dim. mo i 7 dim. 7 dim. ac. p'ti. ſep. val. x ſol. ſoca in Folſha' regis.

[d] T're. Willi. de Warrenna———In Dalling v libi. ho'es. 7 in Tyrninga i lib. ho. &c. intr. omn's ſemp. iii car. 7 dim. 7 ii ac. p'ti ſilv. viii por. tc val. xx ſol. mo. xxx eſt p. eſcang. de Laquis.

[e] From the court rolls of the manor, *pen. Gul. W. Bulwer, arm.*

of William III. 1697, Arthur Branthwayt, Eſq; held his firſt court here, in which family it continued till 1766, when Miles Branthwayt of Gunthorp, Eſq; conveyed it to William Wigget Bulwer of Heydon, Eſq; who is the preſent lord.

The fines are at the lord's will.

Luton fee extended alſo into this town.

DALLING's, alias BULWER's PEDIGREE.

TYRUS, [*a*] or Turold de Daling, who was enfeoffed of the lordſhip of Wood-Dalling, as alſo of that of Bynham-priory in Little Ryburgh, by Peter, Lord Valoines, who had it from the Conqueror, was anceſtor of this family, and when the ſaid Lord Valoines founded the priory of Bynham, Turold gave 2 parts of his tithes to that priory.

Sir Ralph de Dalling, ſon of Turold, gave the monks of Bynham, the churches of Wood-Dalling, and of Little-Ryburgh, with lands in each pariſh.

Roger, ſon of Sir Ralph, confirmed the aforeſaid grant, to which Lady Juga, wife of Sir Ralph, Roger, and Roger his ſons, &c. were witneſſes.

William, ſon of Roger de Dalling, releaſed to the prior of Bynham, all his right in a wind-mill, and water-mill, &c. and Richard the prior, confirmed to Sir Ralph, ſon of Roger de Wode-Dalling, the water-mill, with the ſcite of a wind-mill in Weneſcote, and the land of that Roger, his brother, held of the monks, with the homages and ſervices of diverſe men.

Ralph de Dalling in the 4th of King John, releaſed 10 acres of land belonging to the church of Ryburgh *Parva*, to the prior of Bynham.

Peter Fitz Ralph de Wood-Dalling, gave to the prior, with the aſſent of Thomas his ſon and heir, and Lefguena his wife, lands in Little Ryburgh.

The ſon of the ſaid Peter, gave them lands there alſo.

[*b*] In 1283, Simon de Dalling, and Iſabel his wife, purchaſed in Giſſing, a manor which was afterwards called Dalling's, alias Dawling manor, of John, ſon of Sir Richard de Boyland. They left iſſue, John de Dalling, or Wode Dalling, who in 1335, ſettled it on Maud his wife, and in the 20th of Edward III. they conveyed by fine, to John de Foxley and others, 5 meſſuages, 160 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 16 of paſture, 3 of wood, and 7*s*. 6*d*. rent in Wood-Dalling, Themilthorp, Foulſham, &c. who reconveyed it to John and Maud, for life; remainder to William, ſon of Roger de Shimpling, who married their daughter.

[*c*] In 1313, John de Dalling had Bintre manor, in Itteringham, in right of his wife, Maud de Bintre.

[*d*] By the pedigree taken out of the Herald's office, it appears that the family divided, and that one branch which deſcended from John Dalling, alias Bulwier, of Woodallinge, became many years ſince extinct, and that Simon Dallinge, alias Bulwere, of Wood-Dallinge, is the anceſtor of the other branch, and from whom the preſent family is deſcended.

John Dallinge, alias Bulwier of Woodallinge, who bore for his coat armour, gules, on a chevron ingrailed, between 3 eagles reguardant, or, as many ogreſſes, married Margaret, the daughter of John Smith, by whom he had Roger, his ſon and heir, who was the father of William, who by Thomaſine, daughter and coheir of —— Gage,——had Richard, who about the year 1582, [*e*] built Dalling-Hall, and gave it with part of the demeſne lands, to Robert his 2d ſon; but the manor and lordſhip of Wood-Dallinge, alias Dalling-Hall, alias Mounceaux, Halwood, Noijons and Hargraffe, with the houſe and eſtate at Churchgate, in Wood-Dalling, went to William, his eldeſt ſon, who in 1632, with his ſon Richard, conveyed it with

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[*a*] Hiſt. Norf. vol. 3. fol. 844.

[*b*] Ibid. vol. 1. fol 116.

[*c*] Ibid. vol. 3. fol. 588.

[*d*] Ex ſtem. hujus fam. cum armis delineat, penes Guli. Bulwer, Armi.

[*e*] There were in 1762, in the windows of the ſaid houſe, which is a brick building, and ſtands about a mile diſtant from the church, the following arms, the date 1584;——Bulwer and Gage, quarterly, impaling Thwayte; Bulwer, 1ſt and 4th, gules, on a cheveron engrailed, between 3 eaglets reguardant, or, as many ogreſſes; Gage, 2d and 3d, quarterly, azure, and argent, in a ſaltiere, gules, an annulet, or; Thwayte, argent, on a feſs, ſable, between 3 fleurs de lis, gules, 3 bezants. The ſame arms are in the houſe at Churchgate, carved upon the wainſcot in the parlour.

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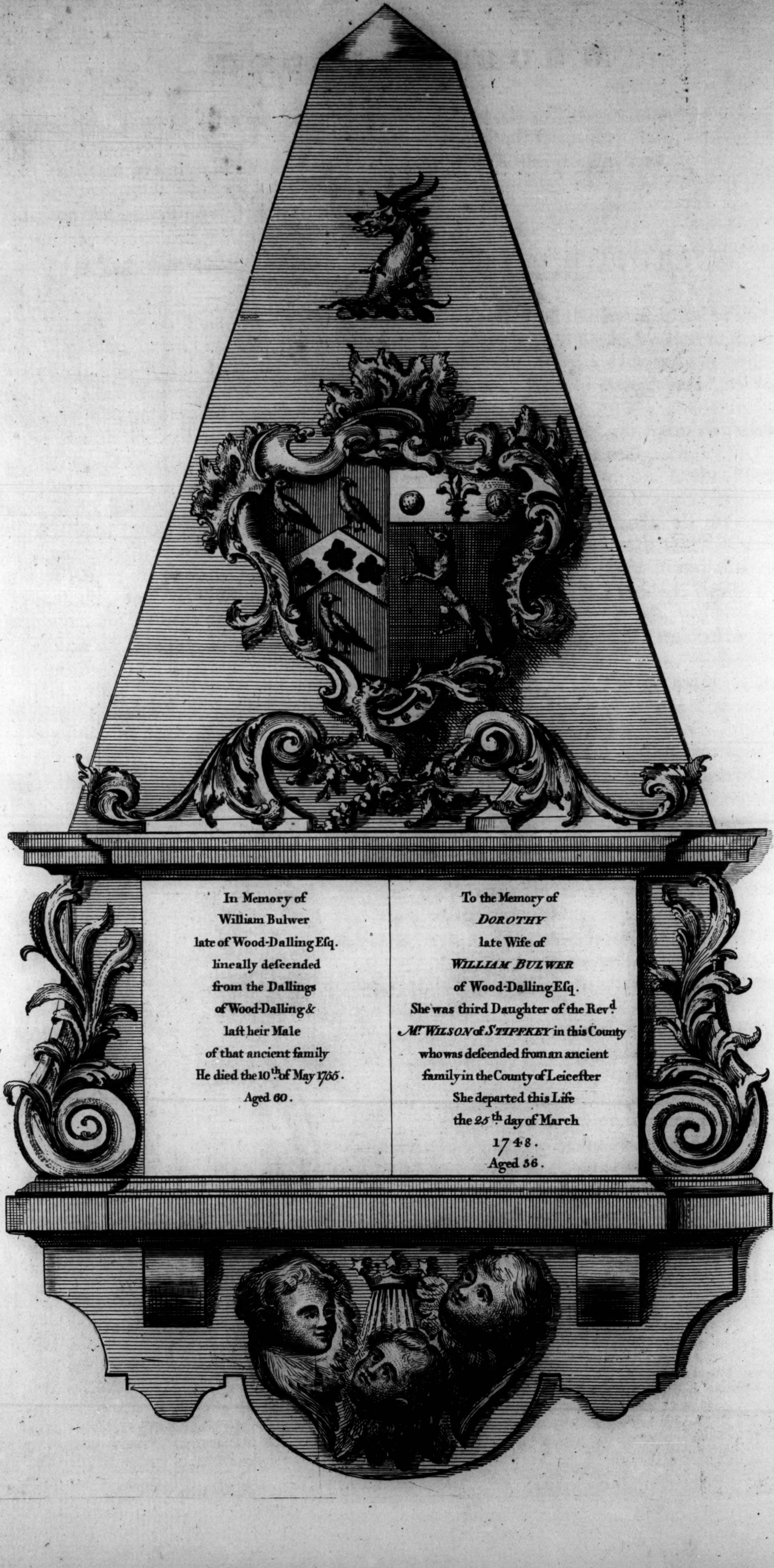

In Memory of
William Bulwer
late of Wood-Dalling Eſq.
lineally deſcended
from the Dallings
of Wood-Dalling &
laſt heir Male
of that ancient family
He died the 10th. of May 1755.
Aged 60.

To the Memory of
DOROTHY
late Wife of
WILLIAM BULWER
of Wood-Dalling Eſq.
She was third Daughter of the Revd.
Mr. WILSON of *STIFFKEY* in this County
who was deſcended from an ancient
family in the County of Leiceſter
She departed this Life
the 25th. day of March
1748.
Aged 36.

with his eſtates, alſo in Thurning, and Kerdeſton, to Sir John Hobart, knight and baronet, in whoſe family they ſtill remain.

This branch of the family ending here, we ſhall ſpeak now of Simon Dallinge, alias Bulwere of Wood-Dallinge, anceſtor of the preſent branch.

(*f*) He married Margaret, daughter and heir of Robert Mouny or Mouncy, of Wood-Dallinge, and bore for his coat armour, gules, on a chevron, between 3 eaglets, reguardant, or, as many cinque foils, ſable, which arms have ever ſince been borne by his deſcendants.

(*g*) Roger, his eldeſt ſon, had Simon, who by Joan, daughter of Peter Alleyn of Woodallinge, was the father of

Roger Bulwer of Geſtwick, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir, who having in (*h*) the 9th year of Queen Elizabeth, purchaſed the manor of Broſeyard's, and Norton-Hall in Geſtweyt, with the demeſne lands of Sir Chriſtopher Heydon, knight, was the firſt of the family that ſettled at (*i*) Geſtwick.——He was impropriator, patron of the vicarage, and lord alſo of the manors of Geſtwick, and of Mendham-Denſons in Geſtwick; all which manors, &c. have ever ſince continued in the family.——His firſt wife was Ann, the youngeſt daughter of William Bulwer, of Wood-Dallinge, Eſq; by the coheir of Gage, and great-grand-daughter of John Dallinge, alias Bulweir, of whom we have before ſpoken.——The iſſue by this marriage is extinct. His 2d wife was Chriſtiana, daughter of John Browte, gent. by whom he had

Edward Bulwer of Geſtwick, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who married Anne, ſole daughter and heir of William Becke, of Southrepps, Eſq;——by her he had 3 ſons, Roger, Edward and William.

William, the youngeſt, died without iſſue, as did alſo Edward, the 2d ſon, in 1661, in the 70th year of his age, and lies buried in Dalling church, under a marble ſtone. He built the weſt front of the manſion-houſe near the church, in Wood-Dalling, the ſeat of the late William Bulwer, Eſq; and which now belongs to William Wigget Bulwer of Heydon.

Roger Bulwer of Geſtwick, Eſq; eldeſt ſon, married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Cocks. He was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon and heir.

Edward Bulwer of Geſtwick, Eſq; who in 1645, married Ann, the ſole daughter and heir of William Younge, of Kettleſtone in Norfolk, clerk deſcended from the Youngs of Rimwell in Eſſex, by whom he (*k*) had 3 ſons; he died April 23, 1697, aged 74, and was buried with his anceſtors at Geſtwick.

(*l*) Edward Bulwer of Wood-Dalling, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, was the 27th of March, 1689, ſworn one of the gentlemen in ordinary, of his majeſty's moſt honourable privy chamber. He married Hannah, daughter and heir of George Peryer, of Godalmin in Surry, deſcended from the antient ſtock of the Peryers, of Peryers-Green in Suſſex; he died without iſſue, and lies buried in Dalling church.

John, 2d ſon, died ſingle, and was buried there alſo.

William, 3d and youngeſt ſon, on the deceaſe of his brothers, ſucceeded to the eſtate; he had 3 wives, Ann his 1ſt wife, was the daughter of Peter Elwyn, of Thirning, gent. by whom he had one ſon, Edward, who died unmarried, and 2 daughters.——By Margaret his 2d wife, daughter of Edward Britiffe of Baconſthorp, Eſq; and ſiſter of Robert Britiffe of Norwich, barriſter at law, he had one daughter.——By his 3d wife, Frances, daughter of Edmund Lee, of Fulmodeſton, gent. deſcended from the Lees of Northamptonſhire, of which family was the late Mathew Lee of Low Layton in Eſſex, M. D. he had 3 ſons; Chriſtopher, John and William, and 3 daughters; Sarah, Elizabeth and Lydia, all which died without iſſue, except Sarah the eldeſt daughter, of whom hereafter. William Bulwer of Wood-Dalling, Eſq; the youngeſt ſon, took to wife Dorothy, the 3d daughter of the Reverend Mr. Wilſon, of Stiffkey in Norfolk; ſhe died the 25th March, 1748, and was buried in the chancel of the pariſh church of Geſtwick, by whom he himſelf was alſo interred, in 1755, to whoſe memories a mural monument is erected on the north ſide of the chancel; of which the annexed plate is a repreſentation.

By

(*f*) From the pedigree,

(*g*) Simon had ſeveral ſons and daughters; from Thomas the youngeſt ſon, the Bulwers of Haynford and Buxton, were deſcended.

(*h*) Ex. Evid. Gulielmi Bulwer, armi.

(*i*) He lies buried in the chancel of the pariſh church of Geſtwick; as do alſo his two wives, with many of his poſterity.——See fol. 385.

(*k*) See fol. 385.

(*l*) Le Clerc's Hiſtorical Dict.

By his will, dated the 5th of May, 1750, he gives all his manors and eſtates, to his Nephew, (*m*) William Wiggett, the only ſurviving ſon of Sarah his eldeſt ſiſter, before mentioned, by Rice Wiggett of Geſtwick, Eſq; ſtrictly enjoining and requiring him to take and uſe the name and arms of Bulwer; and who in 1756, agreeable to the will of his ſaid uncle William Bulwer, applied to parliament and obtained an act to confirm the ſame to himſelf and family.

The ſaid William Wiggett Bulwer, Eſq; married the 2d of June, 1756, Mary, eldeſt daughter of Auguſtine Earle, of Heydon, Eſq; and afterwards coheir of her brother Eraſmus, by whom he has 3 ſons, William Earle, Auguſtine, and John, and 3 daughters, Frances, Mary and Sarah.

The temporalities of Lewes priory were 5*s.*——Of Ely 22*s. ob.*——Of Cokesford 9*s.* 9*d. ob.*——Of Norwich 10*s.* 11*d.*——Of St. Faith's 8*s.* 6*d.*——Of Walſingham 12*s.* 8*d.*——(This priory was found, in the 4 of Henry VI. to hold here and in Salle, the fourth part of a fee of the honor of Clare.)——Of Bynham priory 11*s.*

The tenths were 8*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and was antiently a rectory, valued at 50 marks, and the prior of Binham had a portion of 20*s.* Peter-pence was 18*d.*——The patronage of the church was in the priory, but was not appropriated to them, but a vicarage was after ſettled, valued at 4 marks; the preſent valor is 8*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* It conſiſts of a nave, with 2 chapels, a north and ſouth one adjoining to it.

VICARS, &c.

Ralph, ſon of Thorald, preſented Roger and Pagan, two brothers, to the church in the time of William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich.——William de Bec was preſented by the prior of Binham, in the time of John, biſhop of Norwich.—Linchius de Euſtachio, ſub deacon (*n*) to the pope, chaplain and canon of Rheims, had this rectory by proviſion, in the time of Pope Gregory IX. about 1266, and Octo, the cardinal legate, teſtifieth it, by the gift of Peter de Supino, the pope's clerk, and received the yearly rent thereof, 53 marks *per ann.* every mark to contain 13*s.* and 4*d.* ſterling. In 1279, an aſſiſe was brought by the prior againſt Adam de Rattleſden, and it appears that the prior's right of patronage was allowed.

1315, Robert de Rungeton inſtituted, preſented by the prior of Binham.——1349, John Leche, ditto.——1351, John Leche, by the maſter, &c. of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.——On November 25, 1351, William Bateman, biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it to Trinity Hall, a penſion of 1*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* being reſerved payable to the ſee, and an agreeable habitation with 20 marks *per ann.* was to be paid to the vicar; the maſter, &c. of Trinity Hall, to preſent on every vacancy, two proper clerks, and the biſhop to chuſe one for the vicar.——1354, Laurence de Littleton, vicar.——1354, Adam de Colby, by the maſter, &c.——1388, John Bridale, ditto.——1392, John Glyn.

1409, John Youn.——1411, John Snow.——1413, John Wright.——1424, Richard Hindreys.——1457, Laurence Stephens.——1459, Edward Andrews.——1485, Gregory Stalon.

1531, Simon Grome.——1542, Edmund Pecke.——1547, Thomas Golborn.——1573, Edward Grenewood.——1580, Thomas Lewgar.——1599, John Turner.

1610, John Gibſon.——1616, Miles Knolls.——1629, Edward Agar.——1630, Edmund Duncon.——1662, John Hildyard.

1703, Owen Hughes, by the maſter, &c. of Trinity Hall.——1715, William Allen, L.L.D.——1733, Francis James, L.L.D. ditto.——1739, William Thickneſs, ditto.——1751, John Banſon, ditto.——1759, George Carr, ditto.

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(*m*) See fol. 385.

(*n*) Reg. Binham.

Here were the guilds of our Lady, and St. Thomas. In 1465, Simon Everard gave by will, 20 marks to the fabrick of St. Thomas the Martyr's chapel in this church; light of our Lady in the chapel, of our Lady of pity, St. Andrew, and St. John in the chancel.

In the 32 of King Henry II. a fine was levied before John, biſhop of Norwich, Ralph de Glanvile, juſtices, Richard, the king's treaſurer, Joceline, archdeacon of Chicheſter, (*o*) Robert de Ingleſton, Thomas de Huſeborn, Hugh Bardolf, William Ruffus, and Robert de Wychesfield, between the abbot of St. Albans, the prior and convent of Bynham, and Reginald, ſon of Ralph of Dalling, of the preſentation of this church, then granted to Reginald.

In the 10 of King John, an aſſiſe was brought about the right of preſentation of this church, then void, claimed by Philip de Dalling, againſt Roger Baam, and the jury find that Hamo de Dalling, father of Philip, preſented the laſt rector.

A fine was levied in the 3d of Henry III. between Hugh, rector of a moiety of this church, petent, and Ralph de Nugun tenent, of 3 acres of land here, releaſed by Ralph, to Hugh and his ſucceſſors.

In the ſouth iſle or chapel, are the following, on braſs plates:

Orate p. a'i'a. Jobis. Drave de Wooddallyng, q'i. ob'it 2 die Junii Ao. Dni. 1517.—

O'te p. a'i'a. Matildæ Mouncews quæ obiit Ao. Dni. 1486, *cuj's a'ie p'piciet. Deus.*

Here lieth the body of Thomas Kemp, gent. who died 7th Aug. Ao. Dni. 1642.

O'te p. a'i'a. Catherinæ Bulwer, quæ obiit 17 *die menſis Marcii, Ao. Dni.* 1487.

O'te p. a'i'a. Rogeri Bulwer, qui obiit 26 *die Aprilis, Ao. Dni.* 1483.

On a black marble ſtone, the arms of Bulwer, with this——*Hic jacet corpus Edvardi Bulwer, armigeri, qui obiit* 4 *Octobris*, 1726, *ætatis ſuæ* 76.

In the middle iſle:

O'te p. a'i'a. D'ni Edvardi Warcop, captini, qui obiit 28 *die Janu.* 1510.

Hic jacet Edvardus Bulwer, generoſus, cælebs, tertius filius Edvardi Bulwer de Geſtwick, gen. ſeptuaginta annos natus, qui obiit 7 *Maii*, 1661.———On the ſame ſtone is engraved the following;——*Here lieth the body of Frances Bulwer, relict of William Bulwer gent. late of Wood-Dalling, who departed this life Feb.* 21, 1750, *aged* 82 *years.*

On a plate of braſs, with 2 figures of men, is this——*O'te p. a'i'a. Joh'is Bulwer, qui obiit* 9 *die Auguſti, Ao. Dni.* 1517, *& p. a'i'a. Thomæ Bulwer.*——— *Junior. Rogeri Bulwer qui obiit* 16 *die Junii Ao. Dni.* 1518, *quor. a'i'ab; p'piciet. Deus amen.*——On the ſame ſtone the following,——*Here lieth the body of Lydia Bulwer, daughter of William Bulwer, gent. and Frances his wife, of Wood-Dalling, who died March* 21, 1726, *aged* 22 *years.*——On a large marble ſtone, with the arms and creſt of Bulwer, *Here lieth the body of John Bulwer, Eſq; of Wood-Dalling, in the county of Norfolk, who died February* 3, 1725, *aged* 72.——On the ſame ſtone, *Here lieth the body of John Bulwer, junior, who died June* 19*th*, 1722, *aged* 25.—On a ſtone adjoining to the above, *Here lieth the body of Eliz. Bulwer,* 2*d daughter of William Bulwer, gent. late of Wood-Dalling, and Frances his wife, who departed this life September* 5*th*, 1742, *aged* 42 *years.*

In the north iſle or chapel, on plates of braſs, are the following:

O'te p. a'i'a. Matildæ Bulwer, quond. ux'is Rogeri Bulwer, quæ obiit 30 *die menſis Decemb. Ao. Dni.* 1463. *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur Deus, amen.*

O'te p. a'i'a. Magaretæ Bulwer, nup. ux'is Joh'is Bulwer, quæ obiit 28 *die me'ſis Dece'bris Ao. Dni.* 1487, *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur Deus, amen.*

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On a braſs plate in the chancel,——*Hic jacet D'us Robertus Dockyng, capellan. qui obiit decimo ſeptimo die menſis Dece'bris* 1465, *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur D's.*

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(*o*) Reg. Caſtleac, fol. 126.

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[a] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 136.

FREEBRIDGE HUNDRED AND HALF.

IN the grand ſurvey, or *Domeſday* book, made by K. Wm. I. it is wrote Fredrebruge, or Fredebruge, containing what is now called Freebridge *citra* Lynn, and Freebridge Marſhland, taking its name from ſome remarkable bridge on the river Ouſe, that part of it *citra* Lynn, making the hundred, and that of Marſhland the half hundred. Where this bridge was is doubtful, probably it was what is now called St. German's Bridge. The river was (we may conclude) much narrower hereabouts, in King Alfred's time, when hundreds were firſt made, than at this preſent time; Dugdale [*a*] obſerves, that between Wigenhale, St. German's and Iſlington, it was antiently but 12 perches over, and in King Edward III's. time, a full mile; and by an inquiſition taken in the 13 of Edward II. the ſaid author mentions a bridge at Iſlington, and a cauſey kept at the charge of Sir John de Ingaldeſthorp, and Sir Robert de Scales, lords of Iſlington, &c. in reſpect of the fiſhery granted to them, but I quere if this was over the Ouſe.

Odo, Earl of Kent, biſhop of Baieux in Normandy, had a grant of it from his half brother, King William I. together with the hundred of Smethden, on the deprivation of Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, who held it as a lay fee, before the conqueſt. Odo, on his rebellion againſt that king, was deprived of it, who granted it to William de Albini his *(pincerna)* butler; his heirs (earls of Suſſex and Arundel) enjoyed it; on the death of Hugh, the laſt earl of that family, in 1242, on a diviſion of his eſtate between his 4 ſiſters and coheirs, this was aſſigned to Sir Robert de Tateſhale, in right of Mabel his wife, the eldeſt ſiſter, and was held by the ſervice of being the king's butler, and paying 20 marks *per ann.*.

From the Lords Tateſhale it came by Amy, a daughter and coheir, to Sir Oſbert de Caily; and by Margaret, ſiſter and heir to Sir Thomas Caily, to Sir Roger Clifton, whoſe ſon Sir Adam, died lord in 1366; his 2d ſon, Sir Adam de Clifton, poſſeſſed it, and his ſon Sir Robert, on whoſe death in 1442, it came to Thomas Clifton, Eſq; of Denver, and deſcended to his ſon Robert, who on March 16, in the 4th of Edward IV. let it with all its profits, to Thomas Playters Eſq; at 40 marks

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[*a*] Dugd. of imbank. &c. p. 395, and 251.—Regiſt. Kemp, abbat de Bury fol. 107.

per ann. To this deed is the ſeal of Clifton,—quarterly, in the firſt and fourth, bendy of 8, gules and argent; in the ſecond and third,—checque, or and gules, a bend over all, ermin.

Soon after this, Anthony Woodvile, Earl Rivers, enjoyed it, and by his laſt will, gave it to his brother, Sir Edward; but in the 7th of Henry VII. Robert Clifton aforeſaid, died lord, and *ſans* iſſue, when Sir William Knevet had livery of it, as his heir.

In the reign of King Henry VIII. Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, was lord, Thomas Grey, marquiſs of Dorſet, conveying it to him in Hillary term, *ao.* 21, by fine, on whoſe death, it was granted to the Lady Anne, of Cleves, late wife of the aforeſaid king.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth it was in the crown, and farmed at 20*l.* *per. ann.* On June 15, *ao.* 9 of James I. Richard Hovell, gent. in conſideration of 100*l.* had a grant of it, with the courts, letes, fines, rents, &c. and was held by one fee.

The antient place of holding this hundred's court, was at Flitcham-Burgh, where is a tumulus, &c. about a mile from the town, (of which ſee there) on the road to Sharnburn. In the 3d of Elizabeth, it appears, from a rental of Sir Richard Southwell's, that his manor of Walſoken, paid then, to the queen's bailiff of the hundred, 40*s.* *per ann.* ſuit of court, held under an oak, at Gaywood, near Lynn, and was called Gaywood Oak-fee.

After this, the court was held at an oak at Wigenhale, St. German's, called Fitton-Oak, in a farm of that name belonging to the town of Lynn, the duke of Norfolk being lord, but it has been diſcontinued about 30 years.

In the 18 of Edward II. the hundred of Freebridge *citra* Lynn, was rated at the twelfth part of any publick payment for the whole county; and the Marſhland part was rated at a third part of the aforeſaid twelfth part.

[z] In the 52 of Henry III. this hundred and half, with thoſe of Clackloſe and Smethden, had a grant to hold pleadings *de fine* at Lenne.

APPLETON.

THIS name is partly Britiſh, and partly Saxon, being derived from Ab or Av, [a] which ſignifies, and is the name of a river in Wales, and the Saxon Ton or Tun, a town; thus in the Itinery of Antoninus, Appleby is wrote Aballaba, ſeated on the river Eden in Weſtmoreland, and Appledore in Kent on the river Rother; and thus the river Avon in Northamptonſhire, Leiceſterſhire, Warwickſhire, &c.

In *Domeſday* book 'tis wrote Apletuna, and Appletuna, and was then divided into 2 lordſhips; Rr. Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norf. of that name, was lord of one.

This was held in King Edward's time by Aba, under Stigand, the archbiſhop, (*b*) for a manor, and had 2 carucates of land, 20 borderers, 2 ſervi, and 10 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 4 and an half among the tenants, &c. valued at the ſurvey at 50*s.* *per ann.* but before that at 40*s.* and there was a church then endowed with 12 acres, valued at 12*d.*

The family of De la Rokele, was very early poſſeſſed of this manor, held by them of the family of de Vallibus or Vaux, and they of the Bigots; in the time of King John, Richard de Rupella or Rokele, was lord; in the 22d of Henry III. Oliver de Vaux granted by fine, to Richard de Rupella, ſeveral lordſhips in Norfolk and Suffolk, to be held of him by the ſervice of five knights fees; and in the 43 of the ſaid king, Sir Richard de Rokele, of Appleton, was a witneſs to a deed of Sir Richard de la Rokele, of Wokendon in Eſſex, of the manor of Gately in Norfolk.

In the 14 of Edward I. Richard, ſon of William de la Rokele, claimed the advouſon

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[z] P'lita Coronæ Anno 52 Hen. III. R. 31.

[a] See Baxter's Gloſſarium, p. 1.

[b] Terra Regis Bigoti, hundr. & dim. de Fedebruge.

Apletuna ten. Alba ii car. t're. p. m. de Stigando ſep. xx bor. 7 ii ſer. x acr. p'ti. 7 ii car. in d'nio; 7 iiii car. 7 dim. ho'um. tnc. i r. tnc. vi por. mo. xxxv tnc. liii ov. mo. xiiii et val. tnc. xl ſol. mo. l 7 ten. ide'. ecclia xii ac. 7 val. xii*d.*

ſon of the church of Appleton, from the prior of Weſtacre, who is ſaid to hold it unjuſtly, which Richard de Rupella, grandfather to this Richard, gave to that priory.

In the 16 of the ſaid king, he was found to hold 5 knights fees here, in Watton, Trouſe, &c. (on the death of John de Vaux in that year) of the ſaid John. This Richard, in the 25 of the ſaid reign, had the king's licenſe to give to the abbot of St. Bennet of Holm, his manor of [c] Grangville in Stoke Crouch, in exchange for ſeveral tenants in Appleton, Newton, Sandringham, and Wolfreton.

Richard de la Rokele occurs lord in the 9 of Edward II. when the prior of Flitcham's manor, was found to extend into this townſhip; but in the 20 year of Edward III. William de la Rokele was found to hold one fee here of the Lady Roſs, the Lady Margery, relict (as I take it) of William, Lord Roſs, of Hamlake, a deſcendant of William de Ros, who married Maud, daughter and coheir of John de Vaux.

Afterwards it came to the Copledikes; Sir John Copledike held it in the 9 of Richard II. and in the 3d year of King Henry IV. John Copledike was found to hold it by one fee of the heirs of Lord Roſs, and they of the king; but in the 18 of Edward IV. it was conveyed by fine, from John Copledike, and Margaret his wife, to John Coket; and Anthony Coket, Eſq; conveyed it in the 36 of Henry VIII. to John Conynſby, with the manor of Newton, *viz.* 20 meſſuages, 1000 acres of land, 100 of meadew, 200 of paſture, 100 of wood, 1000 of furze and heath, and 6*l.* *per ann.* rent, in Appleton, Newton, Sandringham, Flitcham, &c. which Ann Cocket held for life; and Humphrey Coninſby, Eſq; was lord in the 4 of Elizabeth. After this, it came to the Paſtons.

In 1571, Clement Paſton enjoyed it, the famous ſea captain who built Oxnede Hall, lately the ſeat of the earl of Yarmouth; he was 4th ſon of Sir William Paſton, of Paſton in Norfolk, by Bridget his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Heydon; Clement left it by will, to Sir Edward Paſton, and died in 1597; Sir Edward was his nephew, ſon of Sir Thomas Paſton, (5th ſon of Sir William Paſton aforeſaid) and his Lady Agnes, daughter and heir of Sir John Leigh, of Addington in Surry, knight; this Sir Edward built Appleton Hall, and married Margaret, daughter of Henry Berney, Eſq; of Reedham in Norfolk, by whom he had Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, from whom the Paſtons of Berningham in Norfolk, are deſcended. William, his ſecond ſon had this manor, and married Agnes, daughter and coheir of William Everard of Lyngſtead, in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he had William his ſon, lord of Appleton in 1664, who by Mary his wife, daughter of James Lawſon, of Brough in Yorkſhire, had William Paſton of Appleton, Eſq;——In this family it ſtill remains; William Paſton, Eſq; of Horton in Wiltſhire, is lord.

The ſeat of this family, a very agreeable handſome pile, was burnt to the ground in 1707, and the family was in great danger of being burnt in their beds, if a ſhepherd had not wakened them; on this, they removed to Horton, in Wiltſhire, and in 1720, John Paſton, Eſq; reſided there, and was lord alſo of that place.—The hall ſeems to have been built in 1596, that date being on the gatehouſe, or lodge leading to it.

Another lordſhip in this village was granted to Peter de Valoins, a Norman chief, who held at the ſurvey, Derſingham, to which town this was a beruite, and Babingley in this hundred; Culveſthorp in Smethden hundred;——Pateſley and Gateley, in Launditch hundred;——Snoring, Ryborough *Parva*, and Saxlingham in Gallow hundred;——Ryborough *Magna*, Teſterton and Rudham in Brothercroſs hundred;——Gunthorp and Edgefield, in Holt hundred;——Binham, Etduuella, (Wells) Berlei, (Berney) Walſingham and Holkham, in North-Greenhow hundred, and Dalling, in Einsford hundred.

Turgis held it under Valoins; [*d*] there were then 2 carucates, one was demean land, and 5 borderers, 7 acres and an half of meadow, one ſervus belonging to it, and it was valued with the lordſhip of Derſingham, where ſee further of the Lords de Valoines.

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[c] Reg. Hulm. p. 14.

[*d*] Terre Petri Valonienſis.——In Appletuna tenet Turgis i beruita que ſep. jacet huic manerio (viz. Derſingham) i car. t're. 7 i car in d'nio. tnc. 7 p. iii bor. mo. v 7 vii ac. p'ti. 7 dim. tnc. 7 p. i ſerv. tnc. c. ov. mo. ii ov.

Part of this was granted to the prior of Flitcham, who in the 9 of Edward II. was found to have a lordſhip here; and in the 6th of Richard II. Thomas de Flitcham aliened with others to this priory, a meſſuage, 4 tofts, 133 acres of land, with the rent of 45*s. per ann.* in this town, Flitcham, Hillington, &c. and the temporalities of the ſaid houſe in 1428, were valued at 45*s.* it this village; and concealed lands here were granted by Queen Elizabeth, September 2, *ao.* 20, to John Farneham, lately the prior of Flitcham's.

In the 13 of Edward II. a fine was levied between John de Inſula, (L'Iſle) junior, and John de Birſton and Margaret his wife, of a meſſuage, 97 acres of land, and 6*s.* rent *per. ann.* ſettled on de Inſula in Appleton, Newton, Flitcham, &c. and in the 16 of Edward III. another was levied between Ralph de Hynton, and Beatrix his wife, and Thomas de Caſtle-Ryſing, John Atteforth, and John Maupas, clerks, of 4 meſſuages, 211 acres of land, 15 of meadow, 12*s.* and 6*d.* rent here, &c. which Mary de L'Iſle held for life, conveyed from the heirs of Beatrix, to John Maupas.—Jeremy Wodehouſe, and Anne his wife, William Daubeney, junior, and Cecilia his wife, Henry Uſher, and Margaret his wife, conveyed alſo in the 31 of Henry VI. ſeveral meſſuages, and great parcels of land here, in Newton, and Flitcham, &c. to John Lovell: afterwards the Cobbs of Sandringham, held this manor. In the 20 of Elizabeth, William, ſon of Jeffrey Cobbe, had livery of a lordſhip in Appleton; from the Cobbs it came to Sir Edward Atkins, and to Joſeph Hoſt, Eſq; and ſo to Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq; as in Sandringham, his manor of Babingley extending here.

The temporalities of the prior of Weſtacre in this town, were valued in 1428, at 41*s. per ann.* Robert Dogget, in the 12 of Henry III. granted lands by fine to that prior.

In this town, (which now conſiſts of about 4 or 5 houſes) a coin of Antoninus Pius, was found.

The church was dedicated to St. Mary; the rectory was appropriated to Weſtacre priory, and valued at 5*l. per ann.* and a vicarage was on this ſettled; the preſent valor of it is 8*l per ann.* the patronage of it is in the Paſtons, who are alſo impropriators of the rectory;—Peter-pence were 8*d.*

The church is moſtly in ruins; it was covered with lead, and had a round tower, and is a ſingle pile; I found horſes chained together in the porch, and in the church, both in a filthy condition, and no door to the church.

At the eaſt end lies a graveſtone, *In memory of Frances* ——, *widow of Edward Paſton of B*———, *Eſq; who died Feb.* 15, 1665, *daughter to Sir John Sydenham, of Brympton in Somerſetſhire.*——On another ——— *Agnes Paſton, Gulielmi Everard, de Linſtead, filia, vidua Gulielmi Paſton, armig. mundanis verè vidua, in charitate clara. obt.* xi *die Apr. A. D.* 1676, *ætat ſuæ* 73.——On a third—— *Hic requieſcit corpus Tho. Paſton, militis, obt. apud Congham.*

Henry Daniel of Appleton, gent. was buried in this church in 1498, and Robert Daniel his ſon in 1539.

Southward of the church about 50 yards, is a curious ſpring, called Holy-Well, and a little ſtream or rivulet proceeds from it.

Philip Sidenham occurs rector in the time of King John, preſented by William de la Rokele, and in the 14 of Edward I. the prior of Weſtacre had licenſe of having the advouſon granted to him from Richard, ſon of William de la Rokele.

VICARS.

1310, William de Mildenhale, vicar, by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1314, Richard de Synterle, ditto.———1329, John de Weſenham, ditto.——1349, Robert Man de Gothirſt, ditto.———1355, William Portman, ditto.———1361, William, ſon of Simon Smith, by the prior, &c. of Caſtleacre.——Richard Pulling.——1367, William Buntyng, by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.———Simon occurs vicar in 1377.——1389, Thomas Laurence, ditto.——1392, John de Holmeſle, ditto.

1407, Thomas Ateſen, (an exchange for Creting, St. Olave's,) ditto.——1410, Thomas Sewale, (an exchange for Fornham Genev.) ditto.——1412, John Cartere, ditto.——1414, Robert Perlyngton, (an exchange for Dunton) ditto.——1417, John Amy, ditto.——1418, Robert Perlyngton, ditto.——1426, John Clerk, ditto.——1492, Richard Jewylham, collated by the biſhop, on a lapſe.

1528, Richard Howton, by ditto.——1531, Henry Bickham, by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1581, Robert Bonning, by the queen.——1584, John Gibſon, ditto.——1591, Robert Feilden, by William and Clement Paſton, Eſq; 1620, James Webſter, licenſed curate; the vicarage valued at 8*l*.——Stephen Beaumont, curate.

1705, Thomas Gill had the ſequeſtration.——1705, William Day, preſented by Joſeph Coldham, aſſignee of —— Paſton, Eſq; in the court of augmentation.

In the account of the receiver-general, in Henry VIII's. time, 7*l per ann.* was allowed to the vicar, and called a perpetual penſion, by the receiver, *ao.* 13 of Elizabeth.

ANMERE.

ORGAR, a Saxon free man, was the principal lord of this village, before the conqueſt, when being deprived of it, it was given to Euſtachius, earl of Boulogne, in Normandy, who ſucceeded Orgar, alſo, in the lordſhips of Maſſingham *Parva*, in this hundred, and that of Frenge in the hundred of Docking, (or Smethden.)——Euſtachius was alſo lord of Witchingham, in the hundred of Einsford, of Neyland in that of Humbleyard, and of Thorp, in that of Depwade, and was probably ſon of Euſtace, Earl of Bologne, who married a ſiſter of Edward the Confeſſor.

It contained two carucates of land, one villain, 6 borderers, 4 ſervi, &c. two carucates in demean, and half a one among the tenants, a fiſhery, the moiety of a ſalt-pit, &c. and was valued at 40*s. per ann.*——Beſides this, [a] ſix free men held of him one carucate of land, and 2 borderers, a carucate with a ſalt-pit, valued at 15*s*. and 4*d. per ann.* Euſtace claimed thoſe free men by a grant from the Conqueror: the whole was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 4*d*. ½. to a 20*s*. gelt; and there were 3 ſocmen who had 30 acres, who were delivered to Oſmund, and one ſocman with 8 acres, valued at 5*s. per ann.*

Oſmund held it under Euſtachius, and Wido Angevin after Oſmund, being his nephew.

Out of this aroſe 2 lordſhips or manors, called afterwards Anmere Hall manor, and Bereford manor.

ANMERE-HALL.

IN the ſixth year of King Henry III. a fine was levied between Hervey, ſon of Richard de Dokking, querent, and Ralph Picot impedient, of one carucate of land, in Anmere and Wolferton; *viz.* of all the land which Sayer de Biſkele held of William Picot, father of Ralph, in the ſaid towns, with one capital meſſuage, and the advouſon of the church of Anemere, releaſed to Hervey, to be held of Ralph, and his heirs, by 40*s*. yearly rent, and doing the ſervice of one knight's fee. This Hervy, (ſon of Richard de Dokking) being lord of Stanhow, aſſumed that ſurname. By 2 fines levied in the 9 of the ſaid king, Hervey de Stanho being lord of a manor in Anemere, impleaded William Ruſtein, and Wymar, ſon of William, for cuſtoms and ſervices due to him out of lands here, which were acknowledged to belong to

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[a] Terre Comitis Euſtachii.——Anemere tenuit Orgar lib. ho t r. e. ii car. t're. ſemp. i vill. 7 vi bord. tnc. iiii ſer. 7 iii part. uni. acre ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. 7 dim car. ho'um. 7 i piſc. 7 dim. ſal. tnc. xi porc. mo. viii tnc. c. ov. mo. lxxx. tnc. 7 p. val. xl ſol. 7 mo. et vi libi. h de i car. t're. 7 ii bord. ſemp i car. 7 i ſal. 7 val. xv ſol. 7 iiii*d*. hos libo's ho'es reclamat de dono regis. Tota hab. dim. leug. in long 7 v quar. in lato 7 reddit iiii*d*. 7 obolu. de xx ſol. de gelto et iii ſoc de xxx ac. qu. ten. Oſmund de lib'atione 7 i ſoc. de viii ac. 7 val. v ſol.

Hervy; and in the 12 of that king, Ida, widow of Saer de Biſkele, conveyed lands here to the ſaid Hervey; but in the 24 year of the ſaid King Henry, Hervey de Stanhow conveyed to Laurence de Flemen, and Maud his wife, ſeveral lands, with 3*s.* and 5*d.* rent here, and in Wolferton, acknowledging the ſame, with the advouſon of this church, to be as a dower to the †ſaid Maud. After this, in the reign of King Edward I. it came into the family of the Calthorps, as heirs to Sir Hervey de Stanhow; Sir Walter de Calthorp was lord in 1284; and in 1303, Sir William de Calthorp, knight, preſented as lord and patron to the church of Anmere; and in the 5 of Edward III. a fine was levied, whereby it was ſettled by Sir William de Calthorp of Burnham, on himſelf for life, remainder to Sir Walter his ſon, and Alice his wife in tail, after to Oliver and his other ſons; and Sir Walter dying *ſans* iſſue, it deſcended to Sir Oliver Calthorp, brother of Sir Walter, who preſented to the church in 1374: this Sir Oliver built on the ſouth ſide of this church, a chapel, wherein he founded a chantrey, endowing it with 48 acres of land, in the town of Anmer, appointing one of the canons of the priory of Flitcham, to officiate therein, and to pray for the ſouls of his anceſtors, and his own; and the prior of Flitcham had a patent for it in the 45 of Edward III.

In 1420, the king preſented to this church, on account of the minority of John, ſon of Sir William Calthorp; in 1432, William Calthorp, Eſq; and in 1552, Elizabeth Parker widow, which Elizabeth was daughter and heir of Sir Philip Calthorp, and married Sir Henry Parker, knight of the bath, of Erwarton in Suffolk, who being afterwards married to William Wodehouſe, Eſq; they preſented to this rectory in 1534, and 1560; and on his death, to Drue Drury, Eſq; and they preſented in 1567.——In the 23 of Elizabeth, Sir Philip Parker had livery of it.

After this, Thomas Norris, gent. was lord, and preſented in 1624, and Cuthbert Norris, Eſq; in 1678, who conveyed it (as I take it) to the Coldhams; James Coldham, gent, was lord in 1705, and in this family it remains, James Coldham, Eſq; a captain of the militia, being the preſent lord.

BEREFORD MANOR.

WIDO ANGEVIN, who was anceſtor of the family of the Thorps, of Aſhwell Thorp, was lord under Euſtace: Sir Robert his deſcendant, wrote himſelf ſometimes de Maſſingham, and ſometimes de Thorp, having lordſhips in thoſe towns, and held ſeven fees with thoſe in Anmere, &c. about the year 1200, of the the honor of Bologne. In the 21 of [*b*] Edward I. John de Bereford, and Sir Walter de Calthorp, were found to hold one knight's fee here, &c. of William Pygot. Robert de Bereford, in the 9 of Edward II. was lord. By the eſcheat rolls, of the 4 of Edward III. John, ſon of John de Cambridge, was found to hold a lordſhip in Anemere, of Robert de Thorp; and in the 20 of that king, by the inquiſition then taken, John George is ſaid to hold the manor which John de Bereford held.

In the 23 of Henry VI. John Scot and Henry Bataile, clerks, demiſed to Jerome Wodehouſe, Eſq; this manor, which they had of the feoffment of William Herford of Lenne, to him and the heirs of his body, remainder to his brothers, Thomas and John; and in the 21 of Edward IV. Richard Southwell, Robert Clere, and Bartholomew White, Eſq; appointed Simon White, Robert Wodehouſe, and Thomas Wodehouſe, gent. ſons of John Wodehouſe, Eſq; their attornies, to receive their rents due to them from the manor of Bereford, late Jerome Wodehouſe's, by deed, dated December 12. Afterwards, in 1496, Henry L' Eſtrange of Hunſtanton, died ſeiſed of it, as appears by his will; and in the 30 of Henry VIII. by a fine between Sir Thomas Le Strange, knight, John Wodehouſe of Horſford, gent. and Cecilia his wife, Francis Bedingfeld, and Elena his wife, it was conveyed to Sir Thomas, with 10 meſſuages, and lands in Anmer, Derſingham, &c. and in the following year, Sir Thomas, and his Lady Anne, conveyed it to Thomas Houghton, clerk, and Thomas Houghton died lord in the 35 of that king; and Robert

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† Maud was one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Hervey de Stanhow.

[*b*] Rot. Feodor.

Houghton was then found to be his brother and heir; and George Houghton in 1570 was lord; after this, it came to the Norris's, and was joyned to their other lordſhip, and ſo to the Coldhams.

William, Earl Warren, had alſo a little lordſhip, to which there belonged one carucate and an half of land, held by 4 borderers, which a free woman poſſeſſed in King Edward's time, and his predeceſſors had only the protection of her; it was valued at 5*s.* *per ann.* Wido abovementioned, laid claim to this, as delivered to his uncle Oſmund, and to the Earl Euſtace, but William de Warren's men diſſeiſed them.

Part of this was held by the lords of Anmere Hall, and of Bereford; and John de Tithewell, and the heirs of John de Milham, were found to hold in the 20 of Edward III. the third part of a fee in this town, Sneteſham, Sharnburne, &c. of the Earl Warren, which John de Thorp, and Alice his wife, formerly held; the heirs of John de Milham were his 2 daughters, Hawis and Elizabeth, who were in the ward of Sir John de Norwich, who held it under the Earl Warren.

The tenths of this town were 3*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 10*s.*

The church of Anmere is dedicated to St. Mary.

In the chapel, (on the ſouth ſide of the church) built by Sir Oliver Calthorp, were his arms, checque, or and azure, a feſs, ermine; alſo checque, or and gules, a feſs, ermine, the old arms of Thorp; and azure, 3 creſcents, argent, the arms of the Thorps.

In the chancel eaſt window, barry of 6, or and azure, a bend over all, gules, Stanhow.

In a window of the north ſide of the church, gules, a croſs ingrailed, Ingaldeſthorp.

The abbot of Creak's temporalities were, in 1428, valued at 44*s.* and 10*d.* *per ann.*

RECTORS.

William de Anemere occurs 22 Edward I.

1303, Reginald de Waterden, by Sir William de Calthorp, knight.——1317, William de Horsford, ditto——1327, William, ſon of Ralph de Irmingland, by Sir William de Calthorp.——1337, Thomas Machen de Hindelſton, ditto.——1349, John de Banyngham, ditto.——George Hoveden.——1374, Thomas Walrond, (on an exchange for Wroxhall Sar.) by Sir Oliver Calthorp.——1385, Hugh Woketon, (an exchange for Stretham Wint.) ditto.——1388, John Langeton, (an exchange for Horwood Exon.) ditto.

1420, William Notyngham, by the king, on the minority of John, ſon of Sir William Calthorp.——1432, Henry Notyngham, by William Calthorp, Eſq;——1448, Richard Kygill, ditto.——1466, John Coket, by Sir William Calthorp.——1472, John Daniſhall, ditto.——1491, Roger Welle, ditto.

1517, Thomas Houghton, by Sir Philip Calthorp, knight.——1541, Thomas Moore, by the aſſignees of Philip Calthorp, Eſq;—1544, John Watkinſon, by ditto.——1552, Lancelot Thexton, A.M. (by Elizabeth Parker, widow) prebend of Norwich.——1554, Edward Aſkewe, by William Woodhouſe, and Elizabeth his wife.——1556, William Lion, ditto.——1559, Thomas Howes, alias Athough, ditto.——1560, John Skelton, ditto.——1567, Richard Parry, by Druo Drury, Eſq; and the Lady Elizabeth Woodhouſe his wife.

1624, Edmund Norris, by Thomas Norris of Anmere, gent.——1635, John Parviſh, ditto.——1647, William Selby.——Thomas Diſciplin occurs rector, 1662.——1678, John Warde, by Cuthbert Norris, Eſq;

1705, William Gay, by Henry Eglinton, aſſignee of James Coldham, of Anmere. 1707, Joſeph Furſe, by James Coldham.——1709, William Houghton, ditto.——1748, Charles Buckle, by Charles Buckle, Eſq; *hac vice*

Antient valor of this church was 12 marks, Peter-pence 8*d.* The preſent valor 9*l.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits, &c.

Licenſe to ſell the lead of the chancel, and cover the ſame with tyle, October 25, 1692.

Concealed lands here, in the tenure of Jeffrey Cobbe, being 9 acres belonging to the late priory of Weſtacre, were granted April 4, in the 3d of Elizabeth, to Sir George Howard, knight.

WYKEN, alias ASHWYKEN, LESIATE, and HOLT.

LEURIC, a Saxon free man, held the chief lordſhip in Wiche, or Wica, (as 'tis wrote in *Domeſday* book) in the reign of King Edward, but the Conqueror conferred it on Rainold, ſon of Ivo. This Leuric was probably the great earl of Coventry, in King Edward's time.

It conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, and Roger held it at the ſurvey, under Rainold; [a] in the Confeſſor's time, 12 villains belonged to it, afterwards but 7, with 3 borderers and 2 ſervi, with 20 acres of meadow; at the ſurvey there was but one carucate in demean, formerly two, and one amongſt the tenants, at the ſurvey but half a carucate amongſt them; ſeven ſocmen alſo belonged to it, who held under Roger 12 acres of land, 2 of meadow, and half a carucate of land, &c. formerly 200 ſheep belonged to it, at the ſurvey but 30, with the moiety of a ſaltpit, or work; in Leuric's time the whole was valued at 4*l. per ann.* at the ſurvey at 40*s. per ann.* and one carucate might be recovered; the whole was 6 furlongs long, and broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt. when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.* whoever was lord of it.

Alan, Earl of Richmond, had alſo a ſmall lordſhip here, which extended into [b] Bawſey, granted him by the Conqueror, on the expulſion of Ulwic, a Saxon free man, who enjoyed it in King Edward's days, conſiſting of half a carucate of land, held by 7 borderers, with 9 acres of meadow, alſo half a carucate, the moiety of a mill, and the moiety of a ſaltpit, valued at 5*s. per ann.* and Ribald held it of Alan. Robert Malet had ſeized, in Leſiate, on 2 free men who had 60 acres, and 4 of meadow, with a carucate and a borderer, and mill, valued at 5*s.* the predeceſſor of Roger Bigot had the protection only of them.

Theſe two lordſhips abovementioned, alſo extended into two little adjoining towns, Leſiate and Holt, which towns are accounted for under this town of Wyken; Leſyate is ſtill a diſtant ſeparate pariſh, and has a church belonging to it, but Holt or Holthouſe, has none, and is now eſteemed as part of the pariſh of Leſiate.

In the 6 year of Henry III. Hugh de Noiun or Nugun, was lord of Wyke, Leziate and Holt; and conveyed part of the ſaid townſhips by fine, to Odo, abbot of Caen in Normandy, lord of the manor of Wells, or Wells priory in Geyton, reſerving to himſelf, and his men of Wyke, common of paſture in the town of Holt; and at the ſaid time, the abbot granted to Hugh, 7 acres of land and 3 of meadow, with ſeveral parcels of marſh. In the 44 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between John, then prior of Caſtleacre, querent, and Nicholas, abbot of Caen, of lands in Wyke, Leſyat, Holt, Well, Geyton, &c. and in the ſaid year, Amabilia de Wiken was found to hold 2 parts of a fee here, of Ralph Noioun, and the fourth part of one of Ralph Cheney.

Henry Nugun was found in the third of Edward I. to hold the lordſhip of Aſkewiken, &c. of the honor of Dover, and paying to the caſtle guard 20*s. per ann.* and to have the aſſiſe of bread, beer, &c. Here we find this town called Aſkewyken: Wyke, or Wyken, ſignifies a ſtream or run of water, Wi, Gui, and Eu, is often added to places, and expreſſes alone water: Guido, Wido, and Eudo, is a Chriſtian name alſo, and I have met in antient deeds, where one perſon has at different times wrote himſelf under in each of thoſe different names; the adjunct Aſke or Aſh, we often meet with, and is not to be interpreted, (as is, and has been frequently) † to ſignify an aſh tree, or place of aſhes, but an Aſke, Uſke or Ouſy, that is wet or watry ſoil. In the 10 of Edward I. it is wrote Aſkewyk, when Robert de Stokes, and Beatrix his wife, conveyed lands to Robert, ſon of Conſtantine of Weſtacre, lying in this town; and in the 11 of Edward II. Henry de Holt and Thomas de Franſham, had 2 meſſuages, with lands in Aſkewyken, Bawſey, Geyton, Muſton, &c. conveyed to them by Walter Ryvel, of Ikworth, and Margaret his wife.

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[a] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis.——Wiche ten. Leuricus lib. ho. ii car. terre t. r. e. mo. tenet Rog. tc. xii villi. mo. vii ſep. iii bor. 7 ii ſer. 7 xx ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i tc. i car. ho'um. mo. dim. Hic jacent vii ſoc. xii ac. t're. 7 ten. idem. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſep. dim. car. tc. v an. tc. vii por. mo. v tc. cc ov. mo. xxx tc. dim. ſal. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. xl ſol. 7 i car. poteſt reſtaurari. Tota ht. vi quar. in long. 7 in lato. 7 reddit vi*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto qu'cq; ibi teneat.

[b] Terre Alani Comitis——In Wica 7 Boweſeia dim. car. t're. ten. Uluic lib. ho. t. r. e. vii bord. ix ac. p'ti. dim. car. dim. mol. dim. ſaline, 7 val. v ſol. tenet dim. (viz. Ribald.)

In the 20 of Edward III. John de Wyken, &c. was found to hold two parts of a fee in Wyken, and Geyton, of John Nugon, which Amabilia de Wyken formerly held.

The priory of Wells, in Geyton, appears alſo to have a lordſhip here from the grant abovementioned, of Hugh de Noiun, to Odo, abbot of Caen, &c. and their temporalities were valued in 1428, at 3*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* This was afterwards granted, on the diſſolution of the priories *alien*, together with that priory, to John Wodehouſe, Eſq; who had the rent of aſſiſe in Lyſyate and Holt, as lord, in the 9 year of King Henry VI.

After this, John Jenkin, gent. conveyed by fine, in the 28 of Henry VIII. the 3d part of the manor of Gloſthorpe, with lands in Wyken, Leſyate, Holt, Geyton, &c. to Thomas Thureſby, Eſq; (as in Gloſthorp) and the ſaid Thomas Thoriſby died ſeiſed of the manor of Aſhwyken, with its appertenances, in the 36 of Henry VIII. The Thoriſby's ſeem to have lived here at this time. Edmund Thoreſby, Eſq; ſon of Thomas, by his laſt will, dated December 20, 1547, [c] deſires to be buried in the church of Aſhwyken, appoints Urſula his wife, executrix, and mentions his brother, Francis Thoreſby, Eſq; proved January 9 following. In the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq; had livery of the manors of Aſhwiken, Bawſey, Gloſthorp, &c. being ſon and heir of Edmund. In this family it remained till about the year 1700, when Francis Thoreſby, Eſq; of Geywood, ſold it to John Drury, Eſq; who in 1675, preſented to the rectory as lord.

The ſaid John Drury, Eſq; (a branch of the Drurys of Rougham in Suffolk) married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of George Fowler, Eſq; of Weeting, and was lord of Holt; from the Drurys it was conveyed to the Honorable Roger North, Eſq; of Rougham, in Norfolk, about the year 1700.

In 1754, George Wright, Eſq; died ſeiſed of the manors of Aſhwicken, Gloſthorp, Leſyate, and Holt, with the advouſons of Aſhwiken and Leſyate; and were advertiſed to be ſold by a decree of chancery, on January 29, 1754: he was ſon of —— Wright, Eſq; of Sandy Downham, in Suffolk, and married a daughter of Roger North, Eſq;

The Honorable John Spencer, Eſq; bought them, and his widow now poſſeſſes them, or his ſon the Lord Spencer.

In the 16 of Richard II. Reginald Farmer, and others, aliened to the maſter of the Gild of St. Mary, in Le Baylle de Thetford, one meſſuage called Chapel-Hall, another called Chaterys, and 26 acres of land in Thetford, one meſſuage, 80 acres of land, and 10 of paſture in Aſkewyken, with lands in Mildenhale and Croxton.

The temporalities of the prior of Pentney, in Wyken, were valued in 1428, at 18*s.* 11*d.* *per ann.* Thoſe of the prior of Weſtacre, at 3*s.* 10*d.*

Concealed lands in Aſhwyken and Lezyate, granted April 10, *ao.* 16 Elizabeth, to Edmund Dyer, and Henry Creſſener, with the rectories of Aſhwyken and Leſyate.

The church of Aſhwyken is dedicated to All Saints, and was appropriated to Weſtacre priory; the rectory was valued at 5 marks and an half, and the vicarage at 30*s.* and paid Peter-pence, 8*d.* and ſtands now charged with Leſyate, at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

VICARS.

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† Aſh or Eſh, is the name of a river in Hertfordſhire, Derbyſhire, Suſſex, &c.

[c] Reg. Wymer Norw. p. 51.

VICARS.

1316, John de Wreningham, preſented to Aſhwyken vicarage, by the prior of Weſtacre.——1349, William Chapman, vicar.——1351, John Trot.——John de Lexham.——1360, William de Geyſt.——1361, John Merſey.——1367, Ralph Gerard, alias Carleton.——1388, Richard Stangrene.——William Claypole.

1402, William Reynold.——1405, John Marſh.——1410, Robert Chalke.——1444, Thomas Wreſtlyngworth.——1456, William Pygot.——1459, Robert Dawes.——1476, Robert Skirlagh.——1491, John Smith.——1496, Thomas Dyman.

1508, John Trunch, by the biſhop, united to Leſyate.——1546, John Halſted, by the king.——1555, Thomas Serjeant, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1569, John Bramall, by the aſſignees of Sir Thomas Greſham.——1589, Peter Smith, by the queen.

1600, Jordan Chadwick, by Sir Horatio Palavicini.——John Bramall, occurs vicar in 1604.——1608, Oſbert Hopes, by Thomas Thurſby, Eſq;——1617, Robert Powis, by Thomas Thurſby.——1633, William Holly, by the king, a lapſe.——1675, Thomas Tyſon, by John Drury, Eſq;——1679, Bartholomew Algood, by John Drury.

1716, Martin Challis, by Elizabeth Janes, ſpinſter.——1757, James Nind, by Philip Nind of London.

About the reformation, it became a rectory, and ſo continues.

Out of this rectory a yearly penſion was paid of 26*s.* 8*d.* The rectory houſe exchanged for one belonging to Thomas Thoriſby, Eſq; by Oſbert Hopes, with the biſhop's conſent, in 1609; and the penſion then paid to him, as above, of 26*s.* 8*d.* In this church was the guild of St. Peter.

The church of Leſyate was dedicated to All Saints, and appropriated to the priory of Weſtacre; the rectory was valued at 5 marks and an half, and the vicarage at 30*s.* and the patronage of it was in the priory, and paid Peter-pence, 6*d.*

VICARS.

1312, Edmund de Schipedene, to Leſyate vicarage, by the prior of Weſtacre.——1349, Walter Rychey.——1380, Adam Craſk.——1382, John Lovedouſe.——1390, John Baxtere.——1395, John Benne.——1397, Edmund Baldwin.

1400, Thomas Halle.——1405, Edmund Wodehouſe.——1408, Richard Haxere.——1415, Roger Sket.——William Gameleſton.——1416, Hugh Wynehoute.——1424, Adam Neche.——1441, Bened. Whiting, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1442, Thomas Boterell.——1449, Robert Dawe.——1460, Thomas Marum.——1462, John Curteys.——1464, Richard Sparowe.——John Sever.——1474, Thomas Dyman; after this, it was united to Aſhwyken.

In this church was the guild of St. Mary. Service is performed in this church every third Sunday, and 2 Sundays at Aſhwicken.

BAWSEY and GLOSTHORP,

WERE two diſtinct villages at the ſurvey, called Gloreſthorp and Bouſeda, or Boweſeia; the firſt was the capital manor, and the other, Bawſey, a beruite to it, both held by Robert Malet, a Norman baron, lord of Eye in Suffolk.

Gloreſthorp may take its name from the Britons, being by a Gloy-Re, that is a fair water; thus Glouceſter or Gloſter, from Gloy, in Welſh, fair, and

Cheſter. It conſiſted of two carucates of land, and was held by Godwin, a free man, † in the time of Edward the Confeſſor, then there were 8 villains, now 3, then and afterwards [a] 3 borderers, now 5, always 3 ſervi, and 30 acres of meadow, 2 carucates always in demean, then half a carucate among the tenants, or men, and now, &c. 2 mills; 13 ſocmen belonged to it, with 40 acres of land, &c. and was valued at 55*s.* *per ann.*——There belongs to it one beruite, as a manor, Bouſeda; in King Edward's time here was one carucate of land, then 7 villains, now 5, always 12 borderers, 3 ſervi, and 40 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and two bovates or oxgangs, among the men, or tenants, with a mill, &c. one ſalt pit and the moiety of another, &c. 30 ſheep and 50 goats; to this beruite belonged 10 acres of land, in ſoccage, valued in all at 30*s.* theſe two manors contain two leucas in length, and 4 furlongs in breadth, and paid 12*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

Bawſey takes its name from its ſcite, on a winding ſtream or water.

William, Lord Malet, was with the Conqueror at the deciſive battle of Haſtings, and ſent with the body of King Harold, there ſlain, to ſee it decently interred. In the Conqueror's charter to the dean and canons of St. Martin's Le Grand, London, he ſigned next to the earls, and had then the title of Princeps; by Heſilia his wife, he had Robert, to whom the Conqueror gave the honor of Eye, in Suffolk, and about 220 manors in that county, 32 in Yorkſhire, 3 in Eſſex, one in Hampſhire, 2 in Nottinghamſhire, 8 in Lincolnſhire, and the following in Norfolk, beſides Gloſthorp and Bawſey:——Kilverſton in Shropham hundred;——Saſilingham and Shoteſham, in Henſted hundred;—Scoteford in Earſham hundred;—Giſſing, Burſton, and Thorp, in Fringe hundred;——Reydon, Shimpling, Thelton, and Semere, in Diſs hundred;—Wodeton in Lothmingham hundred;—Horsford, Horſham, Beofeton, and Sproton in Taverham hundred;——Bacton and Dilham, in Tunſted hundred;—Fretton and Hardwick, in Depwade hundred.

This Robert was great chamberlain of England, under King Henry I. but in the 2d year of that king, was baniſhed, and deprived of his poſſeſſions in England, for adhering to Robert Curtois, that king's eldeſt brother, duke of Normandy.

As theſe manors and places had for many centuries, the ſame lords, I ſhall treat of them together.

The family of Glanville were very early after the Conqueror's time infeoft in theſe lordſhips, under the Lord Malet. In the ſixth year of ‡ Richard I. Thomas de Ardern, and Ralph, ſon of Robert, impleaded Sir William de Aubervile, and Maud his wife, for their portion of the inheritance of Ralph de Glanvile, in Bawſey and Gloſthorp. This Ralph de Glanvile was lord chief juſtice of England, and founder of the abby of Butley, in Suffolk; in 1171, he left 3 daughters and coheirs; Maud the eldeſt, married to Sir William de Aubervile, ‡ and the other two, Amabil, and Helewiſe, to John de Ardern, and Ralph, ſon of Robert. Glanville accompanied King Richard I. into the Holy Land, and was at the ſiege of Acon; and bore argent, a chief indented, azure; and Auberville, p. feſs, dauncy, azure and or, 3 annulets counterchanged.

The family of Bovile held theſe townſhips in Henry II's. reign, under the Glanviles; and in the year 1195, William de Glanvile gave 100 marks [b] to have the cuſtody of the heir of William de Boyvill, till of age, with his lands, &c. in Gloſthorp and Bawenne. The Bovills deſcended from Sir Philip de Bovil, who gave lands to the priory of Wykes in Eſſex, in the reign of Henry I. which was confirmed by Geffrey de Mandevile, earl of Eſſex; Pauline de Bovill lived in the reign of King Stephen. This William de Bovile, or Boyvill, the heir abovementioned, was

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† This Godwin was (as I take it) Earl Godwin, father of King Harold.

[a] Terre Roberti Malet——Gloreſthorp tenuit Goduin lib. ho. ii car. t're. t. r. e. tnc. 7 poſtea viii vill. mo. iii tnc. 7 p. iii bord. mo. v ſemp. iii ſerv. 7 xxx acr. p'ti. ſemp. ii car. in d'nio. tnc. dim. car. hom'um et mo. ſilva viii porci et ii mol. hic jacent xiii ſokeman de xl car. t're. quando recep. ii r. mo. i ſep. viii porc. tnc xx ov. 7 val. lv ſol.——Jacet etiam i beruita p. manerio Bouſeda t. r. e. i car. t're. tnc. et p. vii vill. mo. v ſemp. xii bord. 7 iii ſer. 7 xl acr. p'ti. 7 i car. in d'nio. 7 ii bou' ho'um. 7 i mol. ſilva xvi porc. 7 i ſal. 7 dim. tnc. i r. 7 mo. 7 xiiii porc. xxx ov. 7 l cap. huic beruite jacent in ſoc. x acr. t're. 7 val. xxx ſol. hec duo maneria ht. in long. ii leug. 7 iiii quar. in lat q'cunq; ibi teneat, et redd. xii*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto.

‡ Dugdale ſays that Amabil married Ralph de Ardern, and Helewiſe, Robert Fitz-Ralph, lord of Midleham in Yorkſhire, and had each a moiety of Bawſey.—Bar. v. 1. p. 423, &c.

[b] Rot. Pip.——Inter chart. priorat. de Wykes in Cur. Recept. Sc'cii.

that William, (as I take it) who married Iſabel, daughter and heir of —— ——, by Baſilia his wife, 3d daughter of —— Glanvile, and ſiſter and coheir of Jeffrey de Glanvile, of Baketon in Norfolk; for in the 3 of Edward II. William de Bovill, ſon and heir of William de Bovill, and Iſabella his wife, was impleaded for the manor of Alderton, and the church of Dallingho, in Suffolk, by William de Huntingfeld, who was deſcended from Emma, the other ſiſter and coheir, wife to John de Grey, being part of the poſſeſſions of Geffrey de Glanvile.

In the 7 year of Richard I. a fine was levied between Roger Golafre, and Beatrix his wife, and Robert, ſon of Simon of Saham, who was to hold of Roger and Beatrix, and their heirs, the mill of Gloſebrig, by the rent of 10*s.* *per ann.* and in 24 of Henry III. William de Bovile was found to hold two knights fees in theſe townſhips, and was impleaded in the 34 of that king, for making a new warren in Bawſey, Gloſethorp and Leziate, and was conſtituted keeper of the peace in Suffolk, by the aforeſaid king, in his 48 year, by letters patent, during his captivity after the battle of Lewes in Suſſex, and in the following year, was [c] the king's juſtice itinerant, to enquire of miſdemeanours in the county of Suffolk. In the 56 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between John de Bovile querent, and William de Bovile deforcient, of the manors of Creting, Thorp, Dallingho, Letheringham, and Alderton in Suffolk, with thoſe of Bawſey and Gloſthorp, whereby they were conveyed to William, for life; remainder to John, and the heirs of his body; remainder to the right heirs of William; which John was probably brother of William, for in the 5 of Edward I. John de Bovil was found to hold theſe towns laſt mentioned, of the honor of Eye, and to have a gallows, aſſiſe of bread and beer, &c. This was that John (as I take it) who married Petronilla, daughter and heir of Robert de Eccles; Bovil bore quarterly, or and ſable; and Eccles argent, on a ſaltire, gules, 2 croſier ſtaves, ſaltyrewiſe, or, ſurmounted with a lion's head, of the firſt; and it appears by the eſcheat rolls, in the 30 of Edward I. that William de Bovill held 7 fees and an half here, in Letheringham, Creting and Thorp, in Suffolk, and in Leys in Eſſex. —In the 7 of Edward II. William de Bovil was lord, and purchaſed of William de Rungeton, and Mary his wife, for 40*l.* land, &c. in Bawſey and Gloſthorp.

This William de Bovil was ſon of John de Bovile, as I take it, alſo lord of Donington, Wyleby, Letheringham, and Thorp in Suffolk, and in the ſaid year, ſettled the manor of Donington, on Richard de Wingfeld for life, and the advouſon on Roger de Wingfeld, for life, remainder to William de Bovile, ſon of the ſaid William, in tail male; remainder to Thomas, ſon of Thomas le Latimer, in tail male; remainder to Simon Fitz-Richard, and Nicholaa his wife; remainder to his right heirs; and the manor of Badingham in Suffolk, with Bawſey and Gloſthorp, were ſettled then in the ſame manner.——By a French deed, dated on Wedneſday after the feaſt of St. Leonard, in the 11th year of the ſaid reign, it was covenanted between Sir William Bovill of the one part, John de Catfield, William de Halſworth, clerks, Sir Thomas de Latimer, Thomas his ſon, Simon le Fitz-Richard, and Nicholaa his wife, and Sir Oliver de Ingham of the other part, that Sir William de Bovill, and Joan his wife, ſhould hold one moiety of the manors of Bawſey and Gloſthorp, for their lives, remainder to Sir Thomas de Latimer, and Mary his wife, and to Thomas their ſon, and the heirs male of the ſon's body, remainder to Sir Oliver de Ingham and his heirs; and of the other moiety, the ſaid Sir William and Joan, to be ſeiſed for life; remainder to Simon Fitz-Richard, and Nicholaa his wife; remainder to Sir Oliver de Ingham and his heirs; the aforeſaid Mary and Nicholaa were, no doubt, daughters of the ſaid Sir William, and Joan his wife.

In the 13 of the ſaid reign, Maſter Richard Clare, eſcheator on this ſide of Trent, accounted for the iſſues of theſe lordſhips, and that of Badingham, held of the honor of Eye, late Sir William de Bovill's; and it was found that William de Bovill, ſon of Sir William, deceaſed, and Joan his wife, lately deceaſed, held them at his death, jointly, being enfeoft by John de Catfield; this William, the ſon, alſo a knight, married Mariotta, daughter of Sir Thomas Moſel, by Chriſtiana his wife, daughter of Sir William Latimer, who was firſt married to Sir John Carbonel, of

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[c] Rymer's Fœd. v. 1. R. 793.

Waldingfeld in Suffolk; her 2d huſband was Sir Robert de Boſco, or Bois, of Fersfield, and in 1311, ſhe married Sir Thomas Moſel, who bore argent, a chevron between 3 boars heads, couped, ſable.

This Sir William had by Mariotta, a daughter and heireſs, Margery, who was married firſt to Sir William Carbonel, knight, and 2dly to Sir Thomas Wingfield, 2d ſon of Sir John Wingfield.

After this, diſputes aroſe on account of the ſettlement of theſe manors, made in the 7 year, &c. of Edward II. abovementioned; and in Michaelmas term, in the 5 year of King Edward III. is an entry of *certiorari* upon the fine levied in Trinity term, in the 7 of Edward II. of the manors of Bawſey, Gloſthorp and Badingham, late William de Bovill's, and William Carbonel, and Margery his wife, deſired a writ to ſummon Nicholaa, then widow of Thomas de Hindringham, and Richard, ſon of Simon Fitz-Richard, (her ſon) who held the ſaid manors. In the 14 of the ſaid king, Richard Fitz-Simon Fitz-Richard, brought the king's protection, he being then to ſail with the king into foreign parts, ſo that there was a *ſuperſedeas*; but in the following year they were conveyed by fine from Sir William Carbonell, and Margery his wife, to Richard and his heirs, from the heirs of Margery; and the ſaid Richard occurs lord in the 20 of the ſaid king, and in the next year, he granted to Sir John de Ufford, knight, &c. theſe lordſhips; that of Penſthorp and Letheringham, and the advouſon of the priory there, in truſt, as I take it.

Sir Hamo de Felton was lord of Bawſey in the 41 of the ſaid reign, and was ſued for not cleanſing the Several-Water called Bawſee Hee, and for not repairing the bridge there, wich was broken down, ſo that a precept was iſſued out to diſtrain, in St. Michaelmas term. About the 2d of Richard II. he ſued one John Ignor, for hunting on his free warren at Gloſthorp, and recovered damages. In the 2d of Richard II. Sir Robert de Morley impleaded Sir Robert Knolls, knight, and Conſtantia his wife, Sir Thomas de Felton, Sir John Strange, 5 parſons or rectors of churches, one chaplain, one vicar, and 12 others, in being diſſeiſed of the manors of Gloſthorp and Bawſey, with lands in Geyton, Grimſton, North and South Wotton and Rydon, and by the verdict it was found that he was diſſeiſed by Walter, vicar of Leziate, William, parſon of the church of Lucham, and Thomas Clogg, chaplain, to the loſs of 200*l*. and in the 13 of that king, a fine was levied between Sir Robert Carbonel, knight, John, parſon of Wratting, &c. querents, John Spoo, and Nicholaa his wife, deforcients, of the manor of Bawſey, and Pencethorp, conveyed to John, parſon of Wratting, &c. quit of the heirs of Nicholaa. In the 21 of the ſaid reign, Sir Robert Carbonel was found to hold at his death, with Margaret his wife, the manor of Bawſey; and John was his ſon and heir, 14 years old; and the heirs of Sir Robert Carbonel, and Sir Thomas Morley, held 2 fees in Gloſthorp and Bawſey, of the earl of Suffolk, of the honor of Eye, as appears by the inquiſition taken in the 3d of Henry IV. In the 3d year of Henry V. Sir Robert Morley, and Petronilla his wife, appear from the eſcheat rolls, to have held the manor of Gloſthorp, and that of Frameſden in Suffolk, and Thomas was his ſon and heir, aged 24. This Thomas, Lord Morley, had a daughter and heir, Margaret, (by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Michael de la Pole, earl of Suffolk,) who was married to Thomas Ratclyff, Eſq; by whom he had Jeffrey Ratclyff, Eſq; of Frameſden in Suffolk, who on the death of his father, Thomas, on December 20, 1487, was aged 9 years; Jeffrey dying in 1504, left 3 daughters and coheirs, and was then found to hold the manor of Gloſthorp, of the honor of Eye.

By an inquiſition taken at Bungey, January 24, in the 21 of King Henry VIII. by a writ of *mandamus*, after the death of the ſaid Jeffrey, the jury find that Thomas Ratclyff, Eſq; ſettled December 3, in the 18 of Edward IV. the manor of Framſden on Jeffrey his ſon, by his firſt wife, and that Joan Arundel, widow of Sir —— Arundel, who was his 2d wife, died September 30, in the 15 of Henry VIII.—— Eliz. the eldeſt daughter of Jeffrey, married Chiſtopher Spilman, Eſq; ſhe had a 3d part of the manor of Gloſthorp, as was found by an inquiſition *poſt mortem*, taken at Norwich, January 13, in the 21 of Henry VIII. and had Elizabeth her daughter and heir, aged 13 years, on the death of her mother, November 8, in the 11 of Henry VIII.——Alianora, the 2d daughter and coheir, married to —— Lovell;

ſhe died July 27, in the 10 of Henry VIII. before livery was granted of her 3d part of the manor of Gloſthorp, and left Elizabeth her daughter and heir, 3 years old; Joan, the 3d daughter and coheir, married John Sturgeons, of Cranwich, who had livery of the 3d part of the aforeſaid manor, in 13 of Henry VIII.

The lordſhip of Bawſey was held by John Conyers, Eſq; (ſon of Sir Robert Conyers, and Maud his wife, daughter of Sir John Fitz-Ralph,) who married Elianor, ſiſter and coheir of William, ſon of Sir William Yelverton, (knight of the bath, at King Edward IV's. coronation, and one of the juſtices of the king's bench) but having no iſſue, it deſcended to Thomas Conyers, brother of John, who left two daughters and coheirs; Ann married to Thomas Spelman, Eſq; of Elingham *Magna*, and Ela married to Sir Robert Lovell, 2d ſon of Sir Ralph Lovell, of Barton Bendiſh, in Norfolk, and brother to Sir Thomas Lovell, knight of the garter, which Robert was knighted at Blackheath-field, in 1497.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Chriſtopher Spelman, Eſq; of Stow by Breccles, and Elizabeth his wife, one of the coheirs of Jeffrey Ratcliff, Eſq; married firſt, Edmund Dethick, gent. and afterwards John Jenkyn, gent. who held a 3d part of the manor of Gloſthorp, in the 22 year of Henry VIII. being then the wife of Jenkyn; and they, by fine, in the 33d of the ſaid king, conveyed their part to Thomas Thoriſby, Eſq; and in the ſaid year, Oſbert Munford, Eſq; was found to hold another 3d part of the ſaid manor.

In the 30 year of the ſaid king, Sir William Huſſey, knight, and Urſula his wife, conveyed by fine, their part and right in the manor of Bawſey, to Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq; This Urſula was one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Lovell, by Ela his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Conyers, Eſq;

About the 6th year of Queen Elizabeth, Thomas Thoreſby, ſon and heir of Edmund Thoreſby, had livery of a moiety of the manor of Bawſey, and two third parts of the manor of Gloſthorp; and Francis Mountford, Eſq; had livery of a 3d part of that manor, about the 22 of the ſaid queen, held of the honor of Eye; and Jane Thoreſby preſented, as lady of Bawſey, in 1681, and William Thoreſby, gent. in 1719.

After this, Mr. Bodham poſſeſſed it; his daughter and heireſs brought it to Mr. Roberts an upholdſterer, in London, and his ſon, a ſurgeon at London, is the preſent lord.

The tenths of this town were 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* Temporalities of Weſtacre priory, 10*d.* *per ann.* The temporalities of the prior and convent of Norwich, in 1428, were charged at 4*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

The temporalities of Coxford priory at 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* out of a mill. Albert Bond gave to God, to the church of St. Mary, and the canons of Cokesford, half a mark *per ann.* to be received out of Triket mill, in Bawſey; and it appears from a pleading, in 14 of Edward I. that Peter, ſon of William de Thelvetham, with Aſcelina his wife, Alice and Margery her ſiſters, were then ſummoned to anſwer to the prior of Cokesford's claim, when it was found to be juſt, and that Henry de Stanhow bought the mill of Albert; from Henry it came to Hugh de Elmham, then to John de Geyton, father of the aforeſaid Aſcelina, Alice, and Margery.——William de Wermegay gave the rent of 5*s.* *per ann.* out of Bawſey mill, to Caſtleacre priory. Concealed lands here were granted to Edward Dyer, and H. Creſſener, in the 16 of Elizabeth, April 10.

RECTORS.

Oliver de Bradley.——1330, John de Walpole, preſented by the prior and convent of Eye.——1334, William de Harpham, ditto ——1349, John de Waterden, by the king; the temporalities of the priory then in the king's hands.——John Larke.——1354, John de Harpele, by the king, *ut ſupra.*——1356, William de Hope, by the prior.——1358, Roger Stephene, ditto.——1370, Bartholomew French, ditto.——1371, Hugh de Derham, ditto.——1372, Robert Gardant, ditto.——1373, Regind. de Appilton, ditto.——137–, Edmund de Heyford, ditto.——1381, Richard Maſon, ditto; an exchange for Thorp-

Market.———1383, Walter Bere, ditto.———1385, John, ſon of Walter Drew, by the prior, &c. of Eye, exchanged for Narford.———1391, Thomas Cowdeth, ditto, exchanged for Boſton-Malherb in Kent.

1402, John Inglewood, ditto, exchanged for Bedyngfeld.———1403, John Mecham, ditto, exchanged for Uffeton, Sar.———1404, John Maſon, ditto, exchanged for Lund in York dioceſe.——— ———, John Beſſwyk.———1408, Sim. Tychmerſh, ditto, exchanged for Sotteby in Lincoln dioceſe.———1414, William Cranemere, ditto, exchanged for Hillington.———1443, Edmund Tilney, by William Topyſer, &c.———1444, Richard Broun, by William Wareles, &c.———1449, William Farſewys, by Henry Berningham, William Wareleſs, &c. burgeſſes of Lynn.———1456, John Ewnet, by John Nicholaſſon, burgeſs of Lynn.———1462, Mr. Roger Gey, by William Nicholaſſon, burgeſs of Lynn.———1486, John Dawſon, by Henry Smith, *L. L. B.*———1488, Frater Geffrey, by ditto.———1493, William Everard, by the biſhop a lapſe.

1506, John Legate, ditto.———1508, Robert Howghton, by Sir Robert Lovell, Kt.———1509, Thomas Totty, ditto.———1516, William Graunge, ditto, united to North Rungeton.———1528, Frat. Godfrey Coſyn, a carmelite, by John Smith.———1532, Robert Newman, by Mr. William Stratwhayt, united to the maſter-ſhip of St. John Baptiſt's hoſpital of Lynn. 1538, Chriſtopher Lant. ditto.———1540, William Goſhawke, by William Caſis of Eaſt-Winch.———1551, George Halſted, by Francis Baſtard, Gent.———1567, Francis Welles, by the aſſigns of Francis Baſtard.———1569, John Long, by Thomas Thurſby, Eſq;———1593, John Mapted, by the biſhop, a lapſe.———1597, William Fairfax, ditto.

1604, Chriſtopher Breeſe, ditto.———1612, Richard Carleton, bacch. of muſick, by Thomas Thurſby, Eſq;

Robert Powis, occurs in 1636.

1638, Richard Peypes, ditto.———1661, Francis Halfheid, by Thomas Thoreſby of Mintlyn, Eſq;———1679, John Read, ditto.———1681, Robert Witherell, by Jane Thoreſby.———1696, Henry Waſtall, the biſhop, by lapſe.

1719, John Witherell, by William Thoreſby, Gent.———1728, Samuel Beatniff, by Edmund Hill.

This rectory is charged at 4*l.* in the king's books, and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

The ancient valor was 6 marks, Peter-pence 7*d. ob.*

The prior of Eye had a portion of tithe here, valued at 23*s. per ann.* and in the 3d of Edward I. ſued William de Bovill, for the advouſon of the church.

The prior of Letheringham's here and in Leſeyate at 5*l. per ann.*

BABINGLEY.

IN Babinkeleia, Peter de Valoins had a lordſhip, out of which Tort, a Saxon freeman, was ejected at the conqueſt; this Peter had alſo lordſhips [*a*] in ſeveral other towns, conferred upon him: here was one carucate of land, with 4 villains, 15 borderers, 5 ſervi, and 16 acres of meadow, &c. there had been 2 carucates in demean, at the ſurvey but one, alſo 3 carucates amonſt the tenants, at the ſurvey 2, the moiety of 2 mills, and 5 ſalt pits, &c. 7 ſocmen belonged to it, who held a carucate and 6 acres, and of theſe Stigand (the arch-biſhop of Canterbury) had the ſoc. The whole was valued at 40*s. per ann.* and was 2 leucas long and one broad, and paid 2*s.* to a 20*s.* gelt, and William held it under Peter.

Sir Henry Spelman obſerves, that the town is ſeated in an angle, or nook of land between two rivers, (called by him the Iſis and the Cong) and the town

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(*a*) Terre Petri Valonienſis——Babinkeleia, tenet Will. qu. ten. Tort lib. ho. t. r. e p. man. i car. tre. iiii villi. 7 xv bor. 7 v ſer. 7 xvi ac. pti. ſilva. LX por. tnc. ii car. in dnio. p' 7 m°. i tc. iii houm. p' 7 m°. ii 7 medietate' duor. molinor. 7 v ſal. quando rec. i. r. tc. x an. m°. viii tc. xii por. m°. xiii. tc. CLX ov. m°. CLXXVII hic jacent vii ſoc. vi. ac. ter. ſep. ii car. tam. ex his habuit Stigandus ſocam. totu. val. XL. ſol. tot. hab. ii leug. in long. 7 i leug. in lat. q' cq; ibi. teneat, 7 redd. ii ſol. de xx ſol. de gelto.

ſeems to take its name from † Bab, or Be, a fine winding river; thus Bavenburc, now called Bawburgh in Norfolk, Babworth in Nottinghamſhire, Babington in Somerſetſhire, *&c.* and Ing and Ley, as lying on the meadows.

BUTLER'S MANOR, or WEST HALL.

SIR WILLIAM DE RUDHAM held it under Valoins, and when Peter de Valoins in the reign of Henry I. founded the priory of Binham in Norfolk, that knight gave [*b*] two parts of his tithe here to it, which his ſon and grandſon confirmed; his deſcendants, according to the cuſtom of that age, took up the name of De Babingley: Jefferey de Babingley was witneſs to a deed of Roger de Valoins, grandſon of Peter aforeſaid. Amanivicus de Babingley was lord in the 9th of Richard I. and John de Babingle had a charter for free-warren in all his demeſne lands here, in Wolfreton and Sandringham, in the 49th of Henry III.

After this it came to John le Boteler, by the marriage of Ida, one of the daughters and co-heirs of John de Babingley, which John was ſon (as I take it) of Sir Ralph le Boteler, who held lands at Grimſton, as appears from an antient parchment roll. In the 26th of Edward I. Robert de Tateſhale, John de Tateſhale and Katherine his wife, were ſummoned [*c*] to anſwer John le Butler of Babingley, to permit him to preſent to that church belonging to his manor, late John de Babingle's, who left two daughters and co-heirs, Catherine, and Ida; John le Butler having married Ida, Robert de Taetſhale replys that Catherine, the eldeſt, had enfeoft him in her part, and he had enfeoft his ſon, and the ſaid Katherine his wife in tail, and therefore it was their right to preſent firſt, and Ida to have the ſecond turn, to which they agreed; by this it appears that the right of patronage belonged to this manor: after this the manor being divided between the Tateſhale family and that of Butler, they preſented for ſome time alternately.

In the 14th of Edward II. John, ſon of John de Breccles, conveyed by fine to John le Butler of Babingle, and Alice his wife, 11 meſſuages, 6 tofts, a mill, 214 acres of land, *&c.* here and in Sandringham, Wolferton, *&c.* ſettled on John and Alice in tail, being John le Butler's ſettlement on his marriage with Alice, daughter of John de Beccles.

In the 20th of Edward III. Robert, Earl of Suffolk, John Boteler, and Robert Chappe, or Shappe, were found to hold one knight's fee in Babingle, Wolferton, and Sandringham, of the heirs (as then ſaid) of Robert de Tateſhale, which John de Tateſhale formerly held; and ſoon after in 1340, Robert, Earl of Suffolk, and Robert Chappe, preſented to this church; Robert, the earl, held in right of Margaret his wife, late widow of Sir Thomas de Cailey, which family, with thoſe of Driby, and Orreby were heirs to the Tateſhales, and from one of theſe Chappe might have a right or part; and in 1361, William Scot preſented in right of his wife.

In 1369, Sir Adam de Clifton was lord, and preſented as heir to Caily, and ſo to Tateſhale; and in the 45th of King Edward III. Joan, late the widow of John Boteler, was found to hold the manor of Botelers in Babingley, of the manor of Weſt-Hall in the ſaid town, and that John was her ſon and heir, and of age, as appears from an inquiſition taken at Babingley on Wedneſday after the feaſt of St. Simon and Jude, and that ſhe died on Thurſday after the feaſt of St. Margaret, in the 43d of the aforeſaid king.

This John Boteler, ſon of John Boteler and Joan his wife, was the laſt heir male of his family, and was afterwards a knight, and his daughter and heir Margaret, being married to Jeffery Cobb, of Sandringham, their eſtate here came into that family, wherein it continued 'till ſold about 1686, to Sir Edward Atkins, who conveyed it ſoon after to James Hoſt, Eſq; and from the Hoſts, to Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq; as in Sandringham. The Tatiſhale part of this manor of Valoins, joins, being in Sir Adam Clifton, continued in that family till the death of Sir John Clifton, and the whole right of patronage appears after the year 1369, to be in that family.

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† See in Appleton. (*b*) Regiſt. prior. de Binham, fol. 1, 2. (*c*) Plita Term. Hillar. de Banco.

But in the 3d of Richard II. a fine was levied between John Hode of Flete, Sir William Hode, Kt. and Margaret, widow of Thomas Chappe, of Snetesham, querents, Jeffery de Tolboth, and Sim. Barret, deforciants of a manor here, and in Wolferton, *&c.* ſettled on Margaret Chappe, for life, remainder to John Hode, Sir William, and Margaret, and the heirs of John; after this I find nothing more of it, the whole being conveyed to Thomas, Lord Scales, and Nucelle, as I ſhall ſhow.

WEST-HALL, or TATISHALE'S MANOR.

ANOTHER lordſhip in this town, held by Scula, a Saxon freeman, in King Edward's reign, was granted by the Conqueror to Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin; together with lordſhips in Hillington, Derſingham, and Maſſingham in this hundred of Frebridge; and in Docking, in the hundred of Docking, or Smethdon: in Denton, and Aldby, in Earſham hundred;—in Topcroft and Wotton in Lothingham (Clavering) hundred; and in Tibenham and Carlton in Depwade hundred.

Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin, came into England with the Conqueror, and merited ſo well from him that he conferred upon him the lordſhip of Tateſhale in Lincolnſhire, and there having his chief ſeat, or barony, he took up the name of Tateſhale. Geffrey at the ſurvey held it under Eudo, [*d*] conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, held by four villains and 25 borderers, one ſervus and 16 acres of meadow, there were then 2 carucates in demean, afterwards but one; and one amongſt the tenants, paunage for 60 ſwine, alſo 60 ſheep; there were alſo belonging to it 62 acres of land, 2 of meadow, with one carucate, a mill and 9 ſalt pits held of him by 7 freemen, valued at 60*s.* *per ann.*

In the 33d of Henry III. the jury find (as appears from the eſchaet rolls) that Robert de Tateſhale died ſeiſed of it, and of the manors of Tibenham, Topcroft and Denton, and that Robert was his ſon and heir, aged 26; and in the 50th of that king, Martin de Southmere was impleaded by Robert de Tateſhale, ſenior, [*e*] for cutting down his woods in this town; the jury find that Martin, and William, ſon of Alan of Thornham, cut part of his wood, whilſt he was in the priſon of Simon de Montfort, (one of the chief leaders of the barons againſt the king, and earl of Leiceſter, by which it appears that Tatiſhele was on the king's ſide) and ſold it for 20*s.* but it being proved to be worth one mark more, and being ſold when he was in priſon. Martin was adjudged to ſatisfy him, and was taken into cuſtody for the treſpaſs.

This Robert had view of frank pledge, and aſſiſe of bread and beer, and was parcel of his barony of Tateſhale.

In the 3d of Edward I. Robert de Tateſhale was found to hold half a fee here, in Sandringham and Wolverton, and Robert de Tateſhale dying a minor in 1305, his inheritance was divided between his 3 aunts; Emma, who married Sir Oſbert de Caily, Joan, wife of Sir Robert de Driby, and Iſabel, wife of Sir John de Orreby; and in 1315, Sir Thomas de Cayly and Margaret his wife, had a charter of freewarren in their lands here, Wolferton, *&c.* having a third part; and Alice Dryby appears to have a third part of this manor in the 17th of King Edward II. being daughter and heir to Sir Robert aforeſaid. This Alice married William Bernak; and in 1360, the king preſented to this rectory as guardian to John, the heir of Bernak; but Bernak's and Orreby's parts ſoon after centered in the Cliftons, by the marriage of Margaret, ſiſter and heir of Sir Thomas de Caily, with Sir Roger de Clifton; and Sir Adam de Clifton preſented in 1369, and Conſtantine de

Clifton

(*d*) Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin——Babinghelea, ten. Gaufrid. quam tenuit Scula, lib. ho ii. car. tre. ſep. iiii villi. 7 xxv bor. 7 i ſer. 7 xvi ac. pti. tc. ii. car. in dnio. p' 7 m°. i ſep. i car. hou. ſilva. LX por. 7 ſep. i por. 7 LX ov. hic jacent LXii ac. qd. ten. vii. lib. hoes. 7 ii ac. pti. ſep. i car. 7 i mol. tc. ix ſol. ſep. val. LX. ſol.

(*e*) Mich. 50, & 51, Hen. III. coram Rege, Rot. 19.

Clifton as ſole lord in 1400, and Sir John Clyfton in 1435, who by his will, dated Auguſt 16, in 1447, and proved September 8, in the ſaid year, [*f*] ordered this manor, with that of Wolferton, to be ſold; and it was purchaſed moſt likely by Thomas, Lord Scales and Nucells, who preſented as lord to this church in 1459, and on the marriage of his daughter and heir, Elizabeth, to Anthony Woodvile, Lord Scales, and Earl Rivers; he preſented in 1467, and was beheaded and attainted in the reign of Richard III.

In 1493, the lady Catherine Gray preſented: how it came to her does not appear.

'Tis certain that ſoon after, in King Henry VII's reign, it came to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Howard, married to John Vere, Earl of Oxford, and to Sir William Tyndal, as heirs † to the late Lady Elizabeth Scales; and in 1542, and 1554, Thomas Tindall preſented as heir to Sir William; and on default of iſſue male in the Oxford family, that part or moiety was divided between two of his ſiſters and co-heirs, married to John Nevill, Lord Latimer, and Sir Anthony Wingfield; Tyndal conveyed his moiety to Jeffrey Cobbe, Eſq; and the Wingfields having Latimer's part conveyed to them, they conveyed the other moiety alſo with the advouſon, to Jeffrey, reſerving an annual payment out of it of 20 marks, which was paid for ſeveral years, and after bought in by the Cobbs; in which family it remained till ſold in or about 1686, as obſerved above in the manor of Butlers and after paſſed as in Sandringham to the Hoſts, and ſo to H. Corniſh Henley, Eſq; in right of his wife Suſan, daughter and heireſs of James Hoſte, Eſq;

The tenths of this town with Sandringham and Wolferton were 14*l.* *per ann.* out of which was deducted 2*l.* on account of the lands of the religious; remain 12*l.*

The church of Babingley is dedicated to St. Felix, the apoſtle and biſhop of the Eaſt Angles, whoſe ſeat was at Dunwiſh in Suffolk about the year 630, who is ſaid to have converted this part of Norfolk to Chriſtianity, and to have built a church here, the firſt in this neighbourhood; Sir Henry Spelman ſays that ſome adjoyning hills bearing the name of Chriſtian-hills, [*g*]teſtify the ſame: ſee in Flitcham.

It is a rectory antiently valued at 6 marks and 10*s.* and paid Peter-pence 8*d.* the preſent valor is 4*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits, *&c.*

The nave or body of the church, with the ſouth iſle, is covered with tiles, the chancel is dilapidated; at the weſt end of the nave ſtands a ſquare tower.

In the church were theſe arms—ſable, a croſs ingrailed, or—Ufford, Earl of Suffolk—ſable, 3 ſtanding cups, covered, argent—Boteler, or Butler—gules, a chevron, or, between 3 lions faces, argent—Kervil, or Carvill, impaling Boteler—Boteler impaling argent, a feſs between 3 eaglets diſplayed ſable—Elmham, or Elingham; and in this church was the guild of St. Felix.

The prior of Binham's temporalities here and in Wolfreton in 1428, were taxed at 4*s.* 4*d.*—prior of Weſtacre's in the ſaid towns at 2*s.*—prior of Shouldham's in rent and ſalt at 7*s.* 7*d.* *ob.*

The ſpiritualities of Binham priory in this town and Wolfreton, at one mark.

Sir John Curſon, by his will dated in 1471, gives for life to the lady Joan his wife, the manors of Babingley wood, and Ingaldeſthorp for life.

RECTORS.

Andrew occurs rector, the 2d Henry III.

1333, Sim. de Rykinghale, by Alice Boteler of Babingley *hac vice.*——1349, Richard de l' Grene, by Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, and Thomas Chappe.——1353, Bartholomew Norman, by John Boteler.——1360, James de Horningtoft, by the king, as guardian to the heir of de Barnac.——1361, William Godrich, by William Scot, in right of his wife.——1361, Alan Wake, by the

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(*f*) Regiſt. Wylbey, Norw. fol. 103.

(*g*) Icenia, p. 145.

† See in Middleton.

the king, *hac vice.*——1366, Roger de Eſt Wykham, (an exchange for North Walſham vicarage) by William Skoth, *hac vice.*——1369, John Comb, by the king, as guardian to the heir of Sir Adam de Clyſton.——Eudo de Anderby occurs rector 1378.——Mr. Eudo de Blade occurs in 1391.

1400, Adam Mynte, by Margaret, relict of Conſtantine de Clyſton.——1404, John Zutte, ditto.——1406, Nicholas Hawys, ditto.——1408, John Payn, ditto.——1408, Nicholas Hawys, ditto.——1424, John Copeland, ditto.——1425, Thomas Shadere, (an exchange for Stetchworth, Cambridgeſhire,) ditto.——1430, John Crowcher, ditto.——1435, John Mathew, by Sir John Clyfton.——1459, John Randolf, by the Lord Scales and Nucelle.——1467, John Pyncote, by Anthony Wydevill, Lord Scales.——1493, William Hiſtyde, by the Lady Catherine Gray.——1493, Thomas Whyte, ditto.

1510, John Sporiour.——1514, John Smith, by the biſhop's vicar general, a lapſe.——1533, Richard Colſon.——1542, William Walleys, by Thomas Tendale, Eſq;——Humphrey Southworth.——1554, Richard Homeſley, by Sir Thomas Tindall.——1557, Jeffrey Lawes, by Jeffrey Cobbes, gent.——1566, Robert Radcliff, ditto.——1569, Nathaniel Maſon, ditto.——1570, Alexander Monepenny, ditto.——1581, Robert Bonynge, by the queen.——1592, Stephen Clerk, by William Cobb of Sandringham, Eſq;——1595, William Wiborow, ditto.

1614, William Gurlyn, by Mary Cobb, widow.——Adam Webb occurs rector in 1650.——1660, Stephen Baſſet, by William Cobbe, Eſq;——1664, Thomas Stringer, ditto.——1697, John Lewis, by James Hoſte, Eſq;

1713, Robert Cremer, ditto.——1717, Andrew Rogers died rector in 1731, ditto.——1731, Francis Seward, by James Hoſt, Eſq;.——1732, James Sharp, dito.

WEST BILNEY,

CALLED [a] Benelai in *Domeſday* book, was the lordſhip of Bundo, (in the time of King Edward the Confeſſor) a Saxon thane, who had lordſhips in Iſlington, Midleton, Geyton, Bodney, Langford, South-Creak, Burnham, Reinham, Helloughton, Roughton, and Beeſton, out of all which he was ejected by the Conqueror, who granted them to Hugh de Montfort: this lordſhip then conſiſted of 5 carucates of land, 20 villains, 14 borderers, and 5 ſervi, with 20 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, 3 mills, &c. and the moiety of a ſaltwork, &c. 81 ſheep, valued at 8*l. per ann.* but at the ſurvey at 6*l. per ann.* the whole was 8 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 6*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

WEST BILNEY MANOR BELHOUSE'S.

HUGH DE MONTFORT† was a Norman lord, and juſticiary of England, and held it of the family of De Pelevile, who appear to be the old lords of it, held of the Montforts. Thomas de Belhouſe held it in the 8 of Henry III. of Peter de Pelevile, which Peter paid for half a knight's fee here, in the 19 of that king, on the aid granted on the marriage of his ſiſter to the emperor; another of the ſaid name died in the 56 of the ſaid reign, lord of this village, and was one of the jurors in the great conteſt about the confines of Lincolnſhire, and Cambridgeſhire, as may be ſeen in the regiſter of Spalding, who dying without iſſue, William de Gyſney, ſon and heir of Joan, and William de Whiſton, ſon and heir of Emme, (his ſiſter) inherited his eſtate; and of theſe Sir Richard de Belhouſe was found to hold it in the

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[a] Terr'. Hug. de Monteforti——Benelai tenuit Bundo p. maner. t. r. e. v car. t're. ſep. xx villi. 7 xiiii bor. 7 v ſer. xx ac. p'ti. ſep. ii car. in d. 7 iii car. hou'. 7 iii mol. ſilva cc por. 7 dim. ſal. ſep. i r. 7 iii an. 7 x por. 7 lxxxi ov. tc. val. viii lib. p. lx ſol. mo. vi lib. tota ht. viii qr. in longo. 7 iiii in lat. 7 reddit vi*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto.

† See of him in Marham.

the 3d of Edward I. and they held it of the honor of Hagenet or Haughley, in Suffolk, and paying caſtle guard to Dover.

On the death of Sir Richard Belhouſe, in the 29 of Edward I. Thomas was found to be his ſon and heir; and in the 9 of Edward II. the king brought a writ of *quare impedit*, againſt Petronilla de Narford, in right of preſentation to a moiety of the church of North Tudenham, in Norfolk, as guardian to the heir of Thomas de Belhouſe, when the king's attorney proved that Belhouſe held 2 meſſuages, a mill, 430 acres of land, and 30 of meadow, in this town and Bodney, of the king in *capite*, and Petronilla pleaded that they were held of the honor of Bologne, and pertained to the fee of Richard de Amoundevil, the right of which was in her.

Sir Richard Belhouſe died about the 33d of Edward III. ſeiſed of this lordſhip in *capite*, held of the caſtle of Dover, and paying 5*s.* *per ann.* thereto, leaving two daughters and coheirs; Emme married to Sir William Oldhall, father of Sir Edmund Oldhall, and Maud married to William Bozun, of Wiſſenſet.

In the 40 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Adam, prior of Pentney, querent, Thomas de Lexham, parſon of Feltwell, &c. deforcient, of the manor of Weſt Bilney, which Adam, ſon of Adam de Clifton, and Margery his wife (held for life of Margery) ſettled on the prior and his ſucceſſors, to be held of the honor of Hakenet, which he purchaſed for 200*l.* ſterling; and in the 43 of the ſaid reign, the prior purchaſed by another fine, the term which Adam de Clifton, and Margery his wife, had herein; Margery was relict of Sir Richard de Belhouſe; and it appears by a deed, dated in the 49 of King Edward III. that John Bouſon, ſon of William abovementioned, had ſold to the prior aforeſaid, his right in this manor, with that of North Tudenham, called Belhouſe's manor; and the prior in the 44 of that king, had a grant of free warren here.

By the inquiſition taken in the 4 of Henry IV. the prior of Pentney and his tenants, were found to hold half a fee in this town, but the prior's right herein was afterwards conteſted in the 11 year of Henry VI. by Sir William Oldhall, ſon of Sir Edmund aforeſaid, and by Richard Bozoun, Eſq; ſon of John Bozoun, who was ſon of William Bozoun, and Maud abovementioned, as heirs to Sir Richard Belhous; however, it appears that the prior kept poſſeſſion, his temporalities here being valued in 1428.——On the diſſolution of this priory, it came to the crown, and Richard de Fulmodeſton, February 20, *ao* 3d of King Edward VI. had a grant of this manor, to be held in *capite*, and licenſe in the ſaid year to convey it to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; and in the 4 of the ſaid king, the ſaid Thomas had a grant, February 26, of the impropriate rectory of the ſaid town, with all the glebe land, &c. which deſcended to his ſon, Sir Thomas Mildmay, who conveyed it to Francis Wyndham, (a judge of the king's bench) about the 18 of Queen Elizabeth.——Thomas Wyndham, Eſq; ſon of Sir Henry Windham, of Felbrigg, ſold it to Sir Edward Bullock, knight, of Eſſex, and he conveyed it to Sir Thomas Richardſon, knight, who died ſeiſed of it, May 12, in the 18 of King Charles I. Thomas his ſon and heir, mortgaged it to R. Freak, Eſq; who had a decree for cloſing the equity of redemption.

[b] This family is deſcended from Francis Freake, Eſq; who was a perſon of good repute in Somerſetſhire; Ralph Freake, Eſq; his ſon, was for many years auditor of the treaſury, in the reigns of King Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth, and died worth upwards of one hundred thouſand pounds, leaving 2 ſons; firſt, Sir Tho. Freake, a perſon of great truſt and authority in Dorſetſhire, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James I. anceſtor to the Freakes of Hannington, Upway, and Farringdon in that county; his ſecond ſon was William Freake of Sareen, in Hampſhire, Eſq; who married a daughter of Arthur Swaine, Eſq; and removed with his family to Ireland; Arthur his ſon and heir, lived near the city of Cork, and married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Piercy Smith, of Yohale, in the county of Cork, and had by her Piercy Freake, Eſq; who poſſeſſed a fair eſtate there, and coming into England, had with Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Ralfe Freake, his kinſwoman, a conſiderable eſtate and fortune, with this town of Weſt Bilney, which he left to his ſon and heir, Ralph, who was created a baronet June 4, 1713; and by his

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[b] Baronettage.

by his wife, —— daughter of Sir John Mead, attorney general in Ireland, left 3 ſons; Sir Piercy his ſucceſſor, Ralph who died at Richmond in Surry, 1727, unmarried, and John: Sir Piercy was member of parliament for Baltimore in Ireland, and dying unmarried at Dublin, in April, 1728, was ſucceeded in honour and eſtate, by his brother, Sir John Freake, baronet, who married a daughter of —— Broderick, Eſq; (of the Lord Viſcount Middleton's family) and bears for his arms, —ſable, 2 bars, and in chief 3 mullets, or, and the ſaid Sir John, in 1750, ſold it to Mr. Francis Dalton, of Swaffham in Norfolk.

MONPINZOUN's MANOR,

WAS, as I take it, that part or moiety of the town, which came to William de Whiſton, ſon of Emme, ſiſter and coheir of Peter de Pelevile, the other part or moiety being in William de Gyſney, who married Joan, the other ſiſter and coheir, whoſe part was afterwards in the Belhouſes, as abovementioned.

In the 2d of Edward II. a fine was levied between Edmund, ſon of John de Munpinzoun, querent, and Robert Walkefare deforcient, of lands here; and in the 2d of Edward III. John de Mounpinzun, parſon of Newton, conveyed lands by fine, to Edmund Mounpinzoun, and Alianore his wife; and Thomas Drew of Sadelbow, and William de Apeton, chaplain, as truſtees, granted to the Lady Alianor Muntpinzoun, their manor here, with the lands, rents, homages, reliefs, eſcheats, heath and fiſheries for life; remainder to Maud, daughter of the ſaid Alianor, in fee; witneſſes, Sir John Howard, knight, Sir John de Wylton, Sir Richard de Belhus, and Sir Richard his ſon, and Sir John de Tilney, knights, William de Bilneye, Thomas Strikelok of Bilney, William le Neve of the ſame, and Richard de Neve, dated at Bilney, Monday after the feaſt of St. Dionys the martyr, *ao.* 27 Edward III.——Drew's ſeal is—a chevron, in chief dexter a *T*, in ſiniſter a *D*, in baſe, a croſs croſſlet, fitché.

In the 3d of Henry IV. Thomas Giſſing, and Maud his wife, conveyed by fine, to Thomas Derham and Richard Belhouſe, the manor of Pynſones in Weſt Bilney; and Nicholas Trimnell, and Emme his wife, in the 11 of Henry VI. conveyed it by fine, with 4 meſſuages, 264 acres of land, 34 of meadow, 30 of paſture, 10 of wood, and 16*s.* rent here, and in towns adjoyning, to Sir Thomas Tudenham in truſt, for their own lives; remainder to Henry Barton, and Thomas Knowles, Eſq; and the heirs of Thomas. After this, [c] Geffrey Norys of this town, was lord, who by his will, dated Auguſt 12, 1464, bequeaths his body to be buried in the pariſh church of St. Cecily, the virgin and martyr, of Weſt Bilney; appoints Margery his wife, Sir John Norys, vicar of South Lenne, and John Norys his ſon, his executors, and gives this manor to his ſon John in tail; alſo 20*l.* to the repair of the altar of our Lady, and for making a window at the ſouth end of the ſaid altar; after this, it came into the hands of the prior and convent of Pentney, and was granted, as is above obſerved, to Sir Richard Fulmerſton, from whom it came to Mildmay, Windham, Bullock, Richardſon, Freake and Dalton.

The tenths of this town were 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 5*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Cecilia. The rectory was valued at 8 marks, and was given by Peter de Pelevile to the priory of Pentney, and appropriated thereto ſeveral years after that grant, together with 3 acres of land, 10 of meadow, and 4 furlongs of a turbary; Peter-pence 6*d*.

RECTORS.

Hugh occurs rector in the reign of Henry III.

1313, Mr. Hugh Swaffham inſtituted rector, preſented by the prior of Pentney. ——1333, Richard Frere, by the prior.——1341, Adam Vincent, to the portion in the ſaid church, ſet apart for the ſupport of the prieſt ſerving there, and newly appointed; this was (as I take it) on the appropriation, and the ſettling of a vicarage, preſented by the prior.

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[c] Regr. Broſyerd Norw. fol. 337.

1349, William Ywar.——1356, Robert Somer, vicar, by the prior.——1365, William Gowty, vicar,

1403, Laurence Emme, vicar.——1417, Robert Allen.——1432, John Wygenhale.——1440, Alan Lewes.

1593, Bartholomew Howlings, curate licenſed.

1611, Clement Bacon vicar, preſented by the king.——1620, Oliver Dey, licenſed curate, and it is ſerved at this time by a licenſed ſtipendiary curate.

Jeffrey Dethike of Weſt Bilney, gent. wills, October 14, 1557, to be buried in this church; John Dethike, Eſq; and Edmund Dethike, gent. his executors.

—— Freake, mother of Sir Ralph Freake, buried here in April, 1714.

CASTLEACRE.

CALLED in *Domeſday* book, Acre, from its ſcite by a river or running water, was the lordſhip of Toche, a Saxon thane, in King Edward's time, and granted at the conqueſt by King William I. to William, Earl of Warren, in Normandy, and after of Surry in England, who attended him in his expedition into England, and was rewarded alſo with theſe following lordſhips in Norfolk:——Walton, Geyton, Grimſton, Congham, Hillington, Maſſingham, Harpley, Anmer, in Freebridge hd.—Stanhoe, Sharnborn, Berwick, and Frenge in Docking hd.—Hitcham, and Sneteſham in Smethden hundred;—Wilton, Feltwell, Methwold, Northwold, Mundford, Colveſton, Keburn, Santon, Oteringey, Weting, and Cranwiſe in Grimſhoe hundred;——Thexton, Caſton, Tofts, Elingham, Scoulton, and Griſton in Wayland hundred;—Marham, Fincham, Helgey, Wimboteſham, Denver, Derham, and Outwell in Clackloſe hundred;—Stinton, Kerdeſton, Hackford, Dalling, Thurning, and Elſing in Eynsford hundred;—Taverham, in Taverham hundred;—Colteſhale, Mortoſt, Wickmer, Wolterton, Bernigham, Manington, Irmingland, Corpuſty, Tuttington, Brampton, Cauſton, Hobies, and Crakeford in South Erpingham hundred;—Paſton, Witton, Burton, Walſham, and Riſton in Tunſted hundred;—Filby, in Eaſt Fleg hundred;—Carleton, in Depwade hundred;—Lerling, Rockland, Roudham, and Illington in Shropham hundred;—Norton, Wike, and Banham in Gilcroſs hundred;——Greſſenhale, Scarning, Lexham, Weſenham, Kempſton, Franſham, Rougham, Titleſhale, and Stanfield in Launditch hundred;—Wimundeham, Morley, Wicklewood, Deepham, Welburn, Colton, Bernham, and Tochethorp in Fourhoe hundred;—Matſhall, Burgh, Letton, Shipdom, Thuxton, and Riſing in Mitford hundred;—Dudlington, Cley, Hilburgh, Bradenham, Pagrave, South Acre, Bodney, Pickenham, in South Greenhoe hundred;—Sculthorp, Baſham, Kettleſton, Waterden, Fulmerſton, Croxton, Creke, Snoring, Riburgh, Stiberd, and Burnham in Gallow hundred;——Rudham, Bagthorp, Sidiſtern, Houghton, Taterſet, Helloughton, Scirford, Hempton, and Barmere in Brothercroſs hundred;—Wyverton, and Briſton in Holt hundred;—Holcham, and Egmer in North Greenhoe hundred;—Gimmingham, Knapton, Thorp, Munſley, Repps, North and South Greſham, Alborourgh, Almerton, Barningham, Plumſtede, Suſtede, Wolterton, and Trunch in North Erpingham hundred.

EARL's - MANOR.

THIS manor of Acre conſiſted at the ſurvey, of 3 carucates of land in demean, and of 8 amongſt the tenants, two villains, 48 borderers, [a] and 3 ſervi; there were alſo 8 acres of meadow, 2 mills, the moiety of a ſalt-work, and a fiſhery, &c. there were two free men who held one carucate, and 4 borderers, who held one carucate, with 8 acres of meadow, valued at the ſurvey at 9*l.* but before, in King Edward's time, at 5*l. per ann.* and what thoſe two free men held was valued at 20*s. per ann.* The whole was one leuca and 20 perches long, one leuca broad, and 4 feet and an half, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt; and here was a church then endowed with 30 acres.

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[a] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Acre tenet Toche lib. ho. t. r. e. iii car. in dominio, et viii car. hom. ſemp. ii vill. tc. xlii bord. mo. xlviii tc. viii ſerv. modo iii et viii ac. p'ti. et ii mol. et dim. ſalin.

Dugdale ſays this Earl Warren was nearly related to the Conqueror, being nephew to [*b*] the counteſs Gunnora, his great grandmother; but this, I think, is ſcarce probable: Emma, the wife of King Etheldred and mother of King Edward the Confeſſor, [*c*] was daughter of this Gunnora, by Richard, Duke of Normandy, ſo that he muſt then be firſt couſin to the ſaid Emma, whoſe father, Richard, died in 996. The aforeſaid author relates that he married Gundrede, ſiſter of Ghenbode, a Fleming, to whom the Conqueror had given the city of Cheſter.

Sandford and Brooks ſay that his wife was the 5th daughter of the Conqueror, and that † ſhe died at Caſtleacre, in childbed, May 27, 1085, and the earl, her huſband, died in June, 1089; he had frequently his reſidence in this town, where he built a caſtle, and begun the foundation of the priory, (of which we ſhall afterwards treat) a ſhort time before his death.

He was ſucceeded by William his ſon, the ſecond Earl Warren, who married Iſabel, daughter of Hugh, Earl of Vermandois, and dying in 1135, left William his ſon and heir, the 3d Earl Warren, &c. who being ſlain in the Holy Land, in 1148, left by the Lady Ela his wife, daughter of William Talvace, earl of Poitou and Beleſmy, Iſabel, his ſole daughter and heir, who married to her firſt huſband, Will. de Blois, earl of Morton in Normandy, (natural ſon of King Stephen) who was created Earl Warren and Surry, for life, and dying without iſſue in 1160, the Lady Iſabel married Hameline Plantaginet, natural ſon of Jeffrey, Earl of Anjou; he was lord of Columbers and Berries, in Normandy, created Earl Warren and Surry, by King Henry II. and died in 1201; his anniverſary was kept in the abby of Beauchief in Derbyſhire, on the nones of May.——This town was about this time called Eaſt-Acre and Caſtleacre, as appears from antient deeds, &c.

William, ſon of Hameline, and the Lady Iſabel, was the fifth Earl Warren and Surry, on his father's death. The reader is to obſerve, that I omit thoſe remarkable actions, &c. of theſe earls, as mentioned by Dugdale, to whom I refer thoſe who are deſirous of conſulting them, and confine myſelf chiefly to thoſe that are not to be found in that author, and occur only in authentick records and deeds.

In the year 1206, this Earl William owed King John a palfrey, as a fine for not being a juſticiary of the cinque ports; and in the 9 of that king, he and the archbiſhop of Canterbury, paid a fine that their knights ſhould not go over into Poictou. In the firſt of Henry III. there being ſome differences between the king and him, a truce was made between them for 8 days, from the feaſt of St. Tiberius and Valerius, before the pope's legate, and ſeveral noblemen of the king's council, at Chicheſter; and he was appointed in the 4 of that king, to meet the king of Scots at Berwick, and to conduct him to York, where the king of England would meet him; and in his 9th year he accounted for the profits of the county of Surrey, as ſheriff. He married 2 wives; firſt, Maud, daughter of the earl of Arundel, who died without iſſue; ſecondly, Maud, ſiſter of Anſelme Mareſchal, earl of Pembroke, widow of Hugh Bigod, earl of Norfolk, and left by her, John Plantaginet, his ſon and ſucceſſor, in 1240, in which year, Maud his mother had 5 knights fees and an half, in Burnham, of the fee of this earl, aſſigned to her; 8 held by Ralph de Menney, one by Geffrey Glanvile, and 4 by Peter de Kenet, as part of her dower; and in the ſaid year, the king ordered the barons of the exchequer, that this earl ſhould have the 3d penny of the profits of the county of Surry, which his anceſtors held.

et i piſcaria tc. vi runc. modo i. tc. viii an. mo. xi tc. xlv porc. mo. lxx tc. clx ovs. mo. cxl. huic terre jacent ii libi. ho'es. i car. terre, et iiii bord. tc. ii car. mo. i 7 viii ac. p'ti. tc val. c ſol. mo ix lib. et illi duo libi. ho'es. xx ſol. tota habet i l'g. et x pertic. in long. et i l'g. in lat. et iiii pedes et dim. et reddit viii*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto.—Ecclie xxx ac.

[*b*] Dugd. Bar. v. 1. p. 73.

[*c*] Ypodigma Neuſtriæ p. 15.——Sandford Geneal.—Brooks Succeſſion, &c. p. 3.

† It does not appear that this earl married a daughter of the Conqueror; that Gundrede was his wife, the regiſter of Caſtleacre priory proves.

He claimed the privilege of return of writs, in this his manor of Caſtleacre, and would not permit the king's bayliff to enter; but in the 49 of Henry III. a *non omittas* was awarded to diſtrain ſeveral perſons; and in the following year, the king ſent this precept to his beloved and faithful barons, ſheriffs, and all the commonalty of London—" Since We have enjoin'd our belov'd Jn. de Warrenna, earl of Surrey, " certain ſpecial and urging affairs, We command you to pay him out of our good " will, 200 marks, out of the fine of the 2000 marks, which you have made for " Us, and to ſee the ſaid 200 marks deliver'd to him, to perform the ſame."

In the 4th year of King Edward I. he was found to have a fair, a mercate, and a toll in his manor of Caſtleacre, and in the following year, was ſummoned to attend the king in his expedition into Wales; in his 18 year, was one of thoſe barons who ſigned the letter to Pope Nicholas, againſt his collating to benefices, and other uſurpations in England. On September 3, in the 21 of the ſaid king, he was made cuſtos of Scotland, by letters patent; and on the 31 of January, 1297, King Edward I. was entertained by him, at his caſtle here, as appears by many writs of *Ne exeas regnum*, here dated, and ſent to the ſheriffs of counties, and bayliffs of the ſea ports, and died in September, in the 32 of Edward I. Gerard de Orum, William de Outewyche, and Nicholas de Hugford his executors, had that king's licenſe in the following year, to implead his debtors at the exchequer.

He married Alice, daughter of Hugh le Brun, earl of March, ſiſter by the mother, to king Henry III. who in his 37th year, ordered Philip Lovell his treaſurer, to receive of her (then wife of this earl) 2 old *coopertoria*, and to have 2 other made new, with robes, jewels, and ſilver veſſels, for the ornament of the chapel; by his lady he had a ſon, William, whom he empowered in the 14 of Edward I. to give dower on his marriage with Joan, daughter of Robert Veer, earl of Oxford, in the manor of Sculthorpe, in Norfolk, &c. but William dying in 1286, John his ſon, by the lady Joan, became heir to his grand father.

This John, Earl Warren and Surrey, ſoon after his grand father's death, married in the 33d of King Edward I. Joan de Barr, daughter of Henry, Earl of Barr in France, by Eleanor his wife, daughter of the aforeſaid king, and was deputed by the earl of Hereford, conſtable of England; in the 9th year of Edw. II. he gave great part of his eſtate, with his caſtle and manor here, to the ſaid king, who in the next year regranted it to him, and had in the ſame year, licenſe to purſue his divorce from the abovementioned lady his wife, before certain eccleſiaſticks delegated for that purpoſe, and ſold about the ſame time, this lordſhip and caſtle, with that of Caſtleacre Wyken, to Adomarus de Valentia, earl of Pembroke, who was found to die ſeiſed of it, (by the eſcheator, John de Blomefield) on June 23, in the 17 of Edward II. and David de Strabolgi, earl of Athol, and Joan his wife, (ſiſter and coheir to the earl of Pembroke) were found to hold it in the firſt of Edward III.

Soon after the aforeſaid John, Earl Warren, &c. was poſſeſſed of it, and in the 9th of Edward III. granted it to that king and his heirs, who on the 7th of June, in the ſaid year, regranted it to the earl for life; remainder to Richard, Earl of Arundel; and on an inquiſition taken at Caſtleacre, July 18, in the 21 of that king, by William de Midleton, the king's eſcheator, it was found that John Warren, late earl of Surrey, died on the eve of St. Peter and St. Paul, laſt paſt, ſeiſed of this manor and caſtle for life, of the king's grant; remainder to Richard, Earl of Arundel, and his heirs; that the herbage within the caſtle, and in the ditch, was worth 5*s. per ann.* that there were 300 acres of arable land, valued at 75*s.* at 3*d.* per acre, 8 acres of meadow at 12*d.* per acre, 15 of paſture at 4*d.* per acre, rent of aſſiſe, 13*l. per ann.* a market and fair 13*s.* 4*d.* pleas and perquiſites of court, with the lete, 60*s. per ann.*

[*d*] Dugdale relates, that Joan, Counteſs of Warren, wife to this earl, being to go beyond ſea, in the 19 of this king, on ſome ſpecial employment for the king, had protection for all her lands, &c. and that ſoon after ſhe died, and the earl married a 2d wife, but it appears that the firſt ſurvived him; he was married indeed to Iſabel de Houland, as is proved by an indenture made between him and the king, in his 20 year, June 2, and by his laſt will, wherein he gives a ring with a ruby, &c. to

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[*d*] Vol. 1. Baron. p. 81, and 82.

the ſaid Iſabel his wife, and died June 30, 1347, in the 21 of Edward III. Whereas Joan, his divorced wife, had the ſaid king's licenſe in his 24th year, to travel beyond ſea, to viſit the ſhrines of ſeveral ſaints; and Dugdale has expreſſly ſaid in another page, that ſhe was abroad in the 26 of that king, and did not die till 1361.

The Earl Warren bore, checque, or and azure.

On the death of this Earl John, Richard Fitz-Alan, ſon of Edmund Fitz-Alan, earl of Arundel, by Alice, ſiſter and heir to John, Earl Warren, &c. ſucceeded him, was lord of this manor, and earl of Surrey and Arundel, on whoſe death in 1375, Richard his ſon and heir, by Alianore, daughter to Henry, Earl of Lancaſter, relict of Henry, Lord Beaumont, inherited the ſaid honours, to whom King Richard II. in his 11th year, and to Henry, Earl of Derby, Thomas, Earl of Warwick, Thomas, Earl Marſhal, and Thomas, Duke of Glouceſter, granted 20000*l.* out of the ſubſidy raiſed for the king, as charges and expences they had been at for the honor of the crown, and the ſafety of the kingdom, in acting againſt the duke of Ireland; but in the 21 of the ſaid king, he was beheaded, and his eſtate and this manor, granted to Thomas Mowbray, Earl Marſhal and earl of Nottingham, and after duke of Norfolk, who married his daughter, and is ſaid to be ſo inhuman, as to bind up his eyes and become his executioner.

On King Henry IV's. acceſſion to the crown, Thomas, ſon and heir of this Richard, earl of Surrey and Arundel, by Elizabeth, daughter of William Bohun, earl of Northampton, was reſtored in blood, made knight of the bath, on that king's coronation, and earl of Surrey and Arundel; he married Beatrix, an illegitimate daughter to the king of Portugal, but dying without iſſue, left 3 ſiſters and coheirs, in 1416; when this manor and caſtle came, by virtue of an entail made by Richard Fitz-Alan, earl of Arundel, in the 21 of Edward III. to Sir John Fitz-Alan, commonly called Sir John Arundel, couſin and heir male to the laſt Earl Thomas, and grand-ſon to Earl Richard, who dying in 1421, King Henry V. granted the cuſtody of this manor and caſtle, then in the king's hands, (as guardian to John, ſon of John, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, by Alianore, daughter of Sir John Berkley,) to Sir John Cornwayl, knight, with the marriage of the ſaid minor, who was afterwads retained by King Henry V. in the wars of France, where dying in the 13 of Henry VI. was buried in the church of the Friers Minors at Beauvois, leaving by Mand his wife, daughter of Robert Lovell, Humphrey his ſon and heir, which Humphrey being a minor, died in the 16 of the ſaid king ſeiſed of this lordſhip and caſtle, when William Fitz-Alan, his father's brother, inherited the eſtate and honor; which William had, by Joan his wife, daughter of Richard Nevill, earl of Saliſbury, Thomas, his heir and ſucceſſor, in the 3d of Henry VII. who had livery of all his father's manors and lands, on May the 21ſt, was earl of Arundel, and on his death in the 16 of Henry VIII. left William, Lord Matravers, his ſon and heir, by Margaret, daughter of Richard Widvile, earl Rivers, and ſiſter to King Edward IV's. queen, which marriage was ſettled in October, 1464, at Reading.

This William, earl of Arundel, married ———, daughter of Henry, Earl of Northumberland, and on his death in 1543, was ſucceeded by Henry Fitz-Alan, his ſon and heir, who married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquiſs Dorſet, by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs; Jane, who married John, Lord Lumley, and Mary, to Tho. Howard, duke of Norfolk, by whom the earldom of Arundel was brought into that family, but the manor of Caſtleacre was ſold by the aforeſaid Henry, in the firſt year of Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Greſham, knight, from whom it was conveyed to Thomas Cecil, who was after earl of Exeter; and Sir Edward Coke, lord chief juſtice, bought it of William Cecil, earl of Exeter, whoſe ſiſter Elizabeth, he married, and in this family it remained, the Right Honorable Thomas Coke, Earl of Leiceſter, the late lord, dying poſſeſſed of it in 1759.

FOX's MANOR.

SIR FREDRICK DE CHERVILL was found to hold one fee in this town, in the reign of Henry III. (when an aid was granted to that king, on the marriage of his ſiſter to the emperor) of the earl Warren.

In the 4 of Richard II. a fine was levied between William de Tyllington, querent, John Staple and Hawiſia his wife, deforcients, of one meſſuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of meadow, one foldcourſe, and 4*s.* and 5*d.* rent in this town, Weſtacre, &c. conveyed to William.

[e] John Fox of Caſtleacre, by his will, dated on the feaſt of St. Michael, 1434, died ſeiſed of it, and left it to his eldeſt ſon, Thomas, and was buried in the priory church.

By an inquiſition taken at Walſingham *Parva*, April 11, in the 2 and 3 of Philip and Mary, John Calybut, Eſq; was found to die ſeiſed of this manor, and a tenement called Sanders, in this town, with 500 acres of land, ſeveral acres of paſture, 2 ſheep folds, held of the earl of Arundel, which John died February 20, in the firſt and 2d of Philip and Mary, leaving John his ſon and heir, aged 30 years, who died, as appears by an inquiſition, taken at Swaffham, January 16, in the 12 of Elizabeth, at Upton in Northamptonſhire, October 23, then laſt paſt, poſſeſſed of this manor.——Alan Calybut lived in this town in the reign of Henry VI. and married a daughter of —— Saunders; Francis his ſon was living in the 17 of Henry VII. Margaret his wife died 1515; John Calybut his ſon, married Alice, daughter of Sir John Wingfield, of Dunham *Magna*, and had John Calybut, Eſq; his ſon, who by Bridget, daughter of Robert Huggins, Eſq; of Eaſt Bradenham, left at his death, (as was found by the inquiſition abovementioned, *ao.* 12 Elizabeth) 4 daughters and coheirs; Margaret, wife of Philip Audley, Eſq; of Palgrave *Magna*; ——, wife of John Wingfield, Eſq; Suſan, of Anthony Downing, Eſq; and Elizabeth, of Sir Bernard Whetſtone, of Woodford in Eſſex; the arms of Calybut were azure, a chevron between 3 croſſes pattée, or.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, October 23, in the 14 of King Charles I. —— Becke, gent. was found to die ſeiſed of the manor of Foxes, Auguſt 21, 1636, held of Sir Robert Coke, in ſoccage, of his manor of Caſtleacre; and Jeremy was his ſon and heir.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by the Doves, of Upton in Northamptonſhire, and ſold in the reign of King George I. by —— Dove, Eſq; to Sir Thomas Coke, earl of Leiceſter. It probably came to the Doves by the marriage of Mrs. Frances Beck, in 1633, (to Thomas Dove, Eſq;) daughter of William Becke of Caſtleacre.

This town was antiently charged for tenths at 12*l.*

Here is a fair kept yearly on St. James's day.

The town takes its name from the river Aa, and Re.——Aa is a river at Munſter in Germany, and Aix la Chapelle, or Aken, a river in Germany.

The church is dedicated to St. James, and was a rectory, valued at 26 marks, and being appropriated to the priory, a vicarage was endowed, valued at 7 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 8*d.* the preſent valor of the vicarage is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths. It is a large regular building, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, and a chancel thatched; at the weſt end is a lofty fourſquare tower, with 5 bells.

At the bottom of the nave lies a graveſtone,——*Orate p. a'i'a. Wilhelmi Fuller, qui obiit duodecimo die menſis Octob. Ao. D'ni,* 1523, *cujus, &c.*——Here is a font with a remarkable lofty cover, ornamented with antique carved work, and painting.——A graveſtone *In memory of Mary Emes, wife of Edmund Hudſon, draper, daughter of Edward Barkham, of Southacre, who died Auguſt* 18, 1608.——On the pannels of the pulpit are painted the four doctors of the church;——St. Auſtine, St. Ambroſe, St. Gregory, and St. Jerome; and on the chancel ſcreens the 12 apoſtles: on the windows of this nave were formerly—bendy of 8, gules and argent, Talbot—checque, or and gules, a bend ermin, Clifton,—argent, a lion rampant, ſable, crowned or, Morley.—gules, a lion rampant, argent, Mowbray, —3 piles in point, azure; and argent, a feſs wavy, between 6 croſs croſlets, gules.

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[e] Regr. Surflete, Norw.

The eaſt end of the ſouth iſle is taken in by a ſcreen, and in old writings is called Callybut's chapel: on a grave-ſtone here——*Orate p. a'i'a Margerie nuper uxoris Franciſci Calybut, juriſperiti, quæ obijt* 28 *die Nov. A°. Dni.* 1515, and in a window of this iſle, gules, a bend between 6 croſs croſlets, fitchy, Howard.

At the eaſt end of the north iſle, which extends itſelf on the back of the chancel was alſo a chapel, and in a window, lozengy, argent and gules, Todendam.

Part of the old rood loft is ſtanding: on the floor of the chancel a grave-ſtone, —*In memory of Anth. Hoogan of Caſtleacre, Gent: 3d ſon of Robert Hoogan, Eſq; who died July* 18, 1585,—with Hoogan's arms—argent, a chevron vairy, or and gules, between 3 hurts, each charged with a lion's gamb of the field; the ſame arms are on another ſtone, but the inſcription is reaved;—a ſtone alſo *In memory of - - - - - Audley,* with his arms—gules, a fret or. I have ſeen a note of Gybbon Goddard, Eſq;—"that Old Paine of Caſtleacre, ſtandard-bearer to King Henry VIII. had a daughter married firſt to Hoogan, next to Audley, and after to Humphrey Guybon, who all lye buried in this chancel." In the eaſt window of it, are the arms of the earl Warren, checque, or and azure, and about the church alſo in the windows, were the arms of the earls of Arundel, gules, a lion rampant, or; Le Groſs, quarterly, argent and azure, on a bend, ſable, 3 martlets, or— Mortimer, Earl of Marſh; Bohun, Earl of Northampton; Haſtings and Valentia, quarterly, Earls of Pembroke; Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, *&c.*

Thomas Candeler of Caſtleacre, by his will dated in 1514, was buried in the church, and gave [*f*] two cloſes, called Coſting and Weſt-gate, to Thomas March and his heirs, "on the condition of keeping a light in the baſon before our lady in the chapel, with 5 waxe candels to be light at ev'ry principal feſte, in every dobil feſte 2, and every ſingle feſte 1; on a neglect whereof, then the church reeves to take the cloſes, and to keep the ſame."

Henry Scottyng of Caſtleacre, by his will in 1525, was buried in the chapel of our lady in this church, and gives to his executors, 6 acres in Caſtleacre field, called Candelers, and land in Suthcrofeldes, *viz.* one acre and half, a cloſe called Faxwell's, 5 roods and an half, and half an acre at the end of the ſaid cloſe; *Item,* another cloſe called Cherwelles Mylle of 3 roods, and 3 acres in Newton field, called Lankyns, to keep his yereday perpetually in the ſaid church, to the value of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the rodeloft light 6*d.* to our Lady and St. Chriſtopher, called the Bokks, 6*d.* to our Lady's light 6*d.* to St. Nicholas perke 6*d.* to the common light 6*d.* perpetually, and on refuſing ſo to do, the churchwardens then to have the ſaid lands, to kepe his yereday and the aforeſaid lights.

In this church was the guild of St. James, and that of St. Bennet.

VICARS.

Reiner de Burgo was vicar in the reign of Henry II. or Richard I.

1237, John de Walton, admitted by Henry de Holkham, official to the archdeacon of Norwich, on the preſentation of the prior and convent: the vicarage then conſiſted in the whole altarage, confeſſions in Lent, and legacies, the tithe of lamb and wool, hemp and flax; (that of the mills was then excepted, belonging to the priory, as rectors,) the vicar had alſo his dayly prebend, *viz.* his proviſion from the priory, with a penſion of 10*s.* 8*d.* another of 4*s.* 10*d.* *per ann.* and was to bear all ordinary dues, and to give 10 pounds of wax in the octaves of Eaſter-week.

(*f*) Reg. Spurlinge, Norw. p. 192.——Reg. Grundeſburgh, fol. 159.

1307, John de Wyſete, by the prior.———1314, Robert de Folketon.——— 1320, John de Brecham.———1329, John Waryn.———1349, Biſhop of Norwich collated by lapſe.———1374, Ralph Whitlock.———1383, William Norman.——— ----, William de Horndon.———1386, John de Walpole.——— 1392, John Stegg, *alias* Stoch.

1438, Gilbert Bocher.———1448, Richard Brocher,———1449, Richard Salyſbury.———1452, John Synnowe.———1463, John Cokkys.———1476, William Kelyng.———1492, John Pykard.

1506, William Stephenſon.———1550, Robert Pepper, by the king.———1554, Richard Patrick, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.———1586, Anthony Wolley, by the aſſignees of Sir Thomas Greſham.

1604, Samuel Beck, by Thomas, Lord Burghley.———1606, William Tomſon, by Thomas, Earl of Exeter.——— ----, John Stearn.——— ----, George Dochen.———1643, John Field, by Sir Robert Coke.———1643, Edmund Turner, ditto.———1669, William Brigg, *A. M.* by John Coke, Eſq;

1709, Ambroſe Pimlow, by the guardian of Thomas Coke, Eſq; ———1750, James Thome, on Pimlow's death, by the Earl of Leiceſter.———1756, Lancaſter Framlingham, ditto.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY and MANOR,

WAS founded by William de Warren, to whom the Conqueror gave the lordſhip of this town, (the firſt earl Warren and Surrey,) and dedicated to God, St. Mary, the Apoſtles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and was a cell to the Cluniac monks of St. Pancrace at Lewes in Suſſex, a priory founded by the ſaid earl. Authors generally agree that it was in the year 1190, but William, the firſt earl Warren and Surrey, died before this year, in 1189, as Biſhop Tanners in or before 1085.

In a charter granted to this priory, William ſtiles himſelf, Earl of Surrey, and for the ſalvation of his own ſoul, and that of his father and his mother, and his heirs, [a] gives to this priory the church of Acre, the church of Methelwold and advouſon thereof, the church of Leaden Roding (in Eſſex) and advouſon, with thoſe of Wickmere and Trunch, and two parts of the tithes of his demeans in Grimſton in Norfolk;—witneſſes William, his ſon, Wimer, his ſewer, William Branche, Walkelin de Roſet, Hugh de Wanci, Robert de Mortimer.

Herbert, Biſhop of Norwich, confirmed the grant of the founder, and certified that the monks of Hacra had entered on that church with his conſent, and that the monaſtery there built, was built by his proviſion.

William, the 2d earl Warren and Surrey, confirmed the aforeſaid grant, and that of 2 carucates of land in Acre, given by his father, and all the heath land belonging to Wick, and gave alſo to the priory, part of his own heath land by Wick, the land of Ring, 2*s. per ann.* in the land which Oſbern of Glouceſtre held of him in Acre, 2 orchards, and all the ploughland from thoſe orchards to his caſtle, in which they have founded their new church, becauſe that which they lately had was too little and inconvenient; all the moor by the water under the ſame, a little part alſo of another moor which Wimer, his ſewer, gave, the moiety of a mill by Sudacre, and 3*s.* rent, in land at Linn; Ulmar, the maſon, in Acra, with his garden and 15 acres of land, 2000 eels in Meleold (Methwold) for ever, 5*s. per ann.* in land, a garden and 24 acres of land, to build their church, and whatever land his tenants, in his father's and in his time, gave by his conſent, or ſhall give in tithes, or in churches without his conſent, whatever his ſewer, Geffrey his nephew, and chaplain, held of him at Weſneham (Weſenham) and at Cherſingehales (Greſſinghale) the tithe of the wood, mills and land, at Cherſingehall, and of the prieſt of the ſame, of the ſaid village 20*d.* of Ortmar, 2*s.* of Anſchetine 3*s.* the tithe of Wiresfeld, the tithe of Foeldone (Fouldon) 6*s.* which Roger gave

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(*a*) Segiſt. priorat. Caſtleacr.——Dugd. Monaſt.

gave for the ſoul of his father at the day of his burial; the tithe of Geff. de Congham, the tithe of Grimſton-hall and mill, the tithe of Lecheſham-hall and mill, and the church of the ſaid village, with the land belonging to it, the church of Dunham with the land belonging to it, the tithe of land at Weſneham, the tithe of Herebold in the ſaid village, and one carucate of land given by Wimer at Cameſton (Kempſton) when he took on him the monk's habit; of all theſe Roger, his ſon, made a donation and grant of, with Kempſton.

Hugh de Wanci gave the church of Depeden (Burnham Deepdale) with the land belonging to the ſame, and the tithe of the manor, the church of Barſeham (Baſham) with all the land belonging to it, and 3 ſocmen. All the free born tenants of the ſaid William de Warren the 2d, gave their tithe; *viz.* William Talebot, Oſbert de Danevela, (Denver) Ralph de Wanci Euremundus, Ralph Criſp. Goſcelin, Waleran, Henry, Brungar, Oſbert, and Ralph, his ſons, and their mother, placed their grants on the altar of St. Mary in the ſaid priory.

After the death of this earl, Rainer de Grancourt gave his tithes, and Hugh, who held of him, his church and tithe, and 60 acres of land, William de Kally his tithe, Hugh de Fulmodeſton his church and tithe, Hugh de Brunham his tithe and 25 acres, with 40 ſheep, 4 oxen and one horſe, Walter of Congham his tithe, Nigel of Fincham his. Gilbert de Franeſham, Oſmund, the ſteward, Robert de Verli, Peter de Cranwich, were benefactors in tithes, &c. Gotwin de Bodelai, the tithe of the manor of Rocheam, &c. Witbert de Achra, his mill, and Ralph de Paveli, his tithe of Norwolde. Drogo, ſon of William Dapifer, gave the churches of Eaſt Lexham, Dunham, Weſenham and Congham.

The ſaid William, Earl Warren, gave alſo all the land which William, the prieſt of Rodeham, held of Lambert de Roſei, by one knight's fee, by the grant of Lambert, and remitted the ſervice of the ſaid fee: the ſaid Lambert gave alſo land at Sieſtern and the tithe of Warden, (Waterden) Robert, his land at Gaiton, the land and church which Burſtan, the prieſt of Barſham, held; all which was confirmed by him, with the church of Witton, which Turold de Gimingham gave to this priory, the tithe of Wineboteſham, which William, the chamberlain, held of the earl, the mill of Barſham, with 3 cottagers, 60 acres of heath, and 3 ſocmen of the ſaid manor, living at Snaring, of the gift of Ralph, ſon of Hugh de Wanci; the tithe of Enhale given by Baldwin and Lambert de Roſei, the tithe of Waterden and Rodeham, which William, the prieſt, held of him; and Walcheline, his ſon, for his ſoul, moreover gave the tithe of Howeton and Rocheland, and Norwalde, the tithe of Godfrey de Belmunt of Chardeſton, and 1000 eels given by Oſmund, the ſteward, with land in Burneham, all which were alſo confirmed.

By another grant he gives 2 parts of all the tithes of his fee in Gaiton, and Hillington, and Flitcham for his own ſoul and of Iſabell, the counteſs, his wife, alſo Wicham, (Wichingham) and Cauſton in pure alms, (which Wido de Miniecort lately held) for the ſoul of his brother Rainald Le Brun, and confirmed the grant of 40*s.* *per ann.* in land, which the ſaid Rainald gave in Wichingham, and 2 parts of the tithes of Ralph Baliol in Dockings, 2 parts of the tithes of Jeff de Quilvordavilla in the ſaid town, and other tithes given by the ſaid Rainald also the land that Hugh de Pincheni and William, his ſon, gave them, *viz.* 60 acres.

The ſaid earl, with the counteſs Iſabell his wife, and his ſons William and Ralph, granted them 40*s.* *per ann.* in land at Barmere, lands at Stanhow, Plomſted, Wickmere, and at Iteringham, and the ſaid Iſabell gave the church of Trunche, which her huſband had granted to her.

Henry I. confirmed what this earl had granted.—“ *Notum ſit p'ſentib; et futuris qd. Ego Henricus, Dei gratia Rex Anglor. p. ſalute a'i'æ meæ et anteceſſor. meor. et p. ſtatu, et p. proſperitate regni, concedo Deo et ſcæ Mariæ de Achra et ſ'cis ap'lis Pertro et Paulo, et monachis de ſco. Pancratio ibm. Deo ſervientib; quicquid Will. de Warrenna dedit eis ſcil. in ip'a Achra duas carucatas terre, et hocq' fregerunt de brueriis ejus, et culturam cum mora ubi ecc' a fundata eſt—Signum Heni. Regis, ſ. Rogeri epi.—ſ. Robti epi.—ſ. Willi. Comitus—ſ. Hen. Comitis*

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“ *—ſ. Ran. cancell.—ſ. Gilbi. de Aquila.—ſ. Herberti epi.—ſ. Willi. de Albeni,—*
“ *ſ. Willi. de Curcy,—ſ. Willi. Meſchines,—ſ. Willi. Piperelli,—ſ. Stowe,—ſ.*
“ *Jordani de Saiaco,—ſ. Rog. fil. Ric.*”

William, the third Earl Warren and Surrey, on the dedication of the new church of this priory, confirmed all the donations of his anceſtors and barons, (that is lords of towns under him) in this manner, the mill called Briggimelle, another called Witewelle, the moiety of which Alan, ſon of Flaheld, gave, and Newmelle; land at Barmere, Stanhow, the church and manor of Wittune, land at Bachetune and Swafeld, and Iteringham, and Wulterton, Sneteſham, and Gymingham; lands in Maſſingham, and in Rucham, with the mill called Edwaldeſmill, of the gift of Wimer, the ſewer; lands and tithes, with the church of Chemeſtune, the two churches of Weſeham, with tithes in Gerſinghale, the tithe of the demean, a wood and mill in Alſingers, the ſame, in Lecherham the church and tithe of the demean, in Dunham the church, in Wideresfeld the tithe of the demean, *&c.* in Fueldone the ſame, in Wineboteſham the tithe of the land which William, the chamberlain, held of the gift of Roger, ſon of Wimer; tithe in Sneteſham, in Congham land and the church, in Grimeſtun the tithe of the demean, with lands, *&c.* there and in Gayton, of the gift of William, ſon of Roger, in Rudeham, Alwin with all his ſubſtance, and Godewin, the ſmith, with his wife, children, *&c.* in Haringeſhage, Ulchetil, with his children, *&c.* of the gift of Hugh de Wanci, the tithe of the demean of Depeden, in Weſt Barſham, the church with lands, *&c.* the church of Tricheſton, (Threxton) and all that † Oſmed his aunt, had there in free marriage of the gift of Lambert de Roſei, the tithe of Enehale, the tithe of Waterden, and 16 acres of land in Sideſterne, tithe of Howtone and Rocheland and Norwold, of the gift of Walcheline de Roſei.

Witneſſes, William, biſhop of Norwich, (*viz.* Turbus) who dedicated the new priory church, Roger, arch-deacon, William, arch-deacon, Reginald de Warren, *&c.*

Eborard, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed about the year 1140, the right of preſentation, or right of tithes belonging to this priory, in theſe following churches; Acre, Newton (by Caſtleacre) Eaſt and Weſt Lexham, Dunham *Magna*, with St. Mary's chapel, Kempſton, Wiſſingeſet, Weſenham St. Peter, and St. Paul, Sengham, (Shingham) Otringhee, and Methwold, Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalene, Haverhill, Depden, Haſpale, Bacheton, Trunche, Wickemere, Itringham, Hailedune, Fulmodeſton, Eaſt Barſham, Weſt Barſham, Taterſete, St. Andrew, Congham, and the patronage of the monaſtery of St. Andrew de Bromholm.

The patronage of the church of Dunham *Magna*, St. Mary, was given by Herveus Canis, with 5 acres, by Racheſneſſe, and part of a meadow at Southacre; to this grant John, prior of Sporle, was witneſs *ſans date:* he lived in Henry II. time.

Robert de Vallibus (Vaux) gave a mill at Pentney, called Middlemiln, with a meadow adjoining, and lands in Gateley and Maſſingham, in the time of King William I.

Roger de Toenio (Tony) gave his wood at Haringhae with lands, *&c.*

William de Peleville gave three parts of the wood of Dichewode, and Richard de Chambers a part.

Jeff. de Faverches gave land at Maſſingham; and Turold de Maſſingham.

Gerard de Maſchecival lands at Sneteſham.

Ingelerius gave lands at Tofts and Tumeſtun.

Robert de Frevill and his wife, and others, gave land Oteringehethe, with eels, *&c.* Hugh de Grancourt gave the church of Fulmodeſton.

Hamlin Plantaginet, Earl Warren, *&c.* confirmed the land called Suthcroft, given by William Tuſard, and the manor of Bakethorp, given by Robert de Frevill and Ralph his ſon, land in Hillington, given by Roger de Paveley, and the ſaid earl, by the advice of Iſabel, his counteſs, and William his ſon, gave 60 acres of turbary in the moor of Marham, *&c.*

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† Oſmed, wife of Philip de Candos.

Wimer, ſewer to the earls Warren, gave the church and manor of Kempſton; Robert, ſon of Herniſius, William, ſon of Herbert, Ralph de Roſei and Robert Frevil, the manor of Maſſingham; Martin and Patrick de Bermere, the manor of Bermer; Oſbert de Baliol, the church of Haverhill in Suffolk; Sir Ralph de Beaufoe, the church and manor of South Creak; Sir Frederick de Carvill the church and manor of Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen, and a lordſhip in Caſtleacre; Sir Robert de Haya gave the church and manor of Sutton, (Long Sutton in Lincolnſhire) with the chapels of Luton, *&c.* [‡] Jocel. de Flete, the church of Flete; and the lady [†] Nicholaa de Haya confirmed the church and manor of Flete in Lincolnſhire in her widowhood, and all that her grandfather Robert, her father Richard, and uncle Ralph de Haya gave, ſhe confirmed, with that which William her huſband, and Gerard de Canville gave.

Roger, ſon of Wimer the ſewer, gave and confirmed all that his father and mother Gilla gave, the church of Kempſton with its appertenances, the churches of Dunham St. Andrew, Eaſt Lexham, the two churches of Weſenham, with the tithe of the lordſhip of the ſaid village, and lands there, and the tithes that his tenants gave, the tithe at Lecheſham, and of the mill, the tithe of Withersfield, with that of his manor, the tithe at Wineboteſham, and whatever he gave in Snetſham and Congham, with the church of that village of his fee.

Alan, ſon of Flaald and Adelina his wife, gave land at Kempſton, and 20 acres at Sporle.

King Henry II. confirmed to the priory, the churches of Newton by Acra, Southcreak, and Flete, and granted them to be free from all toll.

Sir Eudo de Arſic, with the conſent of Alice his wife, confirmed the grants of Henry Canis, father of Alice his wife, and gave the cauſeway of mill-pool, of Witewell and lands—witneſſes, William, Earl Warren, Nicholas de Kenet, Adam de Kailli, Alexander, his ſon and heir, Hervey, his ſon, *&c.*

The church of Haringby was appointed to them, of the gift of John Hauteyn, lord and patron about 1200, the church of Fincham St. Michael, about the ſaid time, of the gift of William Talebot.

Maurice Knight, of Barſham, gave the patronage of the church of Taterſet, with all his right, *&c.* in that village in 1175.

Hamelin, Earl Warren, *&c.* confirmed the grant of Walter Tuſſard, of all the land called Southcroft, in Acre, which Gerard, and Robert Tuſſard, the predeceſſors of Walter, gave.

John Plantaginet, Earl Warren, by his deed reciting that, Whereas his ſtewards and others his officers in Norfolk, had demanded of this priory, certain penſions of meats and drinks as their right, given at firſt by the monks, out of their free will and reſpect to the ſervants of the earls of Warren, belonging to their manor of Wike, in Caſtleacre, he by this deed quits claim to the ſame, and charges his officers not to demand or receive it for the future; dated May 10, Edward II. 9°.

Symon, Biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the ſaid priory the churches, tithes, and penſions following; the churches of Eaſte Acre, Newton, South Creak, Weſt Barſham, Kemeſton, Methwold, St. Mary Magdalen Wigenhale, 5 marks *per ann.* penſion out of the church of Haverhill, 3 marks out of Trunch, 2*s.* out of Dunham St. Mary, and 2*s.* out of Dunham St. Andrew, 2*s.* out of Bagthorp,

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[‡] The rector of Flete was obliged to pay 10*l.* *per ann.* at Caſtleacre, for tithes let to farm to him by the priory,

[†] Nicholaa was daughter and heir of Richard de Haia, and mother of Thomas de Camville.

William, ſon of Erniſius, with the conſent of this Nicholaa his wife, gave 3 acres of land near the common way, to build a new pariſh church in Sutton, the the old church is in this deed ſaid to be of wood, and the bodies buried there were to be brought to the church-yard of this new church, and there buried, the old to be diſuſed.

Gerard de Camvill confirmed the gift of this church, *&c.* to the priory in 1186, and others were benefactors in land, *&c.* in Sutton.

one mark out of Weſt Brigg, one mark out of Threkeſton, one mark out of Wichingeſet, 20*s.* out of Eaſt Barſham, 20*s.* out of St. Andrew Taterſete, one mark out of Fincham St. Michael, half a mark out of Taterſete All Saints, 40*s.* of Fulmodeſton, and 10 marks out of the ſame, for the uſe of the infirmary of the priory, one mark of the churches of St. Peter, and of St. Paul of Weſenhamtorp, half a mark of Eaſt Lexham, 12*d.* of Otringehithe, 2 marks of Aſpehale, and the following tithes.

† In Weſeham 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of Robert de Stuteville, Alan Fitz Ralp and Jeff. Fitz John;—in Greſſinghale 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of the aforeſaid Robert, and other tithes there; and in Scarning 2 parts of the demeans of William de Kirtling, Ralph Crowai, Henry ſon of Iſabella, and of Ralph de Hyngringeshoe, *&c.*—in Witheresfield and Eaſt Lecheſham all the tithes of the demean of Robert de Stuteville;—in Grimſton 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of the Earl Warren;—in Depedene, 2 parts of the demean of Ralph de Wanci and his freemen;—in Waterdene, 2 parts of the demean of Robert Barſham, Reginald de St. Martin, with a moiety of 30 acres of the demean of William de Burnham;—in Houton, Rokeland and Northwold 2 parts of the demeans of Baldwin de Roſay, Hugh, ſon of Richard, William de Houton, Robert de Kateſtun, Roger de Paveli, Ralph de Dunton, and Gilbert de Waleham;—in Wineboteſham, the tithe of the land which William, the chamberlain, held;—in Congham 2 parts of the demean of Auguſtin, Jeff. Fitz Ralph, and all the tithe of the demeans of Richard de Wighale and of the nuns of Blakeberge,—in Fincham, 2 parts of the demeans of Nigellus, and William de Spinevill, Sampſon Talebot, Richard de Meyners, Richard de la Comb, and John de Littlewell;—in Blownorton, 2 parts of the demean late of Ralph Fitz Gilbert, lord of Thelveteſham;—in Gaiton, Hillington and Flitcham 2 parts of the fee of the earl Warren, and Richard de Merley;—in Gately, all the tithe of the woods of William de Liſewis, and of the land called Teliſnap;—in Rucham 2 parts of the demeans, late of Hugh de Fokinton, and a moiety of the tithe of the demean of Julian, daughter of William, ſon of Richard de Wyrmelle, now of William Butlers, aud his men;—in Holkham and Claia, 2 parts of the demean, late of Hubert de Mountchenſy, and Gilbert, ſon of Richard;—in North Barſham, 2 parts of the demean, late of William Branche, William Eſtre, and Reginald, and of the land late Hoel de Waterdene;—in Weſt Winz, 2 parts of the demean of Richard, ſon of Simon;—in Hereſham the tithe of all the demean of William de Freney;—in Weſt Lexham tithe of the land called Ralveſwde of the demean of William Fitz Richard of Lecheſham, and in the ſame 2 parts of the demean late Roger de Creſſy's;—in Lirlinge 2 parts of the demean late Oſbert de Lirling;—in Stanham, Crokefeld, and Heſſe, 2 parts of the demean of Geff. ſon of Herlewine, Peter de Nerford, Hugh de Rikinghale and Walter de Hethfeld;—in Titleſhale 2 parts of the demean of Robert de Verli, and William Capri;—in Grimeſton 2 parts of the demean of Ralph de Gremeſton;—in Wichingeſete 2 parts of the demean, late of Peter Buzun;—in Wecheſham 2 parts of the demeans, late Gyrald's;—in Fueldun 2 parts of the demean, late Robert de Frevill's;—in Feild-Dalling 2 parts of the demean, late of Roger Bachun and Richard Bachun;—in Skerninge 2 parts of the demean of Saer de Frevill, and tithes of the aſſart of Heringſhae; in Taverham and Draiton 2 parts of the demean of William, ſon of Baldwin;—in Wyreham and Buketon, (Werham and Boughton) the 3d part of the tithe of the fee of Arnold de Moeſy, and Philip Engleis;—in Thomeſtun and Toftes 2 parts of the demeans of the ſaid monks;—in Sypedeham and Rokeland 2 parts of the demean of John de Kateſton;—in Narford 2 parts of the demean of Godwin, Jeff. and Bundo, ſons of Saul;—in Maſſingham *Magna*, 2 parts of the fee of the late Robert de Frevill, and the whole fee of Caylli;—in Wendling all the tithes of Great and Little Ditchwode, of the demean late Roger, ſon of Elwood, of the fee of Giffard and William de Franchevill;—in Franſham and Skerninge 2 parts of the demean of Gilbert de Franſham;—in Kerdeſton and Thymelthorpe 2 parts of the

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† The Lords of the demeans here mentioned were all benefactors.

demean of Geff. de Bellomonte;—in Taterſete 2 parts of the demean of the late William de Bellomonte; in Clyptun 2 parts of the demean of William Grancurt;—in Sneteſham 2s. of the demeans of the Earl Warren, to be paid by the prior of Windham;—in Stanford 2 parts of the demeans of Robert de Mortimer;—in Cloptun 2 parts of the demeans of Peter Giffard, of the Earl Warren's fee;—in Stiberd, 2 parts of the demean of Humphrey de Eſthawe, *&c.*—in Eſtbarſham, all the tithe of the demean late William de Beaumont, Philip de Snaringe, Reginald de St. Martin;—in Burnham 2 parts of the demean, late Phil. de Burnham, William de Grancourt, John, ſon of Ralph, Hugh de Polſtede, William de Gymingham, and Robert Aiigree; and in Depedale 2 parts of the demean of William Fitz Henry; in Sideſterne 3 parts of the demean of Alan Fitz Brian;—in Dunham the tithe of 30 acres of Atelund land;—in Alderford and Weſthorp 2 parts of the demeans of the late William de Bottun, and Richard Fitz Robert de Weſthorp;—in Santon 2 parts of the demean of Adam de Hachebeche;—in Feltwell 2 parts of the demean of the late William de Spinewell;—in Suthacre, all the tithe of the land of - - - - - - - - - - - -;—in Hoe 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of John de Hoe;—in Shuldham, 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of Simon, ſon of Hugh, Roger, ſon of Jeffrey, Roger Truſſebut, Thomas de Graville, William, ſon of Lambert, of the land of Theobald;—in Marham 2 parts of the demean, formerly Hermer de Bexwell's, and a moiety of the tithe of the whole fee, late Walter de Marham's;—in Tyringeton 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of William Herlewin of the fee of Bardolf;—in Clenchwarton 2 parts of the tithe of the land of De la Hoe;—dated at Geywood, 31ſt of July, 1265, in the 8th year of his Pontificate.

And before this he confirmed to this priory 5s. *per ann.* rent, to be received from the rector of Bunwell for 2 parts of the tithes of demean of the lady Agatha, and her tenants, and 20s. *per ann.* from the rector of Wiveton, for 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of Bernard at Wiveton and Sneterley, (that is Blakeney) and for two parts of the tithes of Robert Aguillon at Wiveton, of the fee of Branche.

Sir Alexander Harſyke confirmed the ſand-pits, lying by the king's highway, leading from Witewell to Southacre, and part of the meadow—witneſs, Sir Reginald de Dunham, Sir Gilbert de Franſham, Kts; Eudo de Arſik, his brother, rector of Southacre, and the ſubprior, Rodeland his brother.

Martin de Sideſterne and Imania his wife, granted lands at Caſtleacre, by fine in the 43d of Henry III. and lands at Sideſterne in the 52d of that king, to Walter, prior of Caſtleacre.

William de Liſewis granted with the conſent of Godfrey, his ſon and heir, to this priory, all the tithes of his woods and aſſarts at Gateley, and lands of his demean there, and the tithe of land there called Toliſnap, for which they agreed to keep his anniverſary, that of his father and mother, for ever, *ſans date.*

Robert, ſon of Erniſius, Robert, ſon of Ralph de Maſſingham and Claricia his wife, Hubert, ſon of Richard de Maſſingham, were benefactors of lands in Maſſingham; alſo Geffrey de Maſſingham and his brethren, who all ſwore on the holy Evangeliſts, in the chapter-houſe of Acra, to maintain their grants, which having wax put to them they bit the ſame, inſtead of a ſeal.

Herbert de Suthacre and Alan de Pagrave his brother, gave lands of their fee in the ſaid villages, Herbert alſo gave lands at Recheſheſs, where the church of St. Bartholomew was founded, and at Burſtal, which he gave for the ſoul of Hugoline his wife, for the uſe of the lepers there dwelling, and half a fold-courſe belonging to his demean, *&c.*

Alan de Lecheſham gave 4 acres in the fields of Dunham.

Brion, ſon of - - - - - -, confirmed to this priory the gift of his father, the church of † Mal- - - -, the third part of the tithe of the demeans of Bedale and of Frieby and of Colvertebi, and 2 parts of the demean of Eſcheto; and Conſtance, wife of Ralph, ſon of Robert de Goſberton, daughter of Brian, gave lands in Lincolnſhire.

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† Quere: if not ſome towns in Yorkſhire?

Alexander, ſon of Reginald de Dunham, gave as much hay as could be carried by a waggon and 3 horſes yearly, at autumn, out of his meadow, to the uſe of the ſacriſt—witneſſes, Eudo de Arſic, Thomas de Suthacre, Robert de Pagrave, John de Fincham, &c.

Maurice de Barſham confirmed all the grants of his anceſtors, with the church of Eaſt Barſham, and the church of Taterſet, of his own grant, and gave 2 men, Brunketel of Taterſete, and Ralph de Weſt Barſham, with all their catell, &c. the ſaid Maurice, when he went a pilgrimage to St. Gyles, gave all the corn in his barns at Eaſt Barſham, and Weſt Barſham, and 80 ſheep.

Richard de St. Martin gave, with the conſent of Julian his wife and Reginald his ſon, rent out of a mill at Eaſt Barſham, the pool belonging to it, and the griſt of his men, and land there, and Richard de Snaring gave land there.

John L'Strange, land at Lucheam for the ſoul of his father Robert, his mother Maud, aud Hamon his brother.

Walter de Wancy, lands at Weſt Barſham, and a fold-courſe for nine ſcore ſheep.

William de Vealtre gave the church of Cricheſton (Croxton) and all the land there which his grandmother Oſmed had in dower, and Sir Walter de Grancourt quitted his claim therein, and granted the prior to preſent to this church, as a chapel belonging to Fulmodeſton.

Ralph de Warren gave 2 fiſhing boats on the mere of Saham in King John's time.

Giles de Wacheſham, ſon and heir of Oſbert, 2 parts of the tithes of Wacheſham.

John de Nerburgh, by the conſent of Alice his wife, gave a turbary belonging to his demean in Nerburgh, and confirmed the grant of the land given by his father Reginald.

Hugh de Fothighetune gave two parts of the tithe of his demean in Rucham.

Julian, daughter of William Fitz Richard de Wirmele, patroneſs of the church of St. Mary de Rucham, with the conſent of William, her ſon and heir, granted a moiety of all the tithes of her demean there.

Walter de Grancourt gave by fine in the 4th of Henry III. the church of Fulmodeſton, which they had of the grant of Hugh his anceſtor.

Adam Talbot gave by fine, 37th of Henry III. the church of St. Michael of Fincham.

William Bardolf gave the church of St. Peter of North Birlingham.

John Peckham, Arch-biſhop of Canterbury, granted an indulgence of 30 days to all who would pray for the ſoul of William the 3d Earl Warren, and 15 days for that of Ela his counteſs, and 20 days for the ſouls of William the 1ſt Earl Warren and Surrey, and Gundrede his wife, dated at South Malling, 3d of the Ides of July, 1283.

About this time the prior was found to hold 460 acres of arable land, 20 of paſture, 10 of meadow, 5 water mills, with the liberty of fiſhing therein, in pure alms, and divers other lands in this town, held by 36 tenants, a court baron, 2 folds, 2 free boars, and 2 bulls of the earl Warren.

In the 47th of Edward III. this priory was made indigena, and not ſubject, as a cell, to the prior of Lewes.

In the 15th of Richard II. the church of Haverill, with its chapel, was appropriated, of the gift of Oſbert de Baliol, and in the 2d of Henry IV. the church of South Creak in Norfolk.

Several ſmall priories or cells belonged to this. Bartholomew de Glanvile confirmed to it the priory of Bromholm in Norfolk, founded by his father William.

William de Huntingfeld gave the priory of Mendham in Suffolk,—William the third Earl Warren, the priory of Sleveſholm in Methwold.—William de Liſewis, and Godfrey his ſon, that of Normanſburgh in South Reynham.—The prior of Coln in Eſſex paid an annual penſion of 26*s. per ann.*—a penſion of 26*s.* 8*d. per ann.* out of the church of Aſpal in Suffolk, and 5 marks out of that of Geyton in Norfolk, and a penſion out of Barefield *Parva* in Eſſex.

On the 22d of November, 1533, Thomas Malling, prior, and his convent, ſurrendered this priory, with the manor of Caſtleacre Prior's, and all its appertenances, to King Henry VIII. in the ſurrender deed, 'tis expreſſed " for certain cauſes, juſt " and reaſonable, them, their ſouls and conſciences, eſpecially moving, together " with the ſcite of all the manors, meſſuages, lands and tenements, rents and " ſervices, &c. advouſons, and all manner of things thereunto belonging, in Nor- " folk, Suffolk, Eſſex, Middleſex, Cambridgeſhire, &c. in England and Wales;" and ſigned by Thomas Malling, prior, and 10 monks; viz.——John Hounſword, William Burgullion, Robert Daniel, Robert Fiſke, William Elis, John Bets, Edmund Wadenowe, John Lowe, Robert Saary, and Robert Halman:——And theſe following were found guilty of the moſt notorious incontinency and uncleanneſs;——John Bets, William Elis, Robert Hocton, Robert Snape, James Helvington, Edward Acres, and Edward Kirkeby.

The king, on December 22, in his 39 year, granted the ſcite of this priory, the prior's manor, the impropriated rectory, and advouſon of the vicarage, to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk; and in the 2d of Elizabeth, the duke of Norfolk alienated it to Thomas Greſham, who in the preceding year had purchaſed alſo of Henry, Earl of Arundel, the lordſhip, or the earl's manor of Caſtleacre. The duke is ſaid to convey his part, for 2000*l*. Greſham conveyed his right in both theſe lordſhips to Thomas Cecil, afterwards earl of Exeter; and his ſon, William, Earl of Exeter, ſold them to Sir Edward Coke, whoſe deſcendent, the Right Honorable Thomas Coke, earl of Leiceſter, was lord of the manor of Arundel, or Earl's, Prior's, and Fox's, impropriator, and patron of the vicarage.

The ſcite of the priory church lies weſt of the caſtle, was a venerable large Gothick pile, of free ſtone, flint, &c. and built in a cathedral or conventual manner; great part of the front or weſt end of it, is ſtill remaining, where the principal entrance was through a great arch, over which was a ſtately window, on each ſide of the great door were doors to enter into the north and ſouth iſles, under the tower, as the grand door ſerved for an entrance into the nave or body; at the north and ſouth end of this front, or weſt end, ſtood 2 towers ſupported by ſtrong arches and pillars; the nave or body, had 12 great pillars, making 7 arches on each ſide, the loweſt joyning to the towers; on the eaſt end of the nave ſtood the grand tower, ſupported by four great pillars, through which was the entrance into the choir; on the ſouth and north ſide of this tower, were 2 croſs iſles or tranſcepts; and at the end of the north tranſcept there ſeems to have been a chapel, or veſtiary; the choir was of equal breadth with the nave and iſles, but much ſhorter, and, at the eaſt end of it, was in form of a chapel, and here ſtood the high altar, as I take it.

The cloiſter was on the ſouth ſide of the church, and had an entrance into it, at the weſt end of the ſouth iſle, near to the tower, and another at the eaſt end of the ſaid iſle, near the grand tower; the chapter houſe ſeems to have joined to the eaſt ſide of the cloiſter, and the dormitory to have been over the weſt part of the cloiſter. Weſt of the cloiſter, and adjoyning, was the prior's apartment, now converted into a farm houſe: in a large room above ſtairs, called now the prior's dining room, is a curious bow-window of ſtone, conſiſting of 9 pannels;——in the firſt, were the arms of the priory, painted on the glaſs; in the 2d, the arms of the earl of Arundel, and Earl Warren, quarterly, but now broke and gone; in the 3d, Mowbray, duke of Norfolk——gules, a lion rampant, argent;——4th, the red and white roſe united, and a crown over it;——5th, France and England quarterly;—— 6th, the roſe, &c. as above;——7th, Earl Warren's arms;——8th, quarterly, the earl of Arundel in the firſt and 4th quarter, and in the 2d and 3d, Matrevers, ſable, fretty, or, and Fitz-Alan, baron of Clun, p. feſs, azure and argent, quarterly;——9th, argent, a croſs company, or and azure, between 12 croſs croſslets, fitché, ſable; the priory arms, as I take it, and theſe letters *I. W.* joined together by a knot, and under it SPITV. PRINCIPALI. CONFIRMA. ME. By this it appears, that this window was built by John Winchelſey, prior in the reign of H. VII. or VIII. afterwards it might be converted into a dining room, but that it was originally a large chapel, and this room was only the weſt end of it, is apparent: it extended to the ſouth tower of the church, where at the eaſt end of it is a large window, as in a chapel, and a ſtep or aſcent here, as to an altar; and on the ſouth wall, near to this aſcent, is an arched carved ſeat of ſtone, riſing in form of a pyramid, with the ſhield of the Earl Warren alone, which teſtifies it to be an antique pile, built in their time before the patronage of the priory came to the earls of Arundel; and at the north eaſt corner, near to the altar-place, is a door place with a ſtone arch; and here was a ſtone ſtaircaſe which led down into the cloiſter.

In another room was, a few years paſt, in a window, the broken portraiture of one of the earls of Arundel, in armour, with a broad ſword in his hand, and on his ſurcoat the arms of Arundel, Matrevers and Clun, as above, and part of a legend, *My truſt ys* ———; alſo on a chapeau, gules, an oaken ſlip, vert, acorned or.— There are 2 prints of the ruins of this priory, one by Mr. Buck, who dedicated it to the Lady Margaret, Lady Baroneſs of Clifford, and the other by Mr. Millicent. ———The ſcite of it took in ſeveral acres; the grand entrance was north of the priory church, where is now ſtanding a large and ſtately gate-houſe of free-ſtone; over the arch as you enter, are the arms of the Earl Warren, of Arundel and Earl Warren quarterly, France and England, and thoſe of the priory.

The whole ſcite was incloſed with a lofty ſtone wall, good part of which is ſtill ſtanding.

PRIORS.

Angevine occurs about 1130.——Jordan about 1160.———Richard occurs prior in Biſhop Turbus's time, biſhop of Norwich.———Odo occurs about 1180.——Hugh in 1190 and 1195.

Maimon about 1200.———Lambert de Kempſton in 1203.——Philip de Mortimer in 1203 and 1211.———Robert de Alenſon about 1220; probably the ſame with Robert de Bozun, who occurs 1219, and 1227.———Ralph de Weſenham in 1239.———William de Kent.——Adam in 1250.——John de Granges in 1252, and 1255.——Walter de Stanmere in 1258, and 1267.——Robert de Hakebeach in 1270.——William de Scorham.———Benedict in 1286.

Robert Porter in 1308.——John Hamelyn.———John de Acra.——Walter de Franceys in 1311,——Peter de Jocello in 1317, and 1324.——Guy de Charyns in 1329, and 1337.———William de Warren.——Walter Picot.——Thomas Wigenhale.——John Okinſton.——Simon Sutton.———Thomas Bayley.——Thomas Tunbridge.

John Shareſhale in 1428.——Thomas Bates.——Richard Bennet in 1452.——Nicholas.——John Plumſted.——John Amflets in 1482.

John Whinchelſey occurs in 1510.———Thomas Chambers.——Thomas Malling admitted prior in June, 1519, ſometimes called Thomas de Caſtleacre; he was preſented and nominated by the biſhop of Norwich, with John Saliſbury, late prior of St. Faith's, at Horſham in Norfolk, to be ſuffragan biſhop of Thetford, when Archbiſhop Cranmer choſe Saliſbury.

Many perſons of quality were here buried, eſpecially thoſe who held lordſhips, (and were benefactors to this priory) under the Earls Warren.——Alice, widow of Sir Eudo de Arſic, daughter of Hervey Canis, lord of Dunham *Magna*, gave 6*s.* rent *per ann.* out of lands in the tenure of Alianore and Alice, her daughters, to be paid to the ſacriſt for the maintenance of a lamp, before the croſs, where the body of her huſband reſts;——witneſſes, Sir Alexander de Arſic her ſon and heir, Sir Fredrick de Capravill, Reginald de Geyton, then ſeneſcal of Acre.

Sir Richard le Rus, lord of Eaſt Lexham gave his body to be buried, with 5 acres of land, and 12*d. per ann.* rent.

In 1428, the ſpiritualities of this priory were valued at 189*l.* 17*s. per ann.* and temporalities at 130*l.* 18*s.* 8*d. ob.* At the ſuppreſſion, valued on the whole, as Dugdale, at 306*l.* 11*s.* 4*d. ob.* and as Speed, at 324*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* ½.

A little toward the eaſt of the priory ſtood the caſtle, in a riſing ground, from the ſouth to the north, including, with all its outworks and fortifications, about 18 acres of ground, in a circular form; through this there is a way, or ſtreet, called now the Bayly-Street, with houſes on each ſide, running directly north and ſouth; at the entrance of this ſtreet, on the north, ſtands a ſtone gate-houſe, with two round baſtions, and had 2 doors, an inward and outward one, with a portcullis in the middle; and, no dobut, there was another at the entrance of this ſtreet, on the ſouth ſide, as you come from Swaffham, as appears from ſome marks ſtill remaining. Near the north gate, on the eaſt ſide of the ſtreet, was a chapel for the caſtle, the walls of which are ſtill ſtanding, and is now a dwelling houſe; and on the eaſt ſide of the ſaid ſtreet, near the middle of it, was a ſtrong ſtone gate-houſe, leading into the outward court of the great caſtle, which was circular, incloſed with a ſtrong and lofty wall of free-ſtone, flint, &c. and embattled 7 feet thick, a conſiderable part of which is ſtill remaining, with a deep ditch, or entrenchment, and a lofty embattled wall round it; within this was the keep; and croſs this deep ditch or entrenchment, are 3 lofty walls at proper diſtances, which joyn the caſtle wall, as buttreſſes, &c. The whole area of this caſtle, with its entrenches and ditches, and an outward wall embattled as aforeſaid, includes about 18 acres of ground, and reaches near the river; where, under this embattled outward wall, is a terraſs walk, which affords a pleaſant and agreeable proſpect, over the country, and water to ſupply and fill the ditches. The other part of the fortifications, lying on the weſt ſide of this Bayly-Street, is called the Barbican, and contains above 10 acres of land, and was encloſed by deep ditches, entrenchments and high ramparts.

This caſtle, no doubt, was as agreeable for its apartments, as its ſtrength, and it appears that King Edward I. was entertained herein by Earl Warren, in January, 1297: and one thing is further remarkable of it, that the Earl Warren the founder, though he had 140 lordſhips in Norfolk, choſe this for his chief great honor or lordſhip, and reſidence; and his other lordſhips were dependant on it; and in this caſtle was a chapel with monks therein, before the death of the firſt Earl Warren, in 1089.

Jeffrey de Balio before the gate of the caſtle ——·—— was witneſs to a deed in the reign of King Stephen; and Richard de Acre gave by deed, *ſans* date, a meſſuage in the Baylie, to find a lamp burning day and night, before the altar of St. Nicholas, in the priory church of Acre; and John Mareſchall de Balio was witneſs to a deed *ſans* date.——Mr. Buck has a print of the ruins of this caſtle, dedicated to Lord Lovell, afterwards earl of Leiceſter.

The Romans ſeem to have had a ſtation here, where the caſtle now ſtands, which might have induced alſo the firſt Earl Warren to make choice of it; and from the north part of the preſent entrenchements, there runs a way which goes to Caſtleacre-Wicken and from thence it proceeds over the country, leaving Maſſingham and Houghton on the right, and Anmer on the left hand, and is commonly called The Peddar's-Way, and between the 2 laſt mentioned towns, on the ſaid way, may be obſerved many *tumuli*; hence it tends in a direct courſe, leaving Frenge a little on the right hand, and ſo for Ringſted, &c. the ſea coaſt, and Brancaſter.

Several Roman coins have been found here, and ſome lately, of Veſpaſian, Conſtantine, &c.

And not many years paſt, a cornelian ſeal or ring, with the impreſs of an emperor, his head radiated, was found in a cloſe called Arundel Cloſe.

CLENCHWARTON.

AT the ſurvey it is wrote [a] Ecleuuartuna, a word compounded, and beſpeaks a town, ſeated on a moiſt watery ſoil, by a river: Hugh de Montfort's manor, of which we have treated in Iſlington, extended into this village, and of this manor the family of Scales, and that of Ingaldeſthorp, held each a moiety. The town was divided (as appears from antient records) into North and South Clenchwarton.——Robert de Scales, in the firſt of Edward I. held one fee and a quarter in *capite* here, in Iſlington, Tylney, &c. and had the aſſiſe of bread, &c.

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[a] Thus Cley, Eccles, Eccleſhall, and Ware, &c. names of towns.

In the 18 of Edward II. Robert, and Egelina his wife, were found to hold of the king in *capite*, a moiety of the advouſon of this church, which always went along with the lordſhip; from the Scales's it came to Woodvile, Earl Rivers, afterwards to Tyndale, as may be ſeen at large in Middleton; John Tyndal who was lord in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, alienated it to William Tyndal, together with the advouſon of the church.

About the 20 of Elizabeth, Francis Southwell was poſſeſſed of it, and on his death, in the 24 of that queen, it deſcended to his ſon, Miles Southwell, Eſq; who conveyed it in the 30 of that reign, to Sir John Willoughby; and his ſon Sir Henry Willoughby, on November 19, in the 9 of King James I. had licenſe to alienate it to William Gybon, Eſq; and his heirs, (as may be ſeen in Iſlington) together with the patronage of the church.

The Ingaldeſthorps held the other moiety of Montfort's manor, and a moiety of the advouſon; in the 12 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Thomas, ſon of Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, and Robert de Scales, petents, and William, ſon of Alan of Clenchwarton, whom the abbot of Derham called to warrant, of the advouſon of this church, granted to Thomas and Robert; in this family it continued, and on the death of Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp, in the 35 of Henry VI. it deſcended to Iſabell his daughter, and ſole heir, married to John Nevill, Marquiſs Montacute.

John, rector of the church of St. Edmund of Caſtre, gave to the nunnery of Crabhouſe, a meſſuage, and 38 acres of land, here and in Wigenhale, held of the Ingaldeſthorps, by the ſervice of 2*s*. *per ann*. in the 38 of Edward III.

The Earl of CLARE's-MANOR.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES, [*b*] lord of Iſlington, had 40 acres of land, held of him by Richard, valued at 6*s*.——Roſrid had poſſeſſed it, but Ralph, Earl of Norfolk, diſſeiſed him of half of it, and held it on his being attainted; and Urvoi, a man of Roſrid, held it at the ſurvey of Scohies fee, and claims it by the king's patronage; from Scohies it came to the Giffards, earls of Bucks, and from them to the earls of Clare.

John, ſon of Thomas de Reynham, Sir Philip de Fenn, Sir John de Wigenhale, and their tenants, held 3 parts of a fee in Clenchwarton, Tilney and Wigenhale, of Richard Fitz-Simon, in the reign of Henry III. of the honor of Clare; and John, ſon of John de Wodenorton, impleaded John, ſon of Thomas de Reynham, for 60 acres of land, 30*s*. rent, and the moiety of a meſſuage in South Clenchwarton, Tilney, and Wigenhale, as his right, in the Octaves of St. Hillary, 14 Edward I. and in the ſaid year, Alice, widow of Walter Fenne, impleaded William de Lindeſſey, for the moiety of a mill in this town.

In the 7 of Edward II. a fine was levied between Robert de Watervile, and Alice his wife, Alan, parſon of Waſhingle church, and William Belet, of 3 meſſuages, 2 mills, 100 acres of land, 7 of meadow, in this town, Wigenhale, Seche, and South Lynn, conveyed to Robert, &c. and in his 8 year, Tho. de Warblington was found, as appears from the eſcheat rolls, to hold here, in Middleton, Tilney, Wigenhale, Sechy, Sadlebowe, South Lynn, Weſt Winch, and Hardwick, half a fee of the honor of Clare; in the following year, John de Fitton was preſented to have a lordſhip in Clenchwarton; and in the record 'tis ſaid to be an hamlet to South Lynn, together with Weſt Lynne, and North Lynne, of which the biſhop of Ely, and the Lord Scales were alſo lords; in the 17 of the ſaid king, Gilbert de Say and his tenants, were found to hold 5 fees in this town, Midleton, Wirham, Stoke, Boketon, Geyton, Cokesford, &c. as belonging to the earl of Surry, but really belonging to the honor of Clare, after, *ao*. 3 Henry VI. held by Elizabeth, Lady Say.

In the 20 of Edward III. Sir John Howard, John de Wigenhale, &c. feoffees of

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[b] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Eccleuuartuna tenet Ricard. de W. xl ac. 7 val. vi ſol. hanc t'ra. tenuit Roſrid. 7 comes Rad. derationavit dimidiam 7 tenuit ea die q. foriſfecit mo. ea'tenet Urvoi ho. Roſridi ad feudu. Willi. de Scohies, 7 revocat regem ad tutorem.

of William de Wigenhale, held 3 parts of a fee in Tilney, Wigenhale, and here, which John, ſon of Thomas de Reynham, and Phil. de Fenne formerly held; and in the 20th of Richard II. Sir John Howard confirmed to Margaret, late wife of Sir Robert Howard, Sir Simon de Felbrigg, Kt. Robert de Felbrigg, *&c.* the manor of Reynham in Clenchwarton; witneſſes, Laurence Trufbut, Edmund Kervile, Thomas Howard, William Coot, John Drye, *&c.* dated at Eaſt-Winch on the feaſt of the Nativity of the Bleſſed Virgin, and Sir John Howard was lord in the 7th of Henry IV.

Afterwards it came to the Veres, Earls of Oxford, the Tyndales, ſo to Southwell, Willoughby, and Guybon.

Here was alſo a manor belonging to the ſaid fee, held by Sir Edmund de St. Omer, ſon of - - - - - de St. Omer, and - - - - - his wife, daughter of - - - - - Sefoul, by whom, as I take it, this manor came; the Sefouls held lands in Merſhland, and in the church of Tilney were their arms, vert, a croſs patonce, or—— Sir Edmund de St. Omer had by her, Sybill, a daughter and heir, married to Sir John Wythe, Lord of Smalburgh and Worſtede in Norfolk, and of Hepworth in Suffolk, and after to Sir William Calthorp, whoſe daughter and heir, Ann, married Sir John Calthorp, ſon of Sir William, of Burnham Thorp in Norfolk, who was lord; and afterwards Sir Philip de Calthorp, whoſe daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married Sir Henry Parker: his ſon, Sir Philip Parker, died ſeiſed of it, as appears from his will [c] proved in April 1535, and Sir Henry had livery of the manor of North Clenchwarton, Calthorp, Smallburgh, *&c.* in the 3d of Edward VI.

In the 7th of Elizabeth, Edmund Kervyle had a præcipe to deliver to Jeffrey Cobb, and Thomas Might, the manor of Calthorpe, with meſſuages and lands here, in North and Weſt Lyn, Terrington, Walpole, Walton, Walſoken, Ilſington and Wigenhall, probably on a marriage ſettlement, or on ſome truſts.

The prior of Walſingham had alſo a manor, or conſiderable eſtate here, of the honour of Clare.

In the 20 of Edward IV. he had a patent for certain tenements here, in Walſingham *Magna*, Hindringham, and a manor in Flytcham, Norfolk, called Snoring; and in 1572, I find it to be let at 6*l.* 13*s* 4*d.* to John Bowles Gent, from the crown, as I take it.

The prior of Shouldham had alſo a manor held of the ſaid honor of Clare, given chiefly by Jeffrey Fitz Piers, Earl of Eſſex, to that priory, on his foundation of it.

In 1428, the temporalities of that houſe were valued at 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The prior of Norwich had alſo temporalities valued in 1428, at 2*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.*

The prior of Caſtleacre had [d] poſſeſſions.—Jeffrey de Wigenhale confirmed to thoſe monks, the lands called the How, in the fields of Clenchwarton, which his father gave him, and which Thomas, ſon of Hamon de Wigehale, gave by deed to Jeffrey his father, *ſans date*;—witneſſes, Sir Robert de Scales, Sir Richard de Wigehale, Robert de Sculham, Reg. de Geyt, Ad. de Rokeland, William de Salle, *&c.* and Clement, ſon of Jeffrey de Wigehale confirmed the ſame, as did Maud, late wife of the ſaid Jeffrey, mentioning the lands to be bought by her huſband, of Thomas, ſon of Ham. de Wigehale, and Maud his wife.

Maud, daughter of John Supeſeude of Enemethe, granted by deed *ſans date*, to Thomas, ſon of Ham. de Wigehale, lands in Clenchwarton, lying between the land of Thomas de Houghe, the fee of Tychewelle, and releaſed to him her right in 4 acres of land in Tichwell, with the homages of ſeveral thereto belonging, to be held at the yearly rent of 12*s.* 10*d.* *&c.*—witneſſes, Jeffrey, ſon of William de Wigehalle, Thomas de Reynham, *&c.*

Simon, Biſhop of Norwich, in 1265, confirmed to this priory, 2 parts of the tithes of the land De la Hoe.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory were valued at 1*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* *ob.*

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(c) Regr. Platfoot, Norw. p. 39.

(d) Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 83, 84.

The temporalities of the priory of Weſtacre, in 1428, valued at 3*s.* 6*d.*—John Sutton aliened to this houſe 60 acres of land in this town, Tilney, Tirington, Wigenhale, *&c.* in the 6th of Edward II.

Temporalities of Pentney priory in 1428, in this town 18*d.* *per ann.*

Temporalities of the abby of St. Edmund at Bury in 1428, 6*s.* 10*d.*

Temporalities of Weſt Derham abby in 1428, 1*l.* 16*s.*

Temporalities of Wirmegay in 1428, 10*s.*

The prioreſs of Blackborough had a patent for tenements in Clenchwarton, Tilney, Wigenhale, Suthlenne, and Middleton, in the 25th of Edward III. and one in the 43d of that king for tenements in North Clenchwarton and North Lenne, and their lands in this town were afterwards let at 4*l.* *per ann.*

The manor of Kenwick in Tilney, held by the earl Fitz Williams, is ſaid now to extend into this town, Weſt Lynn, North Lynn, Iſlington, Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalen, St. German's, and St. Peter's.

In the 16th of Richard II. Richard Palmer, *&c.* aliened to the chantrey in St. Peter's of Weſt Lenne, a meſſuage, 57 acres of land, 106 of moor, in North Clenchwarton and South Lenne.—Nicholas Strange had licence to alienate lands, *&c.* in Clenchwarton *&c.* to Richard Nicholls in the 5th of Edward VI. and he held them in the 4th of Elizabeth.

The church of Clenchwarton is dedicated to St. Margaret, it conſiſts of a ſingle iſle, or a nave, a chancel covered with lead, and has a ſquare tower, with 4 bells.

In the chancel is a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Thomas Triſe, Alderman of Newark in Nottinghamſhire, who died in this town, May* 19, 1647.

On another—*Hic jacet (unà cum quinq; ipſius liberis, patre ſuperſtite, defunctis) venerabilis vir Marcus Forſter, A. M. hujus eccleſiæ rector, qui cum annos quadraginta in agro Domini ſtrenue laboraſſet ad mercedem recipiendam in cæleſtem paradiſum evocatus, obijt die Januarij ultimo, A. D.* 1719, *ætatis ſuæ* 70.

Alſo one—*In memory of Roger Spenſley, Gent: bur.* 16, *March*, 1650, *aged* 39.

On the wood-work of the church are the arms of Scales and Inglethorp.

On a monument in the church-yard—*Maria chariſſima conjux Rici. Triſe Generoſi hic ſita eſt Oct.* 24, *A. D.* 1660, *ætat. ſuæ* 28.

Moribus inſignis, formâ, pietate, pudore,
Exemplum ſexus, atq; corona viri.

Nec pudendis fuit natalibus, filia nempe unica Henri. Williamſon et Marthæ, uxoris ſuæ, quorum omnium reliquias, hic tumulus habet. On it ermin, on a chevron ſable, a lion rampant, or, on a chief, gules, 3 mullets of the firſt Triſe, impaling argent, on a chevron ingrailed, azure, between 3 trefoils ſlipped, ſable, as many creſcents, or.—Williamſon.

The church is a rectory antiently valued at 18 marks, Peter-pence 1*d.* the rector then, on account of this rectory and 24 acres of glebe lands belonging to his church, which lye on the flux and re-flux of the ſea, was obliged to defend and maintain 24 rods of the ſea bank, againſt the aſſault of the ſea, at 16 feet *per* rod, and according to the quantity, breaking and irruption of the ſaid banks, the rector is obliged to expend 40*l.* and greater ſums, but he yearly expends, or ought to do, about neceſſary repairs and preſerving the ſaid banks, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* at leaſt; the preſent valor is 14*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is not diſcharged of tenths, *&c.*

RECTORS.

1268, Robert Ruſſell inſtituted rector, preſented by the king.

1303, [*e*] Roger de Reydon, by Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp.——1328, Robert de Beremere, (an exchange for Haverill) by Sir Robert Scales.——1334, Mr. Thomas Durant, by Sir John Ingaldeſthorp, *cum* capella de South Clenchwarton.——1349, William Waryn, by Sir Robert Scales.——1351, William

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(*e*) Inſtitut. Book, in the bp's office at Norw.

am Coupere, by Sir William de Ingaldeſthorp.———1377, Robert Lorymer, by Sir Thomas Maundevil, Kt. John Cley, &c.———Robert Dygges, in 1399, occurs rector, as appears by a deed, probably the ſame perſon.

1408, John de Watteſſon, by Sir John de Ingaldeſthorp.———1448, William Wykeham, by Sir Thomas de Scales, Lord Scales and Nucellis.———1456, Mr. Thomas Sutton, *L. L. B.* by Sir Thomas, &c.———1457, Mr. Thomas Sutton, by Sir Thomas Fynderne.

1503, Clement Rocheſtre, by Humphrey Conynſby, ſerjeant at law.——— 1505, Thomas Wotton, by H. Conynſby, guardian of John Tindale, a minor. ———1530, William Furlan, by John Tendall, Eſq;———1537, Mr. Robert Codde, in *decret. baccal.* by Sir John Tindall.———1538, John Clenchewarton, *alias* Watſon, by the aſſignees of Sir Chriſtopher Jenney, ſerjeant at law.———1548, Robert Chalderton, by Thomas Tindale of Hockwold, Eſq;———1579, Marmaduke Neave, by the aſſignees of William Tindale, Eſq;

In 1602, Thomas Howes was rector, and compounded November 12, for firſt-fruits.——. - - - -, John Canham, rector.———In 1642, Ambroſe Roberts, rector, compounded May 3d.———1679, Mark Forſter, *A. M.* died rector 1719.

[*f*] 1720, Henry Whall, by Cha. Green and Thomas Whale.———1736, Robert Stoner, on Whall's death, by Ann Hutchingſon, Thomas Moore, and John Stoner.———1756, Thomas Stoner, on his petition, as patron.

The biſhop of Ely's manor of Iſlington extended into this town, and claimed wreck, aſſiſe, &c. and other liberties here, as in his other lordſhips, in the 3d of Edward I.

The lord Bardolfs manor in Tilney extended here, and Henry Noon held half a fee here, in Tilney, and Wigenhale, in the 5th of Henry VI. of the honor of Wirmegay.

Sir John Perrot, Kt. had lands here in the tenure of Thomas Guybon, granted to him, July 27, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary.

CONGHAM.

THAT is a ham or dwelling by the river Cong, as called by the antient Britons; thus Congleton, alſo, a town in Cheſhire.

William, Earl Warren [*a*] and Surrey, had a carucate of land held before the Conqueſt by a free man, and 14 borderers, one carucate in demean, with half a carucate amongſt the tenants, the moiety of a fiſhery; 12 free men alſo held half a carucate, with 15 acres of land, the moiety of a ſalt pit, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.* which he had by an exchange of lands at Lewes in Suſſex.

He had alſo the patronage of a church here, and one carucate of land held by a free man, eleven borderers, and one ſervus, with 10 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, and 5 free men held 8 acres of land, and half a carucate, with a mill, valued at 20*s.*

And one free man here, and 2 free men in Grimſtun, had each a carucate of land, 14 borderers, a carucate and an half, and 15 acres, and 11 of meadow; and 8 free men half a carucate and 11 acres of land, the moiety of a ſalt pit, valued at 22*s. per ann.*

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(*f*) Mr. Hen. Whale, clerk, patron in 1730, & 1742: he purchaſed it of Sir Francis Gibbon.—Whale ſold it to Stoner, who has conveyed it to Ant. Etheridge of Roydon, Gent:

(*a*) Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.——In Congreham, i car. tre. lib ho xiiii bord. ſemp. i car. in dominio, et dim. car. hom. dim. piſc. 7 xii lib. hoes xv acr. tre. et dim. car. 7 dim. ſal. et viii ac. pti. et val. xx ſol. h. totu. eſt p. eſca'g. de Laes.

In Congheham i ecclia. i car. terre ten. un. libu. hoem. xi bord. et i ſerv. et x ac. pti. ſemp. i car. in dnio. et v lib. hoes viii ac. tre. dim. car. 7 i. mol. 7 val. xx ſol.

In ead. i lib. ho. et in Grimeſtuna, ii lib. homine o'nis i car. tre. xiiii bord. inter eos i car. 7 dim et xv ac. 7 xi ac. pti. 7 viii lib. homines, xi ac. terre dim. car. 7 dim. ſal. et val. xxii ſol.

CONGHAM MANOR.

WHAT the Earl Warren held as above-mentioned, at the ſurvey, was afterwards held under him by different perſons, but the principal part of it was granted to a family, who being enfeoffed herein aſſumed the name of Congham, as lords of it. Walter de Congham was lord, and Jeffrey de Congham, and gave their tithe to the priory of Caſtleacre, in the time of Henry I.

Jeffrey de Congham held 2 carucates of land, with a meſſuage here, and the advowſon of the church of the priory of Caſtleacre, before the reign of King Henry III. and about the 20th of that king, William de Congham was found to hold 3 parts of a fee of the Earl Warren.

In the 52d of the ſaid king, Hugh Jernegan and Ela his wife, releaſed by fine to Robert, ſon of John de Fransham, a meſſuage, 90 acres of land, and 10*s.* rent, here and in Hyllington, with all their wards, reliefs, eſcheats, *&c.* being Ela's inheritance, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp; and in the 16th of Edward I. Thomas de Jernemutha (Yarmouth) and Aveline his wife, ſold lands here to John de Congham.

At an aſſiſe held at Lynn, on Thurſday in pentecoſt week, in the 30th of Edward I. before R. de Rocheford and Henry Spigurnel, the jury found Ralph de Congham to hold a meſſuage, 2 carucates of land, and the advowſon of a church of the prior of Caſtleacre, by the ſervice of 30*s. per ann.* and the rent being in arrears, the prior ſtrained for the ſame, and Adam de Congham, with others unknown recovered the ſeizure, ſo that the prior recovered damages to the value of 9*l.* and Adam was taken into cuſtody.

About this time, Henry Digon and Philippa his wife, and Reginald de Sprouſton held 2 parts of a fee of the heirs of Jordan Folyet; this Reginald preſented as lord to the church of St. Andrews in 1300, and 1305, and in the reign of Edward II.

Robert de Repps was found to hold a quarter of a fee in this town, and Geyton, of the Earl of Pembroke, as of the caſtle of Acre; but in 1329, and 1343, Reginald de Baldeſwell, and in 1349, Thomas de Baldeſwell, preſented to the church aforeſaid, as chief lords of this fee; in 1367, Adam Humpfrey of Refham, and in 1385, but ſoon after in 1388, Adam Pyk; and in 1400, Edmund Belytter *alias* Belzeter, who with his parceners were found to hold the fourth part of a fee in the next year; and in 1416, it was in the hands of John Spicer, who then preſented.

Reginald de Baldeſwell, Robert Chappe, junior, *&c.* held lands, late John Congham's, in the 20th of Edward III. of Hugh de Haſtings and John Camoys of the manor of Greſſenhale which Henry Digon, and Reginald de Sprouſton formerly held.

After this it came to the Paſtons, and John Paſton, ſon and heir of William Paſton, in 1446, releaſed to Thomas Daniel, Eſq; and his heirs, all his right herein; the ſaid Thomas preſented as lord in 1448, and in 1475. Henry Wodehouſe preſented as lord, and Sir Edmund Wodehouſe, in 1479, after this Sir Henry Colet in 1482, and 1487, probably as a truſtee or mortgagee, (he was a citizen and lord mayor of London) for in 1504, and 1522, Sir Thomas Wodehouſe was lord and patron; and in the 31ſt of Henry VIII. this manor was conveyed by Thomas Wodehouſe, Eſq; to H. Jordan, Gent: who preſented in 1552; and from him to Humphrey Baſtard, who was lnrd in 1580. Humphrey, in the 26th of Elizabeth, releaſed to William Bladwell of Thurlow *Magna*, in Suffolk, all his right herein; but in 1595, Henry Spelman, Eſq; was lord and patron, and afterwards his ſon, Sir Henry Spelman, who was born here, a gentleman of eminent worth and fame at this day, for his learning and knowlege in antiquity; as appears form his works that are publiſhed by Doctor Gibſon, Biſhop of London, with his life *&c.*

He was ſon of Henry Spelman, Eſq; of this town, by Frances, his firſt wife, daughter of William Saunders of Ewell in Surrey, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir John

Spelman, knight, of Narburgh, 2d judge of the king's bench, by Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Henry Frowick, of Gunnerſbury, in Middleſex. Sir Henry, by his wiſe Eleanor, eldeſt daughter and coheir of John L'Eſtrange, of Sedgsford in Norfolk, Eſq; had Sir John Spelman, his ſon and heir, and † Clement Spelman, his 2d ſon, a curſitor baron, &c.—Sir John, his eldeſt ſon, married Anne, daughter of Sir John Townſend, of Rainham in Norfolk, was educated at Cambridge, (probably in Trinity college, where his father was a ſtudent,) and wrote ſeveral learned treatiſes, as may be ſeen in Wood's Ath. Ox. Vol. II. and when King Charles I. retired to Oxford about 1642, he followed him, died there in Braſen Noſe college, of the camp diſeaſe, July 24, and was buried on the 26th of the ſaid month, 1643, in the church of St. Mary, at Oxford, leaving this character, that he was——*Vir acerrimi judicii, ſummi ingenii, et probatiſſimæ morum ſuavitatis.*

In 1638, Sir John preſented to the church of St. Andrew, as lord and patron; and in 1674, Roger Spelman, Eſq; of Holme, who was his eldeſt ſon, and had a brother, Charles, who preſented in 1681, from whom it came to Charles Spelman, rector of the church of St. Andrew.

After this, the manor was conveyed to the Mordants, Sir Charles Mordaunt, baronet, of Maſſingham *Parva*, (of whom ſee there) being the preſent lord.

RUSTEYN's and REED-HALL MANOR.

THE manor of Grimſton, held by the earl of Suſſex and Arundel, extended into this [b] town. In the 27 of Henry III. William de Ruſtengh held of the honor of Ryſing, one knight's fee, aſſigned in dower, to Iſabel, widow of Hugh, Earl of Arundel. This family was early enfeoft in this lordſhip; ſeveral of them gave lands, &c. by deeds, *ſans* date, to the priory of Wimondham, ſoon after its foundation. Nigel de Ruſtenden or Ruſteyn, and Robert de Ruſteyn, gave them a marſh in Sneteſham, and 40 acres of land in Sharnbourn, for his own ſoul, and that of Aldreda his wife; and Roger de Ruſtein gave a mill in Sneteſham: he lived about the reign of Henry II. and married Etheldreda, daughter of Roger de Derſingham, relict of Jeffrey de Sharnbourn; William Ruſteyn, lord of this manor, accompanied William, Earl of Suſſex and Arundel, into the Holy land, and was there knighted by him, in Richard I's. time.

William Ruſteng conveyed in the 8 of Edward I. to Alice, one of his daughters and coheirs, on her marriage with Ralph de Kirketon, a meſſuage, with lands in this town, Grimſton, Hillington, Ryſing, Rydon, &c. and the ſaid William impleaded, in the 18 of that king, Robert, Lord Monthaut, lord of Ryſing, and his ſervants, for expeditating a dog of one of his villains, and recovered damages, this village being found to be out of the liberties of Ryſing chace; and to this fee the church of All Saints in Congham belonged, which was appropriated to the priory of Windham.

In the 20 of Edward I. the heirs of the Lady Alice Ruſteyn, and their tenants, were found to hold half a fee of the heirs of Robert de Tateſhale.

Thomas Thurſby, Eſq; was lord of Ruſteyn's and Reed-Hall, in the reign of Henry VIII. and died ſeiſed of them in the 36 of that king, and ſeveral great parcels of land in this town, Geyton, Geyton-Thorp, Rydon, &c. held of the honor of Tateſhale, by knight's ſervice, leaving Edmund his ſon and heir, as appears from the eſcheat rolls; and Thomas Thurſbye was lord in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign; but in the 39 of Elizabeth, Henry Spelman, Eſq; was poſſeſſed of the manors of Ruſtein's and Reedhall, with meſſuages, &c. in Rydon, Grimſton, Hillington, &c. in which family it remained ſome time.

Anthony Hamond of Wooton, Eſq; was lord in 1756, and his ſon inherited it. The preſent lord is Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq; as in Sandringham.

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† Of Clement ſee Ath. Oxon. v. 2.

[b] Claus. P. 2. m. 3.

TATISHALE's, PETEGAR's or BELETER's

EUDO, ſon of Spiruwin, anceſtor of the family of the Tatiſhales, had alſo a manor here, that of Hillington extending into this town; part of this was held by John de Thorp, in right of Alice his wife, in the 31 of Edward I. of Robert de Tateſhale, by three quarters of a fee; the church of St. Mary's of Congham, belonged to this fee of Tateſhale, which afterwards deſcended to his heirs; for in 1329, the king preſented to that church, as guardian to John de Orreby, and came to that family by the marriage of Iſabel, one of the coheirs of Tateſhale.

In the 4 of Edward III. Robert, ſon of John de Thorp, was found to hold of John Congham, in ſoccage, a meſſuage, and lands here; and in the 14 of that king, John, ſon of Robert de Thorp, knight, was found to hold of Richard Belhouſe, by homage and the ſervice of 3*s.* *per ann.* a meſſuage, and lands here; in the preceding year, this John granted to the abbeſs of St. Clare, in the Minories, without Aldgate, London, and her ſucceſſors, an annuity of 20 marks out of his lands here, and 20 marks out of his lands in Combs, and Helmingham in Suffolk; as did Robert de Martham a like annuity out of his lands in Martham, Repps, &c. in Norfolk, during the life of Catherine, widow of John, ſon of Sir Oliver de Ingham.

In the 19 of Edward III. a fine was levied between Robert Chape, junior, and Chriſtiana his wife, querents, and Sir John Bardolf of Mapledurham, deforcient, of the 3d part of this manor, and lands here, with the ſervices of diverſe tenants, conveyed to Robert; and in the 39 of that king, Richard Holdich had an intereſt herein, and a grant of free warren.

The family of Cromwell, as heirs to Orreby, were capital lords of the fee; and Ralph de Cromwell, lord Tateſhale, preſented to St. Mary's church in 1391; and in the 3 of Henry IV. Edmund Belzetter alias Belytter, Richard Chappe, and Richard Holditch, held half a fee of the Lady Maud Cromwell.

Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; by his deed, dated on Thurſday before the feaſt of St. Matthew the apoſtle, in the 33d of Henry VI. releaſed all his right here to William Bozun, in lands, &c. formerly Sir Richard Belhouſe's.

The principal part or fee was, in 1487, in Sir Robert Ratclyff, who then preſented to the church aforeſaid; in 1517, in Thomas Wyndham, and Robert Drury, and continued in the Windhams ſeveral years, and came afterwards to Sir Henry Spelman, in whoſe family it remained, as is ſhewn in the manor of Congham.

But though the principal part was thus conveyed, yet a part of the Tatiſhale manor which was in the Thorps in the reign of Edward I. remained till conveyed by them to the L'Eſtranges; Henry L'Eſtrange of Hunſtanton, Eſq; died poſſeſſed of the manor of Congham, and Maſſingham *Parva*, in 1483.——John L'Eſtrange, his 3d ſon, died lord in 1517, and by the marriage of Barbara his only daughter, † came to Robert Mordaunt, Eſq; in which family it ſtill remains; Sir Charles Mordaunt, baronet, being the preſent lord, as may be more fully ſeen in Maſſingham *Parva*.

This I take to be the manor called corruptly at this day Petegar's, probably from Beleter, who was lord in Henry IV's time.

There was alſo another lordſhip held by Berner, captain of the croſs bow men, in the Conqueror's army, conſiſting of 60 acres of land, and 3 acres of meadow, held by a free man [c] and a borderer, and half a carucate held by 4 free men, with 3 acres of meadow; the whole valued at 10*s.* *per ann.* Theſe free men he claimed by the gift of the Conqueror; and the ſaid Berner had lordſhips given him in Grimſton and Hillington, in this hundred;——in Sharnburn, in Docking hundred; in Aſkill, and Scoulton in Weyland hundred;——in Overſtrand, in North Erpingham hundred;——in Pikenham, in South Greenhow hundred, and in Hackford in Eynesford hundred.

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† Barbara was his daughter, by Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas L'Eſtrange, of Walton D'Eivile, in Warwickſhire; ſee in Maſſingham *Parva*.

[c] Terre Berneri Arb. (viz. arbaliſtarii) In Concham, i lib. ho. lx ac. t're. 7 i bor. 7 iii ac. p'ti. tnc. dim. car. in eade. iiii libi. ho'es. iii ac. p'ti. totu' val. x ſol. iſtos om's lib'os ho'es revocat de dono regis.

This was moſt probably held by Pycot, then by Burdeliz, and the lords of Albon's manor, (as may be ſeen in Hillington) and probably was ſold in Henry VI's. time, by the Irminglands, to the L'Eſtranges, it being now, as I take it, part of the eſtate of Sir Charles Mordaunt, baronet, in this town.

The tenths of this town, and Roydon, were *5l. 3s. 0d.* Deduct *10s. 3d. ob.*

In the 12 of Henry III. Emme, daughter of Roger de Bintre, and Robert her ſon, conveyed by fine to Alana, daughter of Jeffrey de Rydon, and William, ſon of Humphrey, of the ſame town, certain ſervices and cuſtoms, and 40 acres in Rydun and Congham, for *10s. per ann.*

By an inquiſition taken at Eaſt Derham, September 24, in the 15 of King Charles I. it was found that Robert Norris, gent. died December 8, in the 11 of that king, ſeiſed of a meſſuage, 125 acres and an half, in Congham and Hillington, ſix acres of which, viz. 3 in Gall fen of Marſh, and 3 of Mill Cloſe, were held of the king, in *capite*, as of the honor of Clare, and the reſt of the ſeveral lords in ſoccage.——

Lands here in the tenure of Thomas Canne, belonging to Blackburgh priory, were granted July 17, in the 2d of Queen Mary, to John Grene, and William Jenyns.

The church of St. Andrew is a ſingle pile covered with lead, and has a tower four-ſquare, embattled, and 2 bells; on the north ſide is a chapel covered with tile; on the north wall of it this inſcription;——*Paterno juſſu Henri. et Johs. Spelman, milit. alam hanc pie inſtituit Rogs. Spelman, abſolvit autem Carolus Spelm. hujus eccles. tandem rector, Ao. Dni.* 1686 ——The chancel is tiled; and within the rails of the communion table lie ſeveral marble graveſtones;——*H. S. E. Carolus Squire A.M. ſcholæ Lennenſis p. annos novem præceptor celebris, eccleſiæ hujus et de Maſſingham Pa. rector digniſſimus, ſacerdos doctus, pius, probus, vir varia et perpolita eruditione ornatus, hiſtoricis et humanioribus in literis maximè verſatus, amicus planè ſimplex, comes jucundiſſimus, deſideratiſſimus obt.* 20 *Aug.* 1752, *ætat.* 56. *Marito optimo, uxor mærens poſuit.*—On one with a braſs plate—*Hic requieſcunt Henricus Spelman, armiger, et Franciſca, uxor ejus, filia Gulieli. Saunder, armigi. qui habuerunt exitum inter eos clariſſimum doctiſſimumq; virum Hen. Spelman, militem, Eraſmum Sp. generoſum, et Elizab. filiam; dictoq; Henrico filio nati fuerunt p. Elianoram Le Strange uxor ejus unam filiarum et coheredum Johan. Le Strange, armigeri, 4 filii & 4 filiæ, viz. Johs. Spelm. miles, qui duxit in uxorem Annam, filiam unicam Joh. Townſend, militis, Henr. et Francis. Spelman qui obierunt in vita patris ſine exitu, et Clem. Spelm. qui duxit in uxorem Martham Maſon, unam filiarum et cohered. Franciſci Maſon, armigi. et Dorothea nupta Rano. Whitfeld, militi, uni ſervientum Dni. Caroli Regis ad legem, Anna nupta Tho. More, armigero, Kath. nupta Robo. Raworth, armigero, et Alicia nupta Jobi. Smith, generoſo; dictus Henr. Spel. avus obt.* 7 *Oct.* 1581, *dicta Franciſca ava,* 15 *Oct.* 1622. ——Below this,——*Here alſo lies the body of Roger Spelm. Eſq; ſon and heir of the abovenamed Sir John Spel. knight, who married the daughter and heireſs of Robert Strutt, of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; and died Novr.* 27, 1678. On the braſs the arms of Spelman,—ſable, plateé, between 2 flaunches, argent, impaling, ſable, a chevron, ermine, between 3 bulls heads, argent, Sanders.———One *In memory of Charles Spelman, ſon of Roger Spelm. Eſq; who died March* 3, 1684; with the arms of Spelman.———Another *For Barbara, relict of Henry Mordaunt Eſq; who died Decr.* 25, 1690.

On one with a braſs plate, *Hic et hac pro tempore quieſcunt reliquiæ Tho. Bendiſh Rici. de Eſſex, armigeri, et Rici. Barb. Edwi Thomæ liber. quorum oſſibus et memoriæ Elizabetha Dudleyorum proſapia mærens relicta P. E. obt. Junii* 13 *Ao. Dni* 1632 *ætat. ſuæ* 33.——On the ſouth ſide of the chancel, a graveſtone with the arms of Mordant, impaling L'Eſtrange, *In memory of L'Strange Mordant, ſon of Henry Mordant, a grandſon of Sir L'Strange Mordant of Norff. bt. by Barbara his wife, daughter of Richd. Catlyn, Eſq; he had iſſue Henry and a daughter Barbara, and died Decr.* 4, *in the* 63*d year of his age,* 1691, *here alſo lieth Barbara his relict, who died Apr.* 4, 1729, *aged* 86.

In the church-yard a monument *In memory of Richd. ſon of Rd. Catlyn Eſq; of Kirby Cane, in Norff. who died July* 12, 1711, *born May* 8, 1636, *and was one of the ſociety of Lincoln's Inn;* with the arms of Catlyn.

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RECTORS.

1300, Ralph de Sprouſton, preſented by Reginald de Sprouſton.——1305, Reginald de Fakenham, by ditto.——1329, Alan de Weſenham, by Reginald de Baldeſwelle.——1343, Peter de Felthorp, by ditto.——1349, Richard Kiffold, by Thomas de Baldeſwell.——1367, Richard Thurkeld, by Adam Humpfrey of Reſham.——1385, Gregory Bolour, by ditto.——1388, Ralph Goſfeld, (on an exchange for North Rungton) by Adam Pyk.

1400, Ralph de Lenton, by Edward Belytter.—1416, Adam Rougham, by John Spicer, burgeſs of Lynn.——1448, Roger Aſhton, by Thomas Daniel, Eſq;——1462, Thomas Moot, by the biſhop of Norwich, a lapſe.——1472, Robert Smith, by ditto, a lapſe.——1475, John Coffey, by Henry Woodhouſe, Eſq;——1479, William Halyſdale, by Sir Edward Wodehouſe, knight.——1482, Nicholas Palmer, by Henry Colet, citizen of London.——1485, John Aſkugh, by ditto.——1487, Henry Symſon, by Sir Henry Colet, knight. In September, 1497, the biſhop of Norwich granted to the inhabitants of this pariſh, his letters patent, to gather the alms of the city and dioceſe of Norwich, to re-edify this church.

1504, Thomas Cook, by Sir Thomas Wodehouſe.——1522, Thomas Dale, by ditto.——Thomas Sele.——1552, Cuthbert Heymerſham, by Humphrey Jordan, gent.——1580, James Dewhurſt, by Humphrey Baſtard.——1595, Edmund Mundeford, by Henry Spilman, Eſq;

1619, Towneſend Wilſon, by Sir Henry Spilman, knight.——1638, Towneſend Wilſon, by Sir John Spilman, knight.——1673, Valentine Huſband, by Roger Spilman, of Holme, Eſq;——1684, Charles Spilman, by Charles Spilman; in this year, this church was conſolidated with that of St. Mary's.

1706, Richard Flack, by Samuel Flack, Eſq;——1715, Charles Foſter, by Dorothy Flack, widow.——17 , Charles Squier, A.M. on Foſter's death.——1752, Edmund Nelſon, by Mrs. Bridget Squier, widow.

This rectory is valued at 6*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and is diſcharged.

The priory of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithe, valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*

Here were the guilds of the Holy Trinity, and St. John baptiſt.

Eborard, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre tithes granted to them.

John of Oxford, biſhop in 1181, confirmed to them, 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of Auguſtin, in Congham; and Simon, biſhop in 1265, confirmed to them 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of Auguſtin, and of Jeffrey, ſon of Ralph (de Congham) and all the tithe of the demean of Richard de Wigenhale, and of the nuns of Blackburgh; this portion was valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*

St. Mary's is a rectory, the old valor was 3*l.* 12*s.* Peter-pence, 6*d.* the preſent valor 6*l.* and is diſcharged.

RECTORS.

1329, Edm. de Lena, preſented by the king, as guardian to Jn. de Orreby.—1349, Hugh Atte Bryk de Hoggeſton, by Sir John Orreby, knight.——John de Staunton, died; his will dated November, 13, 1385.——1385, Thomas Wrattyng, by the king.——Thomas Pitſcok, by Ralph de Cromwell, Lord Tateſhale.

1415, John Cowton, by the Lady Maud Cromwell.——1416, John Weſt, by ditto.—1439, Richard Peyntour, by Ralph Lord Cromwell.—1463, Stephen Rydeſwell, by the biſhop of Norwich, a lapſe.——1468, Richard Hayton, ditto.——1472, Richard Burgeys, ditto.—Richard Cranwath.——1487 Richard Ketylſton, by Sir Robert Ratclyff.—1492, Thomas Ruſt, ditto.

1517, John Furnes, by Thomas Wyndham, and Robert Drury.——William Swann.——1552, John Smith, by the aſſignees of Sir Edmund Wyndham.——1554, Cuthbert Heymerſham, by Sir Edmund Wyndham.——1580, James Dewhurſt, by John Leſtrange, gent.——1598, Edmund Cartwright, by the queen.

1602, John Williamſon, by Henry Spilman, Eſq;——1603, Edward Mundeford, by ditto.——16--, Jeremy Spilman.——1643, Thomas Wilſon, by the king.——1673, Valent. Huſband, by Roger Spilman.——1684, Charles Spilman, by Charles Spilman.

1706, Richard Flack.——1715, Charles Foſter, by Dorothy Flack, widow. ——1723, Benjamin Squire, by Dorothy Foſter, widow.——17--, Charles Squire.——1752, Edmund Nelſon, by Bridget Squire, widow.

In this church was St. Ann's guild.

This rectory was conſolidated to Congham St. Andrew, in 1684; the church is dilapidated, the rector receives all the tithes of the three Conghams, and pays 20*l.* *per ann.* to the impropriator of All Saints.

CONGHAM ALL SAINTS.

This church * was given by Adam, ſon of Alverede, or Alured, to the priory of Wymondham, and confirmed by William, Earl of Suſſex, appropriated and annexed to the chamberlain's office in that houſe, being valued at 7 marks, 3*s.* 4*d.* Peter-pence 6*d.* and William de Albini, Earl of Suſſex, gave the tithe of two parts of his demeans in Congham and Riſing to the ſaid priory.

The prior of Caſtleacre let to farm two parts of the demean of the earl Warren, in this town, to the priory of Wimondham at 10*s.* *per ann.*

Roger, ſon of Wimer, ſewer of the earl Warren, confirmed the grant of his father of the tithe of his lands here, and his right and intereſt in the church.

Richard Aguillon and Ela † his wife, confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre, John, ſon of Ailward Mite, with his tenement and all that belonged to him in Congham and Ridune, paying to them 6*s.* *per ann.* witneſſes, Robert Aguillon, Manaſſer Aguillon, Daniel de Merlei, William Aguillon, Richard, his brother, William de Catteſton, Robert de Stratton, William Wacheſham, William de Pinkeni, Richard de Neketun, William de Waleis, *&c.*

Ela de Fervile, wife of Richard Aguillon, had theſe witneſſes to her confirmation, William de Warren, Reginald de St. Martin, Michael de Munteni, Walter de Wanci, God. de Grimeſton, *&c.*

Robert, ſon of John de Binetre, confirmed to them the homage of Alan, ſon of Jeffrey de Ridune, his tenement, *&c.* in Congham and Ridun; witneſſes, Sir Peter de Pelevile and Peter his ſon, Reginald, ſon of Edmund de Geyton, Ingel. de Ridune, *&c.*

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 1*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* *per ann.*

The prior of Pentney's temporalities were valued at 1*s.* 6*d.* and of Wirmegay here at 2*s.*

Coxford priory had lands alſo, granted by Queen Elizabeth, January 10, 1586, to Edward Clere, Kt. of Blickling, who on the 25th of the ſaid month and year, conveyed them to Robert Bozoun of Birſton, *viz.* 100 acres, abutting on Maſſingham heath, paying to Sir Edward and his heirs, 23*s.* 4*d.* *per ann*, and doing ſuit to his court at Blickling.

DERSINGHAM.

PART of this townſhip was held in the reign of the Confeſſor, by an anonymous freeman, but at the ſurvey, was in the tenure of Peter de Valoins, [a] containing 2 carucates in demean held by 7 villains and 4 borderers formerly,

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* Regiſt. Wymond. fol. 30, 66.

† Regiſt, Caſtleacre fol. 32.

(a) Terre Petri Valonienſis.——Derſingham, ten. t. r. e. i lib. ho. p' man. ſep. ii car. in dnio 7 vii villi. 7 iiii bor. tc. 7 p'. iiii ſed m°. ii 7 vii ac. 7 dim. pti. 7 i car. houm. 7 i ſal. tc. v. r. m°. i tc. iii an. 7 xviii por. 7 ccc ov. m°. nichil.

but then by two, with 7 acres and an half of meadow, and one carucate held by the tenants, with a ſalt work, *&c.*

Another part or manor was held by Anant, a freeman, in King Edward's time, but by Peter [*b*] aforeſaid at the ſurvey, to this belonged 2 carucates in demean, 30 villains, 6 borderers, with 7 ſervi, a carucate and an half, and 18 acres of meadow, a mill, fiſhery, and a ſaltwork, *&c.* with 146 ſheep.

The ſaid Peter [*c*] had alſo ſeized on 12 acres belonging to a freeman, valued at 12*d.* but his predeceſſor had the protection only of this man, and Stigand had the ſoc.

In the ſame town alſo he had [*d*] ſeized on the lands which 21 free men held in King Edward's time, *viz.* 2 carucates of land, and 35 acres, and 5 borderers with 3 carucates, and 7 acres of meadow belonging to it; the whole valued at 40*s.* of all theſe his predeceſſor had only the protection, and 18 of theſe free men might leave it, if they thought proper, each giving 2*s.* and Stigand had the ſoc of all theſe.

Alſo two free men had here two carucates, and there had been two in demean, then but one; one of theſe freemen had under him ſix free men and five borderers, and the other four borderers, and there was amongſt the tenants one carucate, eleven acres and an half of meadow, valued formerly at 40*s.* then at 25*s.* *per ann.*

All Derſingham, with Appleton its beruite, was valued at 15*l.* but paid 17*l.* 13*s.* *per ann.* and was one leuca long, half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* of a 20*s.* gelt.

The town takes its name from Der, or Dur, a Britiſh word, ſignifying water, as Derby, Derham, Durham, *&c.* and the Saxon words Ing, a meadow, and Ham, a dwelling, all which anſwer to its ſcite.

PAKENHAM MANOR.

PETER DE VALOINS (to whom the Conqueror granted theſe lordſhips) was a great baron of the realm; beſides the lordſhips that he held in this county, at the ſurvey, † he held alſo 12 lordſhips in Eſſex, one in Cambridgeſhire, and one in Lincolnſhire, 17 in Hertfordſhire, and ſix in Suffolk, the head of his honor, or barony, being at Orford: he married Albreda, ſiſter to Eudo de Brie, dapifer to King Henry I. and founded at his manor of Binham in Norfolk, a priory, as a cell to St. Alban's in Hertfordſhire, and gave two parts of his tithes here, with lands thereto. Roger de Valoines was his ſon and heir, and about this time William de Rudham appears to have held it of this family. Roger had by Agnes his wife, Peter, Robert, Geffery, John, *&c.* Peter the eldeſt, married Gundreda de Warren, (probably of the family of the Earls-Warren and Surrey) but dying without iſſue was ſucceeded by Robert his brother, who in the 12th of Henry II. certified his knights fees to be thirty, and a third part of one de veteri feoffamento, and four de novo; and by deed *ſans date*, gave to the priory of Binham, the rectory of Derſingham, with 80 acres of land, for the ſoul of Agnes [*e*] his mother, with the tithe of all his manor here, the moiety of St. Peter's church in Walſingham *Magna*, the chantrey and land which Humphrey held of him there, the fee of Gunthorp; his land in Well which Robert Godchild held. By Helewiſia his wife he left a daughter and heir, Gunnora, and died in the 30th of Henry II.

Gundreda

(*b*) In ead. ten Anant lib. ho. ii car. terre in dnio. p' man. ſep. i car. 7 dim. 7 xxx villi. 7 vi bor. 7 vii ſer. 7 xviii ac. pti. 7 i mol. 7 i ſal. 7 i piſc. tc. vi r. m°. v tc iiii an. 7 m°. tc. XL por. m°. xxi tc. LX ov. m°. de CXLVI.

(*c*) Invaſio Petri Valonienſis——In Derſingham, i lib. ho. xii ac. val xii*d.* de hoc hab. ſuus antec. comdatione tantu' Stigand. ſoca.

(*d*) In ead. ten. xxi lib. hoes. ii car. tre. 7 xxxv ac. v bor. ſep. iii car. vii ac. pti. tot. val. XL ſol. de h. om'ib; hab. ſuus antec. comd. tant. 7 hor. xviii ſivellent reced. daret qſq; ii ſol. Stigand. de om'ib; ſoca. ——In ead ii lib. hoes ii car. tre. tc. 7 p. ii car. in dnio. m°. i un. ex h. hab. vi lib' os ho'es. 7 v bor. 7 alius iiii bor. ſep. i car. hom. xi ac. 7 dim. p'ti, tc. 7 p' val. XL ſol. m°. XXV.——Tot. val. (cum Appletuna beruita) xv lib. ſed tm. redd. xvii lib. 7 xiii ſol. tot. ht. i leug. in longo. 7 dim. in lat. 7 redd. xvi*d.* de xx de gelto.

† See in Appleton.

(*e*) Regiſt. Binham, in Bibl. Cotton.

Gundreda de Warren, for the ſoul of her lord, Peter de Valoins aforeſaid, releaſed all her right in this church, by deed *ſans date*; witneſſes, Giles Hoſſato, Roſeline Hoſſato, William de Toftes, William de Langham, Alexander de Walpole, *&c.*

Dugdale [*f*] ſays that Gunnora, daughter and heir of Robert de Valoins, married Robert Fitz Walter, a great baron, (in King John's time) and that in the 9th of King John, ſhe had livery of lands that deſcended to her, as heir to her uncle, Geffrey; it is probable her firſt huſband was Durandus de Steil, or Suſtely, the king's chamberlain, he and Gunnora his wife, by deed *ſans date*, confirming the abovementioned grant of Robert, of this church, *&c.* to the priory of Binham;—witneſſes, Richard Aguillon, Roger Furneaux, *&c.*

It appears that Peter de Valoins was dead in the 12th of Henry II. and Gundreda, his widow, was at the king's diſpoſal in marriage, holding lands in capite to the value of 30*l.* *per ann.* Robert his brother then inherited the eſtate, and certified the following perſons to be enfeoft in King Henry I's time of certain fees belonging to the barony of Valoins, *viz.* Richard de Calne of ſix knights fees and an half, Agnes de Monte Pincernon of five fees, Ralph de Dalling of two, Philip de Snaring of three parts of a fee, and Geffrey de Snaring of half a fee.

It further appears that Chriſtiana, daughter of the lord Fitz Walter, and the lady Gunnora his wife abovementioned, had a conſiderable intereſt in this town; ſhe married firſt William de Magnaville, Earl of Eſſex, and, ſurviving him, married Reymond de Burgo, and anſwered for 14 fees in the reign of Henry III. and Geffrey de Snaring was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of her father Robert Fitz Walter, of the honour of Valoins, which Robert died in the 19th of the aforeſaid King Henry III. and in the 37th of that king, Iſabella de Valoins, wife of David Comin, who was one of the co-heirs of Chriſtiana aforeſaid, died ſeiſed of the 8th part of a fee in this town, and William Comyn was found to be her ſon and heir, then under age, and enjoyed it in the 3d of Edward I. It may be here obſerved that ladies in their widowhood, often retained the names of their fathers, as Gundreda de Warren, Iſabella de Valoins, above.

In the 53d of Henry III. William Comyn granted to John de Pakenham by fine 4*l.* *per ann.* rent in this town, Babbingle, and Wulfreton, all that William had in homages, ſervices, *&c.* of free-men and villains, wards, reliefs, eſcheats, *&c.* in thoſe towns, ſaving only to himſelf the homages and ſervices of all his tenants living out of the ſaid towns, and that he and his heirs might hold their court for the ſaid foreign tenants in the place where they before did, and ſaving a pinfold to impound thoſe foreign tenants cattle in the ſame place where the old pinfold uſed to be.

John de Valoins ſucceeded his brother Robert in this barony, as heir male, and by Iſabella his wife, daughter of Sir Robert de Creke, of North Creke in Norfolk, had Robert, his ſon and heir, who by Roeſia, one of the ſiſters and co-heirs of Sir William Le Blund, (who was ſlain in the battle of Lewes in 48th of Henry III.) left Robert de Valoins his ſon, who took to wife Eve de Criketot, and was lord of Ixworth in Suffolk, as heir to Blund, and had iſſue two daughters and heirs; Roeſe, married to Sir Edmund de Pakenham, and Cecily to Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk: this lord Valoins died about the 20th of Edward I. and bore argent, 3 pallets, undeè gules, or (as ſome) - - - paly of 6, or and gules.

In the 25th of Edward III. the lady Roheſia, then widow of Sir Edmund Pakenham, ſettled by fine on Hervey de Pakenham her ſon, rector of Berdwell in Suffolk, the moiety of the manor of Ixworth for life, remainder to the prior of Ixworth, except one penny rent, and the moiety of the advouſon of that priory; and Edmund de Pakenham, her eldeſt ſon, was found in the ſaid year to hold at his death, in right, and by the inheritance of Mary his wife, daughter and coheir of Edmund Comyn, † the manor of Fakenham Aſpes in Suffolk, and that of this town, Belough, *&c.* in Norfolk, and Thomas was his ſon and heir, aged 22, and the ſaid

Thomas

(*f*) Vol. 1. p. 441, Baronage of Engl.

† Euphemia, his other daughter and co-heir, married William de la Beche, and left Elizabeth, married to Sir Roger Elmrugg.

Thomas, on October 10, in the 27th of the ſaid king, paid homage for all the lands belonging to his grandmother Roeſe, then deceaſed.

But in the 39th of the aforeſaid king, part of this manor of Pakenham's was conveyed [g] by Maſter William Burcote, Henry de Berney, John Hockham and William Wilby, truſtees of it, to the prior of Bynham; Sir Adam de Clifton, lord of Frebridge hundred and of part of this town, conſenting thereto, ſaving to himſelf and heirs the rent and ſervice of the whole lete belonging to the hundred, and ſuit of court to his manor, for lands held thereof;—witneſſes Sir Richard Walkfare, Sir William de Caley, William Sharnbourn, Symon Barret, &c. this lordſhip then including, as I take it, that of Robert Uffords alſo.

It appears that the whole of this lordſhip was not conveyed to the ſaid priory.

In the 4th year of Henry IV. a fine was levied between Thomas Neve, parſon of Ereſwell, and Sir William Berdewell, Kt. and Margaret his wife (who was daughter and heir of Theobald, or John de Valoins and Agnes his wife) of Pakenham-hall, and 60 acres of land in Babingley, called the Ker, conveyed to Neve, from Margaret and her heirs.

In the 3d of Henry VII. Sir John Windham granted by fine the manor of Pakenham-hall to John Fox and Catherine his wife, for the uſe of John Fox his ſon; and William Rogers had an intereſt herein, and held it in capite, in the 1ſt of Queen Mary, and gave it (as is ſaid) by his laſt will to the poor of Norwich, and before this in 1425, John Church of Baſſingbourn, Eſq; and Joan his wife, confirmed to Henry Walpole of Houghton, and William Yelverton, Gent: the manor of Pakenham in Derſingham, which came to them by the death of ‡ William Adderton, Eſq; her father, and Joan his wife.

Afterwards it came to the Cobbs of Sandringham, who were lords in the 7th of Elizabeth, and to the Hoſts, as may be there ſeen, and Theodore Hoſt, Eſq; ſecond ſon of James Hoſt, Eſq; of Sandringham, is the preſent lord, and alſo of Snaring-hall herein mentioned, and has the lete of the town.

BINHAM PRIORY MANOR.

PETER DE VALOINS, on his foundation of that priory, when he gave lands and two parts of his tithe to it, gave riſe to this lordſhip, to which gift Hugh de Derſingham and Picotus his brother were witneſſes.

Chriſtiana de Mandeville, Counteſs of Eſſex, for the ſouls health of William de Mandeville, [h] Earl of Eſſex, and of Reymund de Burgo, her late huſband, gave 40*s.* rent *per ann.* in land and heath, with certain homages, &c. and ſhe demiſed to perpetual farm, a capital meſſuage, with 60 acres of land here, to the priory; the prior agreeing to pay 17 marks *per ann.* to the chaplains of St. Nicholas, in the court of Shering (in Eſſex) where ſhe then lived. Edward I. granted licence to alien the lands to that chapel which Alexander de Baliol, ſon of Henry, had granted to Chriſtiana Valoins, his aunt, after the death of the lady Lora, his mother, and Guy his brother, in exchange for lands in Heyham and Walthamſtow, in Eſſex; Alexander's deed is dated at Ware *A°.* 56, of Henry III. and Dugdale obſerves [i] that this lord was one of the co-heirs to Chriſtiana aforeſaid, who died about the 22d of Henry III.

William, ſon of William de Derham, gave a marſh called Cheſholm, and Thomas Lording of Derſingham, lands; Iſabella de Derham held the 3d part of a fee of Valoins, in Henry III's time.

Richard de Secford, prior of Binham, and the convent, exchanged lands here with Sir Thomas de Gelham, lying near the chapel of St. Andrew in Derſingham; in the deed is an account of 86 acres, &c. of land, 108 of paſture, 8 acres, &c. of meadow, demean lands belonging to the prior, with rents and cuſtoms, by deed *ſans date*; and in the 39th of Edward III. a conſiderable part of the manor of Pakenham, as has been obſerved, was conveyed to it.

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(g) Regiſt. Binham, p. 144.

‡ *Alias* Attenham.

(h) Reg. Binh. fol. 80.

(i) Bar. v. 1. p. 524.

The temporalities of this priory in this town, were valued in 1428, at 4*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* at the diſſolution King Henry VIII. granted it, in his 33d year, to Sir Thomas Paſton, who had licenſe to alienate it in his 36 year, to John Rookwood and his heirs; but in the following year, Sir Thomas Paſton, and Agnes his wife, Richard Heydon, Eſq; and Nicholas Rokewood, gent. conveyed by fine, this manor, with 400 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 200 of paſture, 6 of wood, 200 of marſh, with liberty of a fold in Derſingham, and Inglethorp, with 100*s.* rent *per ann.* and the advouſon of the vicarage, to Robert Read, gent. who dying February 27, *ao.* 1, Mary, Thomas Read his ſon ſucceeded, who had licenſe 17 of Elizabeth, to alienate a meſſuage, 180 acres of land, with a foldage called Eaſtling Courſe, to Chris. Walpole, and the manor to Jeffrey Cobb, Eſq; and ſo came to Hoſt, as above.

GELHAM HALL.

SO called from a family who held lands of the capital lords, the Valoins, and in antient deeds are found witneſſes to ſeveral of their donations. Sir Thomas de Gelham of this town, had licenſe to build a free chapel in Derſingham church-yard, in May, 1264, and to appoint a maſter or chaplain, from Adam de Mota, then prior of Binham; witneſſes, Sir William Ruſtein, Sir Hubert Hacon, Sir John de Babingley, Geffrey de Say, Andrew de Sharnburne, &c.——John de Gelham had a *quietus* in the 56 of Henry III. for two years, when he was to take the order of knighthood, and one of the ſame name was lord in the 9 of Edward II. William de Gelham ſeems to the laſt of that family, and died in the reign of Edward III. when it was divided amongſt his daughters and coheirs.

In the 27 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Sir Richard Walkfar, knight, and John de Repps and Elizabeth, who conveyed to Richard a third part of this manor, and Richard de Brews and Katherine his wife, a moiety of a moiety of the 3d part, and Ralph de Poley and Margaret his wife, another moiety; and in the 31 of that king, Arnold, ſon of Arnold de Mounteney, had conveyed to him by fine, from William de Newton, and Elizabeth his wife, the 6th part of the manor of Gelham, which Katherine, widow of William de Gelham, held in dower; and Robert Fromond, and Magaret his wife, conveyed in the 46 year of Edward III. to William de Rudham, parſon of Ingaldeſthorp, the ſixth part, being her inheritance; he was truſtee and executor afterwards to Sir Thomas Felton, and bought it for his uſe.

Sir Richard Walkfare, ſometime before his death, gave his right herein to certain feoffees, and on his death it came to Sir Thomas Felton, and the Lady Joan his wife; Sir Thomas died poſſeſſed of it about the 5 of Richard II. then knight of the garter, and left 3 daughters and coheirs; Mary, wife of Sir Edmund Hengrave; Sibilla, wife of ——— de Morlay; [*k*] and Alianore, wife of Sir John L'Eſtrange, of Hunſtanton, which Sir John L'Eſtrange, and his lady, conveyed to Joan her mother, this manor, with thoſe of Riborough *Magna* and *Parva*, in the 8 of that king, by fine. Soon after this, the Lady Catherine Brews, a nun, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas de Norwich, had an interſt in it.

In 1414, John, ſon of Sir John Curſon, of Belagh, releaſed all his right in it to John Clifton, Thomas Lopham, with the manors of Wilby, &c. and Barrow in Suffolk; [*l*] but Sir John Curſon by his will, dated January 10, 1471, gives it to Thomas his ſon and heir; and Thomas Curſon, Eſq; by his will, dated November 20, 1511, gives it to John his ſon, with the advouſon of the chapel of St. Mary, and William his ſon and heir had livery of it on his father's death, in the 38 of Henry VIII.

After this, it came to the Cobbs of Sandringham, and William, ſon and heir of Jeffrey Cobb, held it in the 21 of Charles I. and ſo to the Hoſts, as in Sandringham, and Theodore Hoſt, Eſq; is lord, brother to the late James Hoſt, Eſq; as his heir male.

[*k*] Alianore is here ſaid to be Felton's daughter, but in the pedigree of L'Eſtrange, ſhe is ſaid to be daughter of Sir Richard Walkfar, and his coheir; and Joan, Lady Felton, was Alianore's ſiſter.

[*l*] Regiſt. Betyns Norw. p. 107, & Reg. Johnſon Norw.

SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

CHRISTIANA, counteſs of Mandeville, gave alſo conſiderable lands and poſſeſſions in this town, to this priory, which was taxed at 3*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* in 1428, for their temporalities herein.

At the diſſolution it was granted May 5, in the 36 of Henry VIII. to John Dethick, Eſq; who in the 38 had licenſe to alien it to John Pell and his heirs; and by an inquiſition taken at Lynne, October 8, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, on the death of John Pell, gent. of Derſingham, who died April 4, in the ſaid year, he was found to die ſeiſed of it, held by the 20 part of a fee, and that of Brookhall held of the hundred of Frebridge, by fealty, and 12*d.* rent *per ann.* with 6 meſſuages, 320 acres of land, 120 of meadow, 40 of paſture, 50 of furze and heath, in Derſingham, Shernburne, and Inglethorp, held of the manor of Pakenham-Hall, by 3*d.* rent and fealty; and John was his ſon and heir by Margaret his wife. The aforeſaid John Pell, gent. by his will, dated September 16, 1554, requires to be buried in the church of Derſingham. John his ſon and heir, married Margaret, daughter and heir of William Overend, Eſq; † and dying in 1607, left William Pell, Eſq; his eldeſt ſon, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Drury of Fincham, Eſq; his firſt wife was Elizabeth, daughter of —— Richers of Swanington; Geffrey Pell, his brother, married Cath. daughter of Ed. Read of Eaſt Rudham: there was alſo, as I take it, another brother, Valentine, an attorney at Lynn, who died in 1623.—Jeffrey Pell died in 1615, and left iſſue John Pell, Eſq; who married Urſula, daughter of —— Gawſell of Watlington, Eſq; by whom (as ſome ſay) he had Sir Valentine Pell, &c. others make Valentine to be ſon of Jeffrey, who dying in 1658, left by Barbara his wife, daughter of Sir James Calthorp, John Pell, his ſon and heir, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Pert of Mountneys, in Eſſex, who died without iſſue; and Captain William Pell, who married Anne, daughter of John Drury of Holt Houſe in Leziate, by Lynn, by whom he had John Pell, Eſq; who married Anne, daughter of Thomas Wood of Braconaſhe, in Norfolk, who died 1686, without iſſue, and Valentine Pell, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Iſaac Lane, of Walſingham, and on his death, *ſans* iſſue, gave this lordſhip by will, to Robert Walpole, Eſq; father of Sir Robert Walpole, knight of the garter, and earl of Orford, whoſe grandſon, the preſent earl of Orford, is lord of it.

—— Pell of Dimbleby in Lincolnſhire, had a grant in 1594, from Richard Lee, Clarencieux, of theſe arms; ermin, on a canton azure, a pellican, or;—creſt, a pellican ſtanding on a garland, vert, full of roſes, or.

There alſo appears to have been a little lordſhip called Snaring-Hall, held of Valoins, in the reign of Henry II. by Jeffrey de Snaring; and Philip, one of the family, in the reign of Henry III. held lands here by the fourth part of a fee, and Jeffrey de Snaring held it in the 33 of Edward I. now in Theodore Hoſt, Eſq;

WEST HALL MANOR.

IT appears from the *Domeſday* book of the Conqueror, that Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin, anceſtor of the Lords Tateſhall, lords of this manor, held by Schett, a [m] free man, before the conqueſt, and Rinold held it under Eudo: it conſiſted of one carucate in demean, and one amongſt the free men, one villain, 4 borderers, one ſervus, 7 acres and an half of meadow, and a ſaltwork; four free men held alſo 44 acres, whom he took in to make up his manor, and there was alſo a free man with 20 acres and half a carucate, and 4 borderers, the whole valued at 20*s.* *per ann.*

The antient family of the Derſinghams, who lived here, probably held lands of this lordſhip; Godwine de Derſingham lived in King Henry II's. reign, and owed that king a mark, for the freight of certain ſhips; Roger and Maurice de Derſingham, had lands here in Edward I's. time; and Richard de Derſingham in the 6 of Edward II. as appears by a fine.

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† William Pell, Eſq; married firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Richers; his 2d, Elizabeth, daughter of Drury, and died *ſ. p.*

[m] Terr. Eudonis de Spiruwin———Derſingham ten. Rinold. quam ten. Schett lib. ho. t. r. e. p. man. ſep. i car. in d'nio. 7 i car. ho'um ſep. i vills. 7 iiii bor. 7 i ſer. 7 vii ac. 7 dim. p'ti. tc. i ſal. 7 iiii libi. ho'es. xliiii ac. Hos rec. p. p'ficiend. ſuo manero 7 i libm. ho'em de xx ſep. dim. car. 7 iiii bor. totu' val. xx ſol.

Sir Robert de Tateſhale was found, in the 31 of Edward I. to have held in *capite*, one fee, which the prior of Binham held of him; and in the 33 of the ſaid king, ——— Pakenham held the 3d part of a fee of the heirs of Sir Robert.

Of Sir John de Pakenham, who was ſteward to the biſhop of Ely, there is a remarkable account, That coming into the exchequer court where the king (Henry III.) himſelf was ſitting, in the 39 of that king, he claimed a monſtrous fiſh taken on the land of one of the biſhop's wards, [n] whoſe anceſtors claimed wreck at ſea; the king himſelf made anſwer, and ordered him to produce the charter by which he claimed, which being done, it was then aſked, if the fiſh was taken on the land or in the ſea, and it was anſwered in the ſea, not far from the land, and taken alive, ſix boats being overturned in the ſea before he could be caught; then the king replied, that ſince it was acknowledged that the fiſh was taken alive in the ſea, it could not be wreck, and he would further conſider of it; and the cauſe was adjourned to the parliament.

I mention this, as it contains ſome things worthy of our obſervation. Firſt, that the king himſelf ſate in the exchequer at this time, aſked queſtions, gave anſwers and judgment; ſecondly that no perſon could claim wreck but by charter, and thirdly that the cauſe was adjourned to the parliament: quere may be made if this word parliament, occurs in any record before this time.

In records before this, and 'till the reign of Edward I. the word was *Concilium et Magnum Concilium*; but Matt. Paris ſays this king called *Parliamentum Generaliſſimum, ao.* 30.———*P.* 696.

In the reign of Edward I. Sir Edmund Pakenham, and the prior of Binham, held the fourth part of a fee of the Tateſhalls; Robert, Lord Tateſhale, dying a minor in 1303, his inheritance was divided amongſt his father's ſiſters, Emma, married to Sir Oſbert de Caley, Joan to John de Driby, and Iſabel to Sir John de Orreby; and in the reign of Edward III. the Pakenhams, and the prior of Binham held the ſame; and William de Gelham held alſo a part of this lordſhip, as his anceſtors.

In the 37 of Henry VIII. it was held by Sir Thomas Paſton, after by the Cobbs, and Hoſt,——Theodore Hoſt is lord as above.

Hugh de Derſingham is ſaid to have 2 ſons, Sir Roger de Derſingham, and Picot; Sir Roger had a ſon, Sir Robert de Derſingham, and a daughter Etheldreda, married to Sir Fulk de Sharnborn.

BROOK-HALL or OLD HALL.

THE family of Brokediſh were antiently lords of this, under the Tateſhalls; Thomas de Brokediſh poſſeſſed it in the beginning of King Henry III's. reign; and in the 31 of that king, Richard le Butler had the cuſtody of lands here, belonging to Stephen de Brokediſh.

Iſabella de Oldhall held, in the 31 of Edward I. half a fee of the Tateſhalls, and Richard de Oldhall of the Cliftons, in Henry IV's. time.

† Walter Gorges who died in the 6 of Edward IV. had a part of it; Sir William Oldhall forfeited his right, being attainted of high treaſon, and it was granted afterwards to Sir William Capel, lord mayor of London, and anceſtor to the earl of Eſſex, who died ſeiſed of it November 8, *ao.* 7 Henry VIII. and Sir Giles Capel was his ſon and heir; he conveyed it, in the 32 of the ſaid king, to John Pell, gent. by fine, in which family it continued as in Shouldham priory manor, till left to the Walpoles, the earl of Orford being the preſent lord.

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[n] Com. P'lita Hillar. 39 Hen. III. R. 9.

† Walter Gorges, Eſq; had it by the marriage of Mary, daughter and heir of Sir William Oldhall.—See in Franſham *Magna*.

The town paid formerly 7*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* tenths.——The temporalities of Lewis priory in 1428, 12*d. per. ann.*

The church of Derſingham was dedicated to St. Nicholas, at firſt a rectory, in the gift of the Lord Peter de Valoins, who gave 2 parts of the tithes of his fee here; [o] and Roger de Valoins, ſon of Roger, gave the tithe of all his fee, to the priory of Bynham, by deed, *ſans* date, together with this rectory, and 80 acres of land, &c. for the ſoul of his mother Agnes, which was confirmed by Pope Clement III. and Urban III. by their ſeveral bulls. In 1229, there was an agreement made between John de Blundevile biſhop of Norwich, and the prior, on the ſettling of the vicarage; that the vicar ſhould have 7 marks *per ann.* to be preſented by the prior, and inſtituted by the biſhop; and the prior cited in 1232, before the official of Norwich, the maſter and brethren of the order of Sempringham, for the tithe of the paſture of the counteſs of Mandevile, which was witheld ſince the maſter had obtained it, and it was ordered that the maſter ſhould pay the prior a ſum of money for the purchaſe thereof.——This rectory was formerly valued in the king's books, at 38 marks *per ann.* and the vicarage at 6 marks, Peter-pence 20*d.* in it was the guild of the trinity, and the image of St. John baptiſt.

On the diſſolution of the priory, it was granted to the ſee of Norwich, where it remains at this time; it was farmed by Thomas Reve, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, at 16*l. per ann.* of Biſhop Hopton.

The advouſon of the vicarage was granted November 16, in the 33d of Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Paſton, who in the 37 of the ſaid king, had licenſe to alienate it to Robert Read, gent. and Thomas Reed conveyed it to Jeffrey Cobb, in the 17 of Elizabeth, after to the Hoſts, and Theodore Hoſt, Eſq; is the preſent patron.

VICARS.

1306 Mr. Richard de Eggefeld, preſented to the vicarage, by the prior, &c. of Bynham —1329, Maynard de Abyndon, ditto.——1344, Richard de Wiclewood, ditto, he was rector of Hanwell in Middleſex.—1349, Hugh Smith.——William de Aldby.——1356, Thomas de Keteringham, an exchange for Gerveſton, ditto. ——1361, Thomas Smith, ditto.——1380, William Zwed, ditto.

1405, William Baxtere, ditto; an exchange for a mediety of Ringſted *Parva.* 1410, John Buxton, ditto; an exchange for South Wotton.——1419, John Cory, ditto; an exchange for Aylmerton.——1421, Alan Smith, ditto; an exchange for Oxnede.——1422, Thomas Feltham, ditto.——1434, John Geyton, ditto. ——1444, Thomas Ingman, ditto.——1476, Nicholas Yakeſley, ditto.

1517, Nicholas Edmunds, ditto.——1522, Adam Elwood, ditto.——Thomas Ade, ditto.——1533, Thomas Seman, ditto.——Thomas Longbodam.—— 1554, Thomas Rogerſon, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1565, Thomas Harnes, by Thomas Rede, gent.——1570, Edmund Bircham, ditto.——1595, Henry Mayſter, by William Cobb of Sandringham, Eſq;

1608, Nicholas Noke, by Lady Mary Cobb, widow.——1638, James Rowſe, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1639, Henry Scrimger, ditto.——1660, William Houghton, by William Cobb, Eſq;

1700, Stephen Beaumont, by Elizabeth Hoſt, widow.——1705, Thomas Gill, by James Hoſte, Eſq;——1729, Reverend Samuel Kerrich, the preſent vicar, D.D. 1761, ditto.

† Thomas Zarley, clerk, gave, about 1495, his meſſuage and lands, for the uſe of this village, on condition that the community of it ſhall order his *exequiæ* to be kept twice or thrice in a year for ever.

Doctor Reynolds, biſhop of Norwich, ſettled 20*l. per ann.* out of this impropriated rectory, for ever, on the vicar.

The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and is a very large pile of flint, boulder, &c. as moſt of the churches in Norfolk are, with a large chancel; the nave and two iſles covered with lead, and the chancel with tile. At the weſt end of the nave is a ſtrong four ſquare tower, with 5 bells, on that a lantern, with a bell, and a little ſhaft covered with lead.

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[o] Regiſt. Bynham.

† Regr. Multon, Norw. fol. 71.

On the ſouth ſide of the chancel is a mural monument, with the arms of Pell, in a lozenge, ermin, on a canton azure, a pelican vulning itſelf, or, impaling, p. pale, azure and gules, 3 ſaltires, argent, Lane.

Beneath in a vault reſt the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Pell, lady of Booter's-hall manour, at Cranworth, in this county, widow, and relict of Valentine Pell, Eſq; grandſon of Sir Valentine Pell, Kt. the only daughter and heireſs of Iſaac Lane, late of Walſingham, Gent: a lady worthy of imitation, adorned with all the ornaments of vertue, her perſon and excellent qualifications rendered her greatly eſteemed by all that had the happineſs of her acquaintance. Her great charity in her life and at her death, will cauſe her name to be had in everlaſting remembrance, ſhe departed this life worthily lamented, the 22d of May in the year of our Lord 1732, to whoſe pious and laſting memory, Mrs. Margaret Hodgſon, her dearly beloved friend and executrix, dedicated this monument. She gave 100l. to this pariſh, which is laid out for land in the pariſh, and given to the poor in bread and coals, and the ſame ſum to South Creake, where her father had gave the like ſum.

Another mural monument with the arms of Hodgſon, in a lozenge—gules, 3 falchions, in a bordure, ---------

This monument is erected to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Hodgſon, late of Booters-hall, at Cranworth in this county, where ſhe departed this life the 2d of Dec. 1743, aged 67 years, and according to her own deſire lies interred in the ſame vault with Mrs. Eliz. Pell. She gave 5l. per ann. to this pariſh, to the church-wardens and overſeers, to take care of the vault and monuments, and keep them clean, and in repair, and what overplus annually to be diſtributed to objects of charity living in the ſaid pariſh, and charged the eſtate in Cranworth with it.

On an altar tomb, at the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle,

Memoriæ Sacrum—

Hic jacet Johannes Pell de Darſingham, armiger, quonda' major Linnæ Regis, qui uxorem duxit Margaretam, filiam unicam Gulielmi Overend, armigeri, annos 61 fæliciter una vixerunt, ſex filios et tres filias inter ſe habuerunt, Ille verò cum annos 80 compleverat quinto die Februarij, A°. Dni. 1607, maturâ ſenectute, mortem obijt et octavo die ejuſdem menſis corpus ſepulchro condebatur.

On the ſides of it are 6 *ſons and 3 daughters; the eldeſt daughter born 1548, the 3d ſon in 1556*, the reſt is obliterated; at the eaſt end of it the arms of Pell, impaling Overend—argent on a chevron, gules, between 3 phæons ſable, as many frogs, or.

Mors nec metuenda nec optanda eſt.
Epitaphium in eundem.

Mors violenta nolenti eſt prorſus, nulla volenti;
Non queat ille mori, qui velit ergo mori.
Vivit non moritur Pellus, mors hæc ſibi vita eſt,
Qui ſibi poſſe dedit, vivere, velle mori.
Dicere, qualis erat, vellem, vox faucibus hæret
Dicere fata negant, eſſe, fuiſſe dolet.
Mortem formidabilem error facit hominum.
Huc tendimus omnes.

On a grave-ſtone with braſs plates, Pell impales Richers, argent, 3 annulets, 2 and 1 azure, quartering in the 1ſt and 4th quarter, 6 mullets, 3, 2, and 1; in the 3d a feſs between 3 --------, gules, and this epitaph——

Hac ſub terra conditur, quicquid in cælis non eſt, Gulielmi Pell, armigeri, et duarum Elizabetharum conjugum, Illius ex Richerſorum de Swannington, hujus ex Drureorum de Fincham, familijs oriund.

Vir fuit egregie cordatus, ex ſex fratribus primus natu, ultimus mortuus, 84 annos commoratus in terris, placide tranſmigravit in cælis 28 die Junij A°. Dni. 1636, flendus ſuis omnibus, jugiter mihj pientiſſimo nepoti Johanni Pell.

An atchievment—*In memory of : : : : :, wife of Dr. Kerrich*, and theſe arms, ſable, on a pile argent, a caltrap of the firſt, Kerrich, and in an eſcutcheon of pretence, a bugle horn, ſable, ſtringed gules, in baſe, a chevron of the ſecond, and in chief indented of the 3d, Poſtlethwait.

At the ſouth eaſt part of the church-yard there was formerly a chapel now in ruins dedicated to ---------.

This vicarage is in the preſentation of Theodore Hoſte, Eſq; who has the chief lordſhips, the rectory was appropriated to the priory of Binham, and is now in the ſee of Norwich, and leaſed out to the earl of Orford, who alſo has a lordſhip here.

The vicarage in the king's books is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays tenths and firſt fruits.

John Pell, Eſq; dyed 1607,——*William, his eldeſt ſon died* 1635.——*John Pell, nephew of William,* 16 : :.——*Sir Valentine Pell dyed in* 1658. *John Pell, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Valentine,* 1649.

On his grave-ſtone, Pell impaling ---------, on a bend, 3 maſcles, died *s. p.*

John Pell, Eſq; his ſon died 1686.——*Valentine Pell, Eſq; brother of John, died in* 1690, *and gave his manor here to Robert Walpole, Eſq; of Houghton.——Eliz. Pell died in* 1732.

In the year 1229, there was an agreement between Thomas Blundevill, Biſhop of Norwich, and the prior of Binham, that this vicar ſhould be allowed 7 marks *per ann.* the prior to preſent, and the biſhop of Norwich to inſtitute.

The temporalities of the prior of Norwich, here, were charged at 22*d. per ann.*

The temporalities of the prior of Lewes at 12*d.*

PAKENHAM'S PEDIGREE.

John de Pakenham,——
was ſteward to the biſhop of
Ely, *A°.* 37 Henry III.

John de Pakenham. Simon, Abbot of Bury, gave lands—
to John, ſon of John de Pakenham, about 1260, and
was lord here 1269.——*Reg. Sacriſt. Bur. fol.* 76.

Sir William de Pakenham,—— Joan, his widow.
occurs lord, 1292; he was one
of the king's judges.

2. John de Pakenham, lord
of Garboldeſham.

Sir Edmund Pakenham.——Roeſia, daughter and co-heir of Robert,
Lord Valoines, his widow, 1351, and
died 1353.

Sir Edmund——Mary, daughter and—— 2. Sir William Pakenham——Cecilia.
Pakenham, died co-heir of Edmund Co-
1351.—*Eſch.* myn, and his widow
died in 1361.

Thomas de Pakenham,
aged 22, in 1351.

EMNETH, or ENEMETH,

SO called as lying in the meads, or meadows, is an hamlet in the pariſh of Elm in Cambridgeſhire, and the iſle of Ely, but this hamlet being in Freebridge hundred and in the county of Norfolk; it becomes requiſite to give what account thereof has fallen into our hands.

Part of this hamlet belonged to the great manor of the prior of Lewes, in Weſt Walton, which extended here.

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HACKBEACH MANOR.

IN the 5th of King John, it appears that there was a place in the aforeſaid hamlet called Hagebech, [a] which gave name to a family, then, as it ſeems, lord of it. Alexander de Mariſcis then ſued Agnes, widow of Jeffrey de Hagebech and Alan, ſon of Agnes, for a carucate of land there, and Adam de Hakebech and Mariotta his wife, were living in the 5th of Henry III. probably ſon of Alan; Sir Adam de Hakbech lived in 1277, ſon, as I take it, of Adam aforeſaid, and then held the manor of Hakebech, of the prior of Lewes, as belonging to the prior's manor of Weſt Welton, which extended itſelf here; and the ſaid Sir Adam had wreck, aſſiſe of bread and beer, *&c.*

Sir Robert Hakebech, John, ſon of Oſbert de Denever, and Egelina his mother, and Sir Robert Howard held in the 21ſt of Edward I. here, in Walpole and Walton, half a fee of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

Robert de Hakebeche occurs in 1295, ſon of Adam, and one of the ſame name in 1323; and in the 8th of Edward II. William de Hakebeche and Florentia his wife conveyed lands by fine to Adam, ſon of Peter de Enemethe, in the ſaid town.

In the 10th of Edward III. Roger de Hakebeche was a commiſſioner to ſee to the repairs of the banks and ſewers in Merſheland, and in the 20th of that king, Sir Robert de Hakebech gave by deed, dated at Quapplode in Lincolnſhire, October 3d, lands there, to Sir William de Thorpe, Kt.—witneſſes, John de Quappelode, *&c.* to this deed hangs a ſeal about the bigneſs of a common ſhilling—2 barrs, and circumſcribed, *Sigillum Rob. de Hakebech.* One of the ſame name, and a knight, lived in the reign of Henry VI. *A*°. 14, whoſe widow Margaret died in the 34th of the ſaid king, and Reginald de Hakebeche was a commiſſioner, as aforeſaid, in the 1ſt year of Richard II.

But this lordſhip on the death of the laſt Sir Robert de Hakebech, in King Henry VI. time, ſeems to have come to Sir Andrew Ogard, Kt. who was found to die poſſeſſed of it, Buckenham caſtle, *&c.* in the 33d of that king: Sir Andrew Ogard was a famous general in the wars of France, baron of Denvale, of Beaufoe, Caux, lord of the caſtle of Favillers in Anjou, of the caſtle of Mervyle, by St. Savory, of Yffe, by Towke in France, and had to the value of 1000*l. per ann.* in lands, *&c.* and in a cheſt of French gold, at the houſe of Robert Whitingham, about 7000 marks of Engliſh; he married Margaret, ‡ only daughter of Sir John Clifton of Buckenham caſtle.

Afterwards it came to the family of Hewar, and on an inquiſition taken September 2, 1579, Thomas Hewar, Eſq; was found to die ſeiſed of this manor, on May 15, in the ſaid year; which extended itſelf into Walſoken, Upwell and Outwell, held of Philip, Earl of Arundel, of his manor of Weſt Walton in ſoccage, and the rent of 5*l.* 5*s.* 6*d. ob. per ann.* and of 87 acres of land, meadow and paſture, held of the king, *&c.* in ſoccage, and the rent of 44*s.* 6*d. per ann.* by Winefred his wife, daughter of John Repps, Eſq; of Weſt Walton, relict of William Ogard, Eſq; of Emneth, he had Sir Thomas Hewar: this lordſhip (as I take it) came to the Hewars on the marriage of Ogard's widow: Sir Andrew Ogard, abovementioned, left at his † death Henry Ogard, his ſon and heir, aged 4 years; and Andrew Ogard, Eſq; and George and Henry, ſons of Andrew, were feoffees to Sir Andrew aforeſaid; from ſome of theſe, this manor paſſed and came to William Ogard, Eſq;

Sir Thomas Hewar, by his will dated January 21, in the 5th of King Charles I. left it to his nephew, Lawrence Oxburgh, (and died May 15, in the 6th of that king)

(a) Plita. Term. Trin. 5 Joh. Rot. 17.——Aſſis. Norw. in Septim. Paſch. *A*°. 5°. Hen. III. Rot. 1.

‡ After the death of Margaret, who died *s. p.* before 1417, he married Alice, who after his death, in 1454, re-married Sir Hugh Cokeſſey and died his widow in 1460.——See Itinerar. Willi. Worceſter, in Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant. p. 11. *&c.*

† Sir Hen. Ogard was living in the 20th of Hen. VII.

king) who was 2d ſon of Thomas Oxburgh, (by Etheldreda, his wife,) who was the ſon of Thomas Oxburgh (who dyed in 1628) and Thomaſine his wife, ſiſter of Sir Thomas Hewar.

In this family it remained till Hewar Oxburgh, Eſq, ſold the manor houſe to Sir Thomas Peyton, Bt. (Hackbeach-hall) and his ſon conveyed the manor to the ſaid Sir Thomas, who is the preſent lord.—It came to Lawrence, his elder brother, Hewar Oxburgh, dying in 1628.

Sir Andrew Ogard abovementioned, died at Buckenham caſtle in Norfolk, on St. Calixtus day 1454; he bought this lordſhip of Emneth, of Gilbert Holtoſt, baron of the exchequer for 100*l.* he being one of the executors of Sir Robert Hackbeche, Kt.

BELLASIS, or INGALDESTHORP'S MANOR.

THE ancient family of Ingaldeſthorpe held a manor here of the prior of Lewes, as heirs to the Burghs of Cambridgeſhire: in the 16th of Edward I. Thomas, ſon of John de Ingaldeſthorp, ſettled the manor of Bellaſis, in Enemeth, on Thomas, Biſhop of Rocheſter, for life, which Thomas was of the name and family; and in the 1ſt year of Edward III. Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp was found to hold it of the prior in fee farm at 47*s.* 5*d.* rent; in this family it continued, and Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp died ſeiſed of it, in the 35th of Henry VI. leaving one daughter and heir, Iſabel, who married John Nevill, Marquis Montacute, by whom ſhe had 2 ſons and 5 daughters, and on the deathof George Nevill (their brother) Duke of Bedford, *s. p.* were found to be his ſiſters and co-heirs. On a diviſion of his inheritance, this manor came to Elizabeth, one of the ſaid ſiſters and co-heirs, who married Thomas, Lord Scroop, of Upſal and Maſham, who by her will dated in the 5th of Henry VIII. ordered that if her niece Lucy Brown, daughter of Sir Anthony Brown by her ſiſter Lucy, (his wife) did not agree to marry John Cutts, ſhe ſhould have none of her lands.

John was ſon and heir of Sir John Cutts, of Childerley in Cambridgeſhire, under treaſurer of England. This marriage being effected, it came into that family, and John Cutts, Eſq; a deſcendant, was lord in the 12th of Elizabeth.

In the 20th of Henry VII. a fine was levied between Sir James Hobart, Sir Richard Southwell, Sir Henry Ogard, Kts. and Richard Braunche, Eſq; querents, Thomas Sutton, and Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Robert Godard, deforciants, of the manor of Denvers and lands in Walpole, Tilney, Terrington, &c.——*See in Walpole.*

BISHOP of ELY's MANOR.

THE manor of Elm belonged to the ſee of Ely, but the manor which the biſhop held in this hamlet of Emneth, was that which belonged to his capital manor of Weſt Walton; Alan de Hakebech held in the reign of King John 112 acres of land in Hakebeck paying 33*s.* and 8*d.* rent, and lands in Walpole of the biſhop, and was then called a free tenant, but it was afterwards eſteemed a lordſhip. Hubert, ſon of Geffery de Barking held lands in the reign of Henry III. and was accounted alſo a free tenant; the biſhop had all rights and privileges belonging to it as to his other manors, and Robert de Hakebech, ſon of Adam, is ſaid to hold half a fee here of the biſhop, paying the aforeſaid rent and doing ſuit to Weſt Walton court.

Henry de Walpole alſo held here about the ſame time a meſſuage and 120 acres of land of the biſhop, by knight's ſervice; Robert de Inſula 80 acres of the gift of Jeffrey Redal, Biſhop of Ely; Richard Muſchet held 160 and Thomas de Inglethorp

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(*b*) Reg. Manwaring in Cur. prerog. Cant. fol. 19.

Inglethorp had lands belonging to the ſee of Ely, it continued in the ſee till granted to the crown in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by act of parliament.

In the 6 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Bartholomew de Glanvile, and Iſabella his wife, petents, and Richard de Berking tenent, of 80 acres of land here, as the dower of Iſabel, from Jeffrey de Berking, her former huſband. Hubert, ſon of Jeffrey, is therein named, which was releaſed to Richard; and in the 6 of Henry VII. paſſed by fine to Sir Robert Drury, and Sir Henry Heydon, &c. with the manor of Fitz-John's, and ſeveral lands here and in Walſoken, with the advouſon of the the free chapel of Berking in this place, which was likely what was held by Hubert, ſon of Jeffrey de Berking.

A manor which belonged to the nunnery of Nun-Eaton in Warwickſhire, extended into this hamlet, held of this ſee in Upwell.

Adam, ſon of Adam de Wiſebech, gave by deed, *ſans* date, to Ralph, ſon of Lemar. de Well, all the land which Walter his brother held of him in Broken, (quere if not Berking) in Elm, viz. 12 acres and an half of the fee of the nuns of Eton, for one pound of cumin, to him, and 6*s.* and 9*d.* *per ann.* to the ſaid nuns at the beginning of Lent, alſo an acre of the biſhop of Ely's fee, where the buildings are, paying to the ſaid Adam 3*d.* *per ann.*———witneſſes, Alan the bayliff, Jeffrey de Hagbech; ſeal of white wax, about 2 inches and an half diameter, with a man in armour on horſeback, but very rude.

The manor of Lovells in Elm, &c. extended into this place; in the 33d of Edward III. a fine was levied between John Warin, &c. and Sir Hugh Lovell, and Joan his wife, when it was ſettled on Sir Hugh and his lady; and after their lives on the heirs of them; this afterwards was held by Gilbert Haultoft, baron of the exchequer, in the reign of King Edward IV. and by the marriage of Alianor his 3d daughter and coheir, came to Simon Bachcroft, and William Bachecroft of Bexwell, died poſſeſſed of it in 1518; and John Repps, ſon of Henry Repps, Eſq; had livery of it about the 22 of Elizabeth, being then called the manor of Clare, alias Lovell's.

The tenths, &c. of this hamlet were 13*l.* *per ann.*——Deduct 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To this hamlet belongs a large chapel, larger than moſt churches, having a nave, north and ſouth iſle, and a chancel, dedicated to St. Edmund the king and martyr.

Elm is the mother church, has a rector, and a vicar, both in the patronage of the ſee of Ely; the rectory is a ſine cure; the valor of the rectory with the portion of the prior of Lewes, in 1291, was 80 marks; the rectory is now charged at 7*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. and the vicarage at 14*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle of this chapel of Emneth, incloſed with iron rails, is a ſumptuous monument erected altarwiſe, on which lie the effigies of Sir Thomas Hewar, and his lady, at full length, and at their feet, that of a child, his ſon, who died young; over this monument is a canopy of marble, &c. ſupported by marble pillars.

M. S. Thomas Hewar, eques auratus, vir bonis et boneſtis moribus prædítus, de patria et principe optime meritus, hoc juxta parentes ſuos hîc ſepultos monumentum mortis ſuæ non immemor ſibi propoſuit.

Duxit in uxorem Emmam Willi. Laurence, de villa Sti. Ivonis in agro Huntingdonienſi, armigi. filiam, ſpectatæ fidei et vitæ integerrimæ fæminam, de qua unicum filium Thomam teneris annis ablatum ſuſcitavit.

Fixd fides cælo, diſperſaq; fama per orbem,
Te probibent Hewar, te moriente mori.

On the ſummit of the canopy are theſe ſhields,——ſable, 2 talbots heads, eraſed, or, between 2 flaunches, ermin, Hewar, quartering, argent, a lion rampant, ſable, a chief indented, p. feſs, gules and of the ſecond,——ſable, a chevron engrailed, between 3 leopards heads, or; quere if not Wentworth? and argent, 3 piles, wavy, gules, and an orle of martlets, ſable, Coo.——Hewar, with the ſaid 3 coats, quartered, impaling argent, a croſs raguleé, gules, on a chief of the 2d, a lion paſſant, guardant, or, Lawrence;———alſo or, 2 bars, azure, over all a lion rampant, guardant, gules, Oxburgh.———This monument was erected in January, 1617, by Mr. Nicholas Stone, maſter maſon to King James I. who had (as I find) 95*l.* for it.

In the ſaid chapel, againſt the wall, is a neat mural monument of marble; on the ſummit of it is Hewar, quartering as above, and *Ano. Dni.* 1586; below that,— *Altera pars noſtri cæli, pars altera terræ.*

Alſo, theſe ſhields, Hewar with his quarterings, impaling Repps and Smith, quarterly, as in Weſt-Walton; Hewar, &c. impaling argent, 2 bendlets, ſable,—Kay.

Armiger en Thomas Hewar, Winefredaq; conjux
Armigeri fælix Johannis filia Repſi,
Quæ prius inſigni Gulielmo nupſit Ogardo,
Lumine nunc caſſi tumulo clauduntur in iſto.
Hæc Thomem, Thomâ, Thomaſina, ac Elizabethâ
Fecerat hac triplici gaudentem prole maritum
Margeriam Thomas ducebat poſt Winefredam,
Uxorem fatis extinctam, quæ fuit orta
Edvardi patris generoſo ſanguine Kaij,
Sed Gulielmi erat hæc primo fidiſſima conjux,
Laurenti armigeri, ſic bis fuit orba marito.
Winefreda obt. 9 *Feb. Ao. Dni.* 1576, *ao. ætat. ſuæ* 47, *Thomas obt.* 12.
Martij A. D. 1585, *ao. ætat. ſuæ* 66.

On a window of the north ſide of the nave, over an arch, is quarterly, gules, a croſs ingrailed, argent, in the firſt and 4, and argent on a feſs indented, ſable, 3 bezants,—Ingaldthorp and Burgh, of Burgh Green in Cambridgeſhire.———On a window on the ſouth ſide, gules, a chevron, between 3 bezants, Bevill, or Golding; and on the woodwork of the roof, theſe arms are carved,——a ſaltire, which I take to be for Nevill, gules, a ſaltire, argent;—3 water budgets, which I take to be for Roſs, gules, 3 water budgets, argent.———Jordan de Roſs, and Margaret his wife, gave by deed, *ſans* date, land here to Caſtleacre priory;—witneſſes, Adam de Hackebeck, William de Alenzun, Richard Muſchet, John, ſon of Jordan de Roſs, and Robert his brother, &c.

Checque, probably for the Earl Warren, lord of the fee, or and azure, or for Vaux, or and gules; and on the wood work of the belfrey, Inglethorp, and the ſhield of St. Edmund the king and martyr, azure, a bunch of arrows in a coronet, or, and the arms of the ſee of Ely; beſides theſe, there were formerly in this church, or, 2 barrs, azure, ſaid to be the ſhield of Hakebeche, and as ſome ſay on the bars, two and one ducal coronets of the field; and the arms of Carvile, gules, a chevron, or, between 3 leopards heads, argent.

RECTORS.

Walter de Kirkham rector about 1250.———Nicholas de Ely occurs in 1254, afterwards biſhop of Wincheſter.———Jeffrey de Kingſton occurs in 1293, alſo rector of Downham, by Ely.——Peter de Arſkarn occurs in 1298.———Robert Scarlet occurs in 1297.

Hervy de Stanton occurs in 1317, and 1339.——In the 11 of Edward II. he had a patent to grant a toft by the chapel yard, for the chaplains of the chapel, for their perpetual habitation, given by him.

William de Petteworth on the 18 of September, 1370; the prior of Lewes let to him and his ſucceſſors, a portion of tithes due to him at Emneth, by the conſent, &c. of the biſhop of Ely, patron of the church of Elm, for 20*l. per ann.* payable to the prior and his ſucceſſors, in the pariſh church of Weſt Walton, and the rector to pay all taxes relating thereto. This was for tithes belonging to the fee and demeans of the Earl Warren and Surrey, their men and tenants in Enemede, &c.——canon of Chicheſter.——John Copping rector.

Thomas Reynold occurs rector in 1440, when there was a ſuit between him and the prior of Lewes, for default of paying the 20*l. per ann.* aforeſaid, and recovered the ſame; he died in 1445.

William Stanley collated by the biſhop of Ely.———1464, Thomas Markham, alias Throwland, fellow of St. Peter's college, by the biſhop, on Stanley's reſignation.———1467, William Read on Markham's reſignation.———1467, Thomas Markham, *iterum*.———1488, Thomas Aleyn, A.M.

1500, William Doughty, L L B. chancellor to the biſhop.———William Wodde died rector, 1522.—1522, Raphael Caldebeck.———1540, Giles Ayre, S.T.B. (on the death of the laſt rector) prebend of Ely.———Thomas Barkwick occurs rector in 1564.———Thomas Ithell, L.L.D. occurs rector in 1573; in 1579, maſter of Jeſus college, prebend, and chancellor of Ely.—1579, Richard Bridgwater, L.L.D. occurs in 1587.—Sir Richard Swale, knight, occurs in 1590, chancellor of Ely.

1608, Boniface Watts, S.T.P.———1616, Roger Andrews, maſter of Jeſus college, prebend of Ely.———Daniel Nicholls.———1641, Robert Dove, A.M.——1645, Joſeph Beaumont, A.M. on Dove's death, maſter of St. Peter's college, &c. 1647, Thomas Dove, by the parliament.———1651, Henry Johnſon, A.M. fellow of St. John's college, Cambridge.

1700, Robert Tillotſon, A B. fellow of Clare Hall.———173–, Potter, ſon of Doctor Potter, archbiſhop of Canterbury.

V I C A R S.

Peter occurs vicar about 1254.———Walter de la More.———Hugh occurs 31 Edward I.

1376, John Comberbury, on the reſignation of More, by the biſhop.———1393, John Wetyng.

1401, John Stacy ———1404, William Aleyn.———William Stanley occurs in 1474.———1474, Edmund Roweray.

1540, Nicholas Walpole.———Bernard Hunteley, deprived 1554.———Mark Saunders occurs 1573.———Richard Dowe occurs 1576.———Robert Linſey occurs 1578, and 1596.———1599, – – – Griffith.

William Giles occurs 1603, and 1641.———1641, William Alanſon.———1660, Henry Johnſon, A.M.———1662, Robert Cole, A.M. on Johnſon's death.——— 1665, Thomas Hutton, A.B.———Charles Dawkes occurs 1669, fellow of Jeſus college, Cambridge.———1698, Thomas Mallabar, A.M.

1709, Thomas Davies, A.M.———1709, Martin Challis, A.M.———1729, Edmund Caſtle, A.M. maſter of Corpus Chriſti college, Cambridge———1731, John Newſon, A.M.

In this chapel was the chantrey of St. Mary, founded by Sir Adam de Hakebech, where the monument of Hewar is, and the lights and images of St. Edmund, St. Mary, our Lady of pity, St. John, St. Eraſmus, St. Laurence, &c.

There was a free chapel called Berking chapel, ſtanding in 1389, in a hamlet of that name, that gave name to an antient family.

HEWAR's

HEWAR's PEDIGREE.

Thomas Hewar of Oxburgh—Margaret, daughter and heir
in Norfolk, gent. | of John Coe, of Ashwell in Norfolk, Esq;

1 Thomas Hewar of ditto,—Agnes, daughter of Roger Butler of Hockwold, Norfolk.

2 Arthur.
3 Edward.
Mary—Henry Croft of Felmingham, Norfolk.

John, 2d son.
Roger, 3d.

2 Margery, daughter of Edward Kay, Esq; and relict of William Laurence, Esq;—Thomas Hewar, Esq; of Emneth.—1 Winefred, daughter of John Reppes, of West Walton, Norfolk, relict of William Ogard, Esq;

Sir Thomas Hewar,—Emma, daughter of William Lawrence of
| St. Ives, Esq;

Thomasine married to—Thomas Oxburgh, Esq; who died January 1, 1623.

Thomas died young.

Thomas Oxburgh, son of Thomas and Thomasine Hewar.—Etheldreda, remarried to Sir Thomas Cony.

1st Hewar Oxburgh died young in 1628.

2d Laurence Oxburgh,—aged 18, 1628.

Hewar Oxburgh,—Esq; 1720.

FLITCHAM,

OR Pliceham, Plicham and Flicham, as 'tis wrote in *Domeſday* book, taking its name not from Felix, biſhop of the Eaſt Angles, (as ſome have conceived) but from its ſcite, it not being the cuſtom of the Saxons to give names to towns from their lords, or any perſon; the ground here, as Spelman obſerves, abounds with ſprings and water; the priory was ſtiled on this account, St. Mary de Fontibus, [a] at the ſprings; *Quod ab oriente fontes oſtendit aprico interdum meatu, interdum ſubterraneo ludentes*; therefore, from theſe flete ices, or waters, it takes its name; (thus Flixton in Suffolk, &c.) This is alſo called Flicesſwell in *Domeſday* book.—See in Ringſted *Magna*, Smethen hundred.

Odo, biſhop or Bayeaux, in Normandy, half brother to the Conqueror, had a lordſhip herein, granted to him on the expulſion of Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, which he held with the lordſhip of Snetſham, as a beruite to it, conſiſting of 7 carucates of land and an half, 18 villains, 14 borderers, 3 ſervi, and 8 ſocmen and 4 mills; there were 3 carucates alſo in demean, [b] in Stigand's time, and 5 carucates among the tenants.

On the rebellion of Odo againſt his nephew, King William II. he was deprived of it, and it was given to William de Albini, the king's butler, anceſtor of the earls of Suſſex, of which family ſee in Riſing, and was held of the Albinies by Ralph de Bellofago, or Beauſo.

But the chief manor, and the greateſt part of this town, was granted to † Roger

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[a] Spelm. Icenia.

[b] Terre Epis. Baiocenſis. ——Snetesham ten. Stigand.—Huic manerio jacet i beruita Flicham vii car. t're. 7 dim. ſemp. xviii vill. 7 xiiii bor. 7 iii ſer. 7 viii ſoc. 7 iiii mol. tnc. iii car. in d'nio. p. 7 mo. ii ſemp. v car. ho'um.

† Algar, who held this of Stigand in the Confeſſor's time, was the great earl of Mercia, ſon of Leofric, earl of Leiceſter, by the Lady Godiva.

Bigot, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, held by Algar of Stigand the archbiſhop, [c] and Ralph, ſon of Walter, was enfeoft of it by Bigot, as a manor; it conſiſted of 2 carucates of land, 20 borderers, 3 ſervi, and 2 carucates in demean, in Algar's time; one carucate of the tenants, 5 acres of meadow, and a mill, one beaſt for carriage, 3 cows, paunage for 27 ſwine, &c. 180 ſheep, and was valued then at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at one; it was one mile and an half long, 5 furlongs broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.* whoever was lord of it.

There alſo belonged to it a ſocman with 5 acres of land, valued at 2*s.* of this manor, and of all the men, Stigand had the ſoc, and it was delivered to Roger Bigot, and the ſaid Ralph held it.——Roger had alſo a ſocman with 30 acres, and a borderer with an acre of meadow, and 2 bovates, valued at 3*s.* a church alſo belonged to it, with 8 acres, valued at 8*d.*

And the ſaid Roger Bigot had ſeized on 80 acres of land, held by 10 free men in King Edward's time, [d] and Ranulph, or Ralph, ſon of Walter, held this under Roger, with 6 acres and an half of meadow, and 2 carucates, valued at 12*s. per ann.* Roger's predeceſſor had only the protection; Stigand had the ſoc, and protection of one of them, and the ſoc of the reſt.

Roger Bigot, on the marriage of Maud his daughter, to William de Albini, aforeſaid, gave them 10 knights fees in Norfolk, and among theſe, as I take it, were the tenures or manors here mentioned, and ſo joined to Albiny's other lordſhips.

William, Earl Warren, had alſo a lordſhip, out of which four free men [e] were ejected at the conqueſt, who had one carucate of land, held by 5 borderers, 6 acres and 2 carucates and an half of meadow, valued at 20*s.* this he claimed by virtue of an exchange.

This was held of the Earl Warren alſo, by the family of Beaufoe, and being thus enfeoft of the whole town, I ſhall treat of it as I find it from antient evidences.

Ralph, ſon of Walter abovementioned, was anceſtor of the family of Beaufoe. Agnes de Beaufoe, wife or widow of Ralph, with her daughter Almund, were attendants at the funeral of Maud, daughter of Roger Bigot, and wife of Will. de Albini, in the priory church of Wimondham, (lately founded by William) about the year 1130.

Fulk de Beaufoe, who was lord in the reign of Henry II. dying without iſſue male, left 4 daughters and coheirs; Emme, who married Gilbert de Norfolk; Agatha, who married Sir Robert Aguillon; Joan, wife of Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, and Margery, wife of Robert Scales. The two firſt of theſe had only an intereſt in this town.

Agatha, by Sir Robert Aguillon, left alſo 4 daughters and coheirs, between whom her moiety was divided;——Agatha, wife of Sir Adam de Cockfield; Iſabel, of Luke de Ponyngs; Margery, of Jordan de Sackville, and after of Sir Gyles de Argenton; and Joan, of Sir Ralph Fitz-Bernard.

POINING'S MANOR

CAME to Sir Luke de Poinyns, on his marriage with Iſabel, daughter and heir of Aguillon; and about the end of the reign of Henry III. Thomas de Ponyngs, Andrew de Sackvile, Walter de Barnardeſton, and John de Rocheford, were found to hold in this town and Appleton, 2 fees of the honor of Arundel; and in the 8 of Edward I. a fine was levied between Luke de Ponyngs, and Roger de Somercotes,

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[c] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Plicham tenuit Algarus de Stiganda archiepo. mo tenet Ranulf. f'. Galteri, p m. ii car. t're. tc. xx bord. mo. xxiii tnc. iii ſer. mo. ii tnc. ii car. in d'nio. 7 p. i mo. ii ſep. i car. ho'um. v acr. p'ti. 7 i mol. tnc. i r. 7 mo. tnc. iii an. tnc. xxvii porc. mo. xxxii tnc. clxxx ov. mo. i tnc. 7 p. xl *s.* mo. i ſol. tota ht. i mil. et dim. in long. 7 v qr. in lato, 7 reddit xvi*d.* de gelt. de xx ſol. q cunq; ibi teneat.

Hic jacet i ſoc. v ac. t're. et val. ii ſol. ſup. hoc maneriu' et ſup. om'es. ho'es. qi. erant in eo' habebat Stigand. ſoca' et fuit liberatu' Rogero, Ide' R. tenet.—In Plicham, i ſoc. xxx ac. Ide' R. tenet i bor. 7 i ac. p'ti. tnc. ii bov. mo. iii val. iii ſol. ecclie viii ac. val. viii*d.*

[d] Invaſiones——Rogi. Bigot ten. in Plicham x lib ho'es. de lxxx. ac. qd. ten. Ranulf. fil. Galfi. vi ac. 7 dim. p'ti. ii car. val. xii ſol. de h. habuit ſuus antec. com'd. tant. 7 Stigand ſoca. 7 com'dat. ſup. unu' 7 ſup. alios ſocam.

[e] T're. Willi. de Warenna——in Plica. i car. t're. ten. iiii lib. ho'es. t. r. e. ſep. v bord. 7 vii ac. p'ti. ſep. ii car. 7 dim. val. xx*s.* hoc reclamat p. eſcang.

mercotes, and Maud his wiſe, (relict of ——— Ponyns, father of Luke, as I take it) whereby Luke granted them the manor of Flitcham, for the life of Maud, with an annuity of 100*s.*

William Beauchamp, Michael de Poynings, Roger de Flytcham, and John de Bernadiſton, held 2 fees and an half in this town, &c. of the honor of Arundel, in the 20 of Edward III. and Robert de Ponyns held half a fee of the Cliftons, in the 3 of Henry IV. and William Yelverton and John Scot, truſtees of the Lord Ponyngs, demiſed it to Jerome Wodehouſe, 3d ſon of John Wodehouſe, Eſq; in the 23 of Henry VI.

In the 21 of Edward IV. December 12, Richard Southwell, Robert and Bartholomew White, by deed, appoint Simon White, Robert and Thomas Wodehouſe, gent. (ſons of John Wodehouſe, Eſq;) their attornies, to receive rents due to them out of their manors of Ponyns, and Berneſton in Flitcham, formerly Jeremy Wodehouſe's.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by Sir Richard Williams, alias Cromwell, who conveyed it, in the 31 of Henry VIII. to Sir William Hollys, lord mayor of London, in 1538, anceſtor of the Holliſſes, dukes of Newcaſtle, who dying October 13, *ao.* 34 of that king, Thomas his ſon and heir, inherited it; who bore ſable, on a bend, between 2 talbots, paſſant, and a dolphin embowed, argent, 3 annulets, gules.

Sir Thomas, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, paſſed it by fine to Henry Ward, with the lordſhip of Barneſton, or Bernardiſton, for 2900*l* but his lady being jointured therein, and her father, Richard Pain, not agreeing to it, it came into that family, and from them, to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, before his attainder, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Philip, Earl of Arundel, his ſon and heir, demiſed in the 28 of that queen, to Richard Hovell of Flitcham, gent. Flitcham houſe, late the ſcite of the priory, with all the appertenances, and the manors called Poyning's, Cockfield's, Bernardeſton's, Eaſt-Hall, and Snoring, the lands, foldcourſes, watermills, &c. thereto belonging, in the tenure of the ſaid Hovel, for 15 years, at the annual rent of 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* he paying alſo to the biſhop of Norwich, 6*s.* 8*d.* rent; to the dean and chapter, 3*s.* 4*d.* and to the archdeacon, 9*s.* 7*d.* *ob. per ann.* alſo to provide a curate for the church of Flitcham.

This earl being found guilty of high treaſon, and dying a priſoner in the tower of London, it came to the crown, and King James I. on February 14, in his firſt year, granted the priory houſe, and all the aforeſaid manors, with the impropriated rectory, to Richard Lockſmith, and Robert Bolleyn, they paying 170*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* fee farm rent *per ann.* In his ſixth year, it was granted on February 12, to Henry Beck, Robert Bolleyn, &c. on the requeſt of Sir Chriſtopher Hatton. After this, the ſaid king gave it to the earl of Suffolk, in fee farm, and the Lord Chief Juſtice Coke purchaſed it of him, and the fee farm rent of the crown, and ſo deſcended to Thomas Coke, the late earl of Leiceſter.

SACKVILL's MANOR.

JORDAN DE SACKVILL, who married Margery, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Aguillon, gave name to it; his ſon Andrew occurs lord in the 28 of Edward I. In the 20 of Edward III. it was found that this lord, and the lords of Poynings, Cockfield's, and Barnardiſton's manors, held here and in Appleton, 2 fees and an half, of the earl of Arundell.——Margery's 2d huſband was Sir Gyles de Argenton.

About the year 1350, Elizabeth, wiſe of Sir Andrew Lutterell, had a grant of free warren in the manors of Flitcham Sackvill's, in Norfolk, Moulton, Debenham, &c. in Suffolk; ſhe was the daughter of Hugh Courtney, earl of Devonſhire, by Margaret his wiſe, daughter of Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford; and married firſt, Sir John Vere, 3d ſon of John, Earl of Oxford, was a lady of great wealth, and purchaſed this lordſhip, with the advouſon or patronage of 2 canons in the priory here, of Sir John de Cheverſton, in the 44 of Edward III. ſhe died in the 19 of Richard II. and Sir Hugh Lutterell, lord of Dunſter Caſtle in Somerſetſhire, was her ſon and heir, and died in the 6 of Henry VI.

In the 21 of Henry VI. John Spendlove, and Margaret his wife, John, ſon and heir of Adam Snoring, conveyed it by fine, to John Bertram of Saxlingham, by Holt in Norfolk, who by his will, on July 15, 1461, deviſed it to John his ſecond ſon, for life, with the advouſon, or until he ſhould be preferred to a greater benefice eccleſiaſtical, and then to go to the priory of Walſingham; and thus it was afterwards partly united to the manor of Snoring, in this town, and part came to Sir Richard Williams, and ſo to Sir William Hollys, and the late earl of Leiceſter, as aforeſaid.

COCKFIELD's MANOR.

BY the marriage of Agatha, one of the 4 daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Aguillon, and Agatha his wife, with Sir Adam de Cockfield, this lordſhip was aſſigned to him; he died in the beginning of the reign of King Edward I. and Robert was his ſon and heir, on whoſe death, *ſans* iſſue, it came to his ſiſter Joan, *ao.* 25 of Edward I. ſhe was the wife of William de Beauchamp, and held by him in the 7 of Edward II. by whoſe daughter it came to Sir John de Chevereſton, who was made by King Edward III. on his taking of Calais, the firſt governor or captain of it; by his firſt wife, Thomaſine, he had John his ſon and heir, and Hugh his ſecond ſon, on whom he ſettled this manor, by fine, in the 25 of the ſaid king; but in the 44 of that king, Sir John ſold it to the Lady Elizabeth, wife of Sir Andrew Lutterel, abovementioned, and ſo was united to the manor of Sackvill's.

BERNARDSTON's MANOR

ASSUMED its name from Sir Ralph Fitz-Bernard, on his marriage to Joan, another of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Aguillon, and in his deſcendant it continued many years; John de Bernardſton held it in the 20 of Edward III. of the honor of Arundel; and in the 3d of Henry IV. Agnes, wife of John de Bernardſton, held it of the Cliftons, and before this, Alexander, ſon of Walter de Bernardſton, and Alice his wife, in the 2d of Edward II.

In the reign of Henry VI. it was united to the lordſhip of Poynings, and poſſeſſed by Jerome Wodehouſe, and ſo paſſed with that, as is above ſhewn.

SNORING-MANOR.

BESIDES the lordſhips above ſpecified, Emma de Beaufoe, daughter and coheir of Fulk de Beaufoe, and ſiſter of Agatha, had her right or part, a moiety in this town; ſhe married Gilbert de Norfolk, who had a patent in the firſt year of King John, to enjoy all her inheritance for life, and dying ſoon after without iſſue, ſhe obtained for 600 marks a licenſe not to be diſtrained to marry, and to enjoy all her own inheritance, and alſo to have her dower, in that of her late huſband.

Emma had a niece, Damietta, on whom ſhe ſettled great part of this lordſhip, and married firſt, Thomas Avenel, by whom ſhe had a ſon, Reginald, who died without iſſue.

Her ſecond huſband was Peter de Fuldon, by whom ſhe had a ſon, Richard.

Damietta in her widowhood, gave to the prior, &c. of Walſingham, in Norfolk, 30 acres of land, with half a foldcourſe in this town; and her aunt Emma gave 2 acres of land, 28*d.* rent *per ann.* which Thomas Avenel was to pay her for lands ſhe granted him on his marriage. This went by the name of Snoring manor in the reign of Edward IV. and on the diſſolution of Walſingham priory, was granted June 19, *ao.* 6, Edward VI. to Thomas (Thurleby) biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, and ſo continues.

The tenths of this village were 13*l.* *per ann.*

To thoſe who ſearch truly and deeply into ſacred antiquity, it will frequently appear how the church of Rome has for many centuries paſt, even in the Saxon times, impoſed on the credulity, the weakneſs, and ignorance of mankind, by their *piæ fraudes*, inventions, and traditions, falſe and ſpurious to the laſt degree, as will appear in the following inſtance.

Fœlix, who is ſaid to be the firſt chriſtian biſhop of the Eaſt Angles, to have his ſeat at Dunwich in Suffolk, and to have died in or about the year 647, is made by the church of Rome, to be the founder of this town, to give name to it, to have converted theſe parts, and to have erected the firſt chriſtian church at Babingly, (a town adjoyning to Flitcham) and that he was aſſiſted in this building, &c. by Thoke, a powerful man, lord of many townſhips in the neighbourhood, whom he had made a convert to the chriſtian faith.

In anſwer to this, I am to obſerve, that all towns in the times of the Britons, (many centuries before the time of Biſhop Felix) took their names from their ſcite, as this did from the Flices, that is the flete ices, ſprings, and ouſineſs of its ſoil, as I have already obſerved.——Many of theſe antient Britiſh, and old Saxon names, were changed by the Romiſh church, for the names of their fictitious ſaints;——thus Slepe in Huntingdonſhire, was changed and called St. Ives;——thus Eynſbury, was called St. Neots;——thus old Verulam was changed to St. Alban's, and thus Bedericksworth to St. Edmund's Bury.—As for Thoke, ſaid to be a convert of St. Fœlix, he was lord of Weſt Walton, Harpley, Greſſinghale, Sculthorp, Burnham Thorp, and many other towns; was a noble Saxon lord, or thane in King Edward's reign, and deprived of all on the conqueſt, as the book of *Domeſday* will teſtify.

The church of Flitcham conſiſts of a nave, a ſouth iſle, with a porch, and a ſquare tower in which hangs one bell, and is dedicated to the Virgin Mary; there has been a chancel and a north iſle, now in ruins; the ſouth iſle is covered with lead, and the nave, and the porch are tiled.

At the weſt end of the nave, lies a black marble graveſtone *In memory af Chriſtian, relict of Clement Leeds, of Reepham in this county, who died Auguſt* 1, 1739, *aged* 73.

Another with the arms of Bendiſh,——argent, a chevron, between 3 rams heads, eraſed, azure, attired, or.——*Sub hoc lapide poſitum eſt corpus Franciſci Bendyſh, generoſi, in adverſis viri inſigni patientiâ, in amicos non minore benignitate, qui expiravit* 7 *die Novemb. Ao. Dni.* 1647, *ætat.* 63; *Plurimis quondam oppreſſus, jam ærumnis, oppreſſionibus, malis omnibus dormit ſecurus; beatiſſimam expectans reſurrectionem.*

On one with a braſs plate——*Chriſt is to me both in life and in death, an advantage. Edward Runthwitt, born at Rippon in Yorkſhire, departed this life the* 16 *day of July,* 1614, *in the* 82*d year of his age, whoſe body is returned to earth from whence it came, and his ſoul into the hand of God who gave it;——Bleſſed are the dead, &c. Rev.* 14.

This church was antiently a rectory: Daniel de Merlay was rector in 1199, [f] when a fine paſſed between him and Philip Fitz Robert, of 8 arces of land, bought of Philip, by Robert, father of Daniel, and conveyed to him, being given to this church.

John de Merlai, rector in 1229, gave to the monks of Wimunda' two parts of the great and ſmall tithes of the Earl of Suſſex's land, the Arundel fee; who by another deed was to enjoy them for his life; this ſeems to be originally granted to that priory by the founder, with liberty of fiſhing here, *&c.* and John of Oxford, Biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of Henry II. made an agreement between the prior of Wymondham, and the rector, to have the tithes of the fee of the earl of Suſſex, on his paying 2 marks and an half *per ann.* penſion, which was confirmed afterwards by Thomas de Blundevile, biſhop, and the ſpiritualities of the priory aforeſaid, in this church, were ſo taxed in 1428.—Two parts of the tithes of the fee of William, Earl Warren, were given by him to the priory of Caſtleacre, in the reign of King Stephen.

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[f] Fin. Norf. ao. 10 Ric. I. N. 85. Reg. Wymondham fol. 64, &c. & fol. 23, &c. Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 4.

Afterwards, the rectory was appropriated to the priory here, and a vicarage ſettled, and that was united and conſolidated to the rectory, for which the prior had a patent in the 17th of Richard II. Upon this the cure was probably ſerved by one of the canons here, and on the diſſolution it was granted with the priory &c. to Ed. Lord Clinton, January 9, in the 30th of Henry VIII. and ſoon after to Richard Williams, *alias* Cromwell, who in the next year alienated it to Sir William Hollis, and ſo paſſed as the manor of Poynings, and is an impropriation belonging to the late earl of Leiceſter.

The rectory was valued and taxed at 17 marks, 4*s.* 6*d.* and the vicarage at 8 marks, 8*s.* 10*d.* Peter-pence to the pope 16*d.* and a penſion of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* was paid to the biſhop of Norwich, out of the rectory.

RECTORS.

John de Merlai, occurs rector 1229.

1316, Mr. John de Schutlington, inſtituted vicar, named by the biſhop of Norwich, preſented by the prior and convent of St. Mary ad fontes de Flitcham.—— ----, John de Swanton.——1339, Richard de Swanton, ditto.——1349, Thomas de Plumſted ditto.——1349, Henry de Redeſham, ditto.——1369, Edmund de Heyford, named by the king, the ſee being void, preſented by the prior, &c.—— ----, Reginald de Apulton, named by the biſhop, preſented by the prior, &c.

After this the vicarage was conſolidated to the rectory, and ſo came both into the priory in the time of Biſhop Henry Spencer; on which a penſion of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* was reſerved, to be paid to the biſhop yearly, and 2*s.* to the arch-deacon of Norwich, and 2*s.* to the ſacriſt of Norwich, this conſolidation was confirmed by King Richard II. *A°.* 17, and the prior had alſo a patent for the ſame, in the 9th of Henry VI.

PRIORS.

Philip, *ſans date.*

Frater Fulco Briton, occurs 28th of Edward I.

1332, Vincent de Flycham, prior.——1349, John de Flycham.——1374, Laurence de Weſton.——1375, John de Hillington.

1404, John Flycham.—— ----, Thomas Berdon.——1438, Thomas Pope.——1448, John Lenn.——1458, John Dokkyng.——1467, William Wilkeſhire, and occurs 1487.——1490, Mr. Richard Gottys, *L. L. B.*——1498, Mr. Edmund Litchfield: quere if not Biſhop of Calcedon.—— ----, John Martin, occurs prior 1514.—— ----, Thomas Podiſhe, occurs in 1526.

HOLLIS's PEDIGREE.

1ſt. Elizabeth, daughter of John Denzill of Cornwall, ſerjeant at Law. —— Sir William Hollis, Lord Mayor of London. —— 2d. Elizabeth, daughter and heir of George Scopham.

Sir Thomas Hollis. —— ----, daughter of Richard Pain, of Caſtleacre.

William Hollis. —— Elizabeth, daughter of John Flowerdew, brother of Ed. Flowerdew, ſerjeant at law, and baron of the exchequer.

FLITCHAM PRIORY

WAS founded by Sir Robert Aguillon, in the beginning of the reign of Henry III. tho' ſome have ſaid by Damietta aforeſaid; but it appears on record that Aguillon [g] was the founder and patron of it, in a ſuit between Andrew de Saukevil and William de Anemere, wherein Andrew, as heir to Aguillon, recovered his right of preſentation of it, in 1300. It was a cell to the priory of Walſingham, in Norfolk, canons of St. Auguſtine, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and not a nunnery, as Speed, Weaver, &c. have ſaid; and was ſurrendered to King Henry VIII. together with Walſingham priory, by Richard, prior of Walſingham, on Auguſt 4, in the 30th of that king; valued, according to Speed, at 62*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* ½, according to others at 55*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* *ob.* *q.* On the 9th of January following, it was granted with all its appertenances, the priory manor, rectory, vicarage, [*h*] and all other meſſuages, lands, &c. in Norfolk, belonging to it to Ed. Lord Clinton; ſoon after this it came to Richard Williams, *alias* Cromwell, who had the next year the king's licence to alienate it to Sir William Hollis and his heirs; from Sir Thomas, his ſon, it came to Pain, and the Duke of Norfolk, &c. as in Poynings manor, and ſo to the earl of Leiceſter.

It appears that in the 3d of Edward I. the prior [*i*] held one carucate of land in pure alms, of the gift of Robert Aguillon, the founder, and was lord of a manor here, in the 9th of King Edward II.

In the 13th of Edward II. the prior had a patent or licenſe to purchaſe land to the value of 10*l.* *per ann.* and in the 44th of Edward III. Thomas Balle, and Nicholas Baroun gave to the prior a meſſuage and 120 acres of land in Anemere, held of the heirs of [*k*] John Irvye, Edmund de Thorp, and William Durant, by knight's ſervice, and there remained (as 'tis ſaid) to the ſaid Thomas and Nicholas, lands and tenements in Flitcham, held of Thomas de Poynings, by knight's ſervice, valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*

Thomas de Flitcham, &c. aliened to this priory a meſſuage, 4 tofts, 133 acres of land, and the rent of 45*s.* in Flitcham, Appleton, Hillington, &c. in the ſixth year of Richard II. and in the 3d of Henry IV. the prior, Simon Barret, John Kirkman, Nicholas Bacon, &c. were found to hold a knight's fee and an half here; and the prior of St. Mary of Flitcham, in the 19th of Henry VI. had a confirmation of all grants, liberties, &c. belonging to his priory.

The temporalities and ſpiritualities of this priory in this town, were taxed at 43*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* in the year 1428.

Brother Fulco de Briton a canon here, ſeems to be preſented to the priory in 1300, by William Anemer, but his right of preſentation being ſet aſide, it may be queried, if he continued prior.

The patronage of it came from the Cockfields, &c. to the Chevereſton, and then to Elizabeth, widow of Sir Andrew Lutterell, [*l*] who on the 1ſt of Auguſt, in the 44th of King Edward III. purchaſed the patronage of this priory, together with the manor of Cockfield, at which time there were ſix canons here, ſometimes called *Prior et Confratres,* alſo *Prior et Canonici Ord. Sci. Auguſtini.*

The temporalities of the prior of Weſtacre here, were valued at 3*s.* *per ann.* in 1428.

Thoſe of the prior of Walſingham [*m*] at 20*s.* *per ann.*—The prior of Fakenham's, at 4*s.* *per ann.*

John de Alneto is ſaid to have given lands, and common of paſture here to the priory of Windham.

Sir John Godſalve had a penſion out of this houſe of 13*s.* 4*d.* in King Edward VI. time, paid him.

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(*g*) P'lita. Term. Trin. *A°.* 28, Edw. I. Rot. 77 in Dorſo.

(*h*) P. 3. *A°.* 30, Hen. VIII.——P. 6. *A°.* 31, Hen. VIII

(*i*) Rot. hundr. de Frebridge, *A°.* 3, Ed. I. in curia recept. S'ccij.——*A°.* 13, Ric. II. m. 18.

(*k*) Eſchaet. ad qd damn. N. 44.——Eſch. N. 143 ——*A°.* 19. Hen 6. p. 1. m. 8.

(*l*) Echart. famil. Lutterell.

(*m*) Regiſt. Wymonda. fol. 98.

In this pariſh was the remarkable hill or tumulus, where, in the Saxon age, the hundred court was held, in the time of William Rufus, in order to decide a controverſy about lands at Holm, who iſſued out a commiſſion to H. his chamberlain, to call together 3 hundreds and an half at this place, called Flicceham Burch. It is upon an hill about a mile above the town of Flitcham, in the hundred of Freebridge citra Lenne, on the weſt ſide of the way, leading from that town to Sharnborne, being a ſquare piece of ground about an acre, ditched about with an old large ditch, about 8 miles from Holm, where the lands lay, which were then claimed by the abbot of Ramſey.

GAYWODE.

THIS town and lordſhip belonged to the biſhops of the eaſt Angles, in the time of the Saxons, and was given by ſome of their kings. In the reign of King William I. William, (Beaufoe) Biſhop of Thetford, held it in right of that ſee; and Almar, Biſhop of Elmham, held it in King Edward the Confeſſor's time, by the ſame right: this Almar was brother to Stigand, and ſucceeded him in this ſee, on his tranſlation to Wincheſter, in 1047.

Before the ſurvey [*a*] the biſhop had 3 carucates of land in demean, there were always two, and one amongſt the tenants, and 16 villains; in the time of Biſhop Almar there were 28 borderers, but in Beaufoe's 24, always one ſervus, 40 acres of meadow, paunage for 160 hogs, one mill, and 32 acres of land; in Almar's time 30 ſalt pits or ſalt pans, or works, at the ſurvey 21, and 3 ſocmen who held 29 acres, 4 of meadow, *&c.* and 190 ſheep. In Almar's time it was valued at 13*l.* *per ann.* but at the ſurvey at 18*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*—The whole was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 12*d.* to the gelt.—It was called in the Saxon times Gauuide, and takes its name from Guy or Quie, which ſignifies a river or water, and gives name to many places, as in Gayton, *&c.*

Herbert, Biſhop of Norwich, gave to the priory of that church, a carucate of land in this town and Myntling, as will be there further obſerved; and from the regiſter of that church, it appears that William Turbus or Turbervile, biſhop in the reign [*b*] of King Stephen and Henry II. who had been ſubprior of that monaſtery, was a great friend to thoſe monks, confirming all their former grants, and amongſt them, the church of St. Margaret at Lynn, with the ſoc, men, fair, and all their ſalt pits or pans in Geywode, excepting thoſe which belonged to the biſhop, and wherein his own lands were, and belonged to the farm of his manor; and John de Grey, biſhop, confirmed to them the charters of his predeceſſors, the church of Myntlyng, and all the tithes of his manor of Gaywode, excepting thoſe belonging to the church of St. Faith of Gaywode, by deed dated the eleventh of the Kalends of April, in the 5th year of his pontificate. This biſhop erected, or rebuilt a ſumptuous palace here for himſelf and ſucceſſors, wherein he much reſided; and the priory of Norwich releaſed to him all their right in the profits of the fairs of Lynn and Gaywode, with the Saturday market at Lynn; all their ſalt pans, lands, rents, and houſes, with the lay fees belonging to the priory of Lynn, (which was a cell to the priory of Norwich) for which he gave them in exchange all his right in the manor of Sechesford, (by Sneteſham) with the manor of Great Creſſingham, excepting the patronage, and the ſervice of the knights fees, reſerving to himſelf and ſucceſſors the ſame authority that they had in the other manors of that monaſtery.

In the 24 year of Henry II. the biſhop of Norwich was found to hold this lordſhip with Lenne, in *capite*; and in the 34 of that king, he would not ſuffer the king's

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(*a*) Terra Willi. epi. Tedfordenis, ad epiſcopatu. p'tinens t. r. e.——Gauuide tenuit Almar. epis. t. r. e. p. man. 7 p iii car tre m°. ten. epſ. in dnio. ſep ii car. in dnio. 7 i car. hom. 7 xvi vill. tc. xxviii bor. m°. xxiiii ſep. i ſer. XL ac. pti. ſilv. CLX porc. 7 i mol. 7 xxxii ac tre. tc. xxx ſal. m°. xxi 7 iii ſoc. de xxix ac. 7 iiii ac. pti. ſep. i runc. 7 iii an. 7 xxv porc. cxc. ov. tc. val. xiii lib. m°. xviii 7 x ſol. totu. ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 reddit xii*d.* de gelt.

(*b*) Regiſt. i eccles. Norw. fol. 28, 36.

king's bayliff or coroner to enter into it, having a coroner of his own; and in the following year, had a charter of free warren here, &c.

William de Raleigh, biſhop, made a park here, and a warren. In a compoſition made between him and Hugh de Albini, earl of Arundel and Suſſex, about 1240, he granted to that earl, (who was lord of the hundred of Freebridge, and of Riſing) common of paſture, and to his men, (but without the liberty of taking any wood or fewel) from the park of Bawſey, to the bridge of Geywode, and the cauſey betwixt the river of Bawſey, and the wood of the ſaid earl.

In the 3d of Edward I. the biſhop of Norwich was found to have the return of all writs, a gallows, aſſiſe of bread and beer, and other royalties; and in the 9th year of that king, he was preſented on account of his water mill here, having drowned the high way, to the damage of the people paſſing by.

Henry Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, had licence in the 11th of King Richard II. to embattle his palaces of Geywode and North Elmham.

It continued in the ſee of Norwich, till it was granted by an act of parliament, February 4, in the 27th year of Henry VIII. to the crown, with other of the biſhop's manors and barony, by way of exchange for the abbey manors and lands belonging to St. Bennet of Holm.

William Rugg, the laſt abbot there, being nominated biſhop of Norwich, this manor being thus in the crown, it was conveyed away on January 1. in the 36th of King Henry VIII. under the great ſeal of England, having the king's mark at the top, and underneath ſigned by the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Ruſſell, Lord Rich, Richard Southwell and Walter, officers of the court of augmentation, by way of exchange for other lands, to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, for life, without impeachment of waſte; remainder to Henry, Earl of Surrey, his ſon and heir, and the lady Frances his wife, and their heirs, to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and the rent of 4*l.* 18*s.* *per ann.* payable at St. Michael, into the court of augmentation.

Henry, Earl of Surry, was afterwards attainted in his father's life time, but on his death in the reign of Queen Mary, an act paſſed to confirm it to Sir Thomas Howard, Kt. ſon of Henry, late Earl of Surry, who being reſtored alſo to the dukedom, was beheaded in the 15th year of Queen Elizabeth, and it being again in the crown, that queen in her 20th year, by letters patent, dated at Hampton Court January 15, granted it, with the advouſon and demeans, the manors of Eaſt and Weſt Rudham, and the ſcite of the priory of Coxford in Norfolk, (parts alſo of the late duke's poſſeſſions) to Edward, Earl of Oxford, who in her 22d year had licence to convey this manor of Gaywood, with the advouſon, to John Pepys, Gent: and he ſoon after ſold it to Thomas Thoreſby of Haveleſs-hall, in Mintling, Eſq; in which family it continued, till ſold by Francis Thurſby, Eſq; about 1697, to Sir Cyril Wyche, Kt. of Hockwold-hall in Norfolk, whoſe grandſon Cyril Wyche, Eſq; is the preſent lord.

The family of the Thoreſby's took their name from the town of Thoreſby in Lincolnſhire, in Lindſey diviſion; Jeffrey de Thoreſby and Juliana his wife, levied a fine in the reign of Edward III. of the manor of Iteynton in that county, and John de Thoreſby, ſon of John, ſon of the aforeſaid Jeffrey and Juliana, died in the 20th of Edward IV.

Of this family, probably, was John de Thoreſby, who was mayor of Lynn, in 1425, father (as I take it) of Henry Thoreſby, who was alderman of Trinity guild in Lynn, in 1447, and mayor in 1458, &c.

THORES-

THORESBY'S PEDIGREE.

Henry Thoreſby,—
mayor of Lynn.

Robert Thoreſby,—
15, Henry VII.

Henry Thoreſby.—Ellen, daughter and co-heir of
Thomas Fotheringhay, of Brockley
in Suffolk, Eſq;

Thomas Thoreſby,—Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Knevet,
obt: t. Henry VIII. of Old Buckenham, Norfolk.

1ſt. Edmund Thoreſby,—Urſula, daughter of
Eſq; 2°. Edward VI. Sir Edward Bainton,
of Wiltſhire.

2d. Franc. Thoreſby,—Mary, daughter of
Eſq; *s. p.* George Nevill, Lord
Abergavenny, relict
of Thomas, Lord
Dacres.

Thomas Thoreſby,— - - - - -, daughter
Eſq; died temp. of Barlow.
James I.

1ſt. Ann, daughter of - - - - - Spring of Pakenham in Suffolk.

—Edmund Thoreſby, Eſq; died about 1659, of Havileſs-hall, in Mintling.

—3d. Suſan, daughter of Edmund Jermyn of Tofts in Norfolk.

—2d. Jane, 2d. wife to Edmund, daughter of Thomas Aſtley of Melton-Conſtable, Norfolk.

Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq; ſon of Edmund, by Ann, occurs 1627.—Chriſtian, daughter of - - - - - Harriſon, of Lincolnſhire.

Edmund Thoreſby, by Suſan his 3d. wife, married Jane, daughter of Iſaac Aſtley, Eſq;

Franc. Thoreſby, Eſq; by Jane, 2d. wife, occurs 1707.—Bridget, daughter and co-heir of John Walpole, Eſq; of Brunſthorp, Norfolk.

Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq; died 1680.—Jane, daughter and co-heir of George Fowler, Eſq; of Weeting.

William, who was drowned.

William Thoreſby, died *s. p.*

In July 1697, Francis Thoreſby, Eſq; ſold this manor to Sir Cyril Wyche of Hockwold, who was ſecretary of ſtate in Ireland, in the reign of King William III. ſon of Sir Peter Wyche of London; Sir Cyril dying in 1707, his ſon Jermyn Wyche, Eſq; inherited it; who by Mary his wife, daughter and co-heir of John Hungerford, Eſq; left Cyril Wyche, Eſq; his ſon and heir, the preſent lord; there is a fee farm rent payable out of it, to the crown, of 58*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* ½. *q.* *per ann.*

Thoreſby bore argent, a chevron between 3 lioncels, ſable, - - - - - -, Wyche, azure, a pile ermine.

Sir Cyril had a grant in the 10th of William III. for two fairs in the year, in this town, on the 11th and 12th of June, and on the 6th and 7th of October, for cattle, and all merchandiſe.

The tax formerly (when tenths, *&c.* were paid) was, together with Mintling, 7*l.* *per ann.*

The temporalities of the priory of Norwich were in 1428, taxed at 2*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* now in the dean and chapter of Norwich.

The temporalities of Caſtleacre priory at 20*s.* *per ann.* and thoſe of (de Monte Gaudij) Mountjoy at 6*s.* 6*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Faith, the Virgin and Martyr; it conſiſts of a ſquare ſteeple of brick, in which hang 3 bells, a nave, with north and ſouth croſs iſles, covered with thatch.

It was antiently valued with the vicarage belonging to it, at 6 marks, and was not viſited by the arch-deacon, being a peculiar of the biſhop of Norwich, and in his patronage, and manor, the preſent value in the king's books is 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the patronage has always gone with the lordſhip.

On a grave-ſtone with a braſs plate in the chancel——*Here lyeth Tho. Hares; a man always peaceable, and religious, ever deſirous of doing good, and to his power did it, he died a good old man, full of days and of faith, his ſoul is returned to God that gave it, and his body thus reſteth in hope.*

Qui fuit eternæ Chriſtus mihi cauſa ſalutis,
Exuvijs rurſus veſtiet oſſa meis.
Ejuſdem reditu mihi vita, ſaluſq; paratur,
Intacto tumulo molliter oſſa cubent.

Vixit annos 84, *obijt Apr.* 13, 1617. *Tho. Hares, illius filius, et hujus eccleſiæ rector, deflevit.*

This rector ſet up againſt the north wall of the chancel two tables, one in memory of the Spaniſh invaſion in 1588, the other of the Popiſh Gunpowder Treaſon Plot, in 1605; this laſt was defaced in the reign of King James II. under the firſt was inſcribed,

Papa, Deo; Draco, Mendoza; Philippus, Elizæ;
Succubuit; Victrix Anglia, Victus Iber. 1588.

On another grave-ſtone with a braſs plate——*The body of Tho. Hares, rector of this church* 36 *years, wearied and waſted with conſtant pains in the miniſtry, reſteth here in hopes to be reunited to his ſoul, that both may be united to Chriſt, their head, in glory. Obt. Mar.* 7, *A. D.* 1634, *Ætatis ſuæ* 63.—*Anna, conjux chariſſima, a moris ergo poſuit.*

On another—*Hoc marmor dicatum eſt memoriæ Mri. Robti. Carter, hujus eccleſiæ rectoris, qui obijt* 29, *Septemb. A°. Salutis* 1664. *Ætatis ſuæ* 54.—*Memoria juſti benedicta. Prov.* 10, *et* 7.

Here lye alſo ſeveral grave-ſtones——*In memory of ſeveral children of Francis Thoreſby, Eſq; who died young.*

One alſo thus inſcribed——*Hic jacet Tho. Thurlin, S. T. P. S. Joh. coll. Cantabrigiæ præſes, hujus eccleſiæ* 50 *annos rector, vir pietate, doctrinâ, et animi candore inclytus, beneficij memor, injuriæ obliviosſus, octogenarius obt. Aug.* 11, 1714. —*He publiſhed a ſermon preached at the epiſcopal viſitation in King's Lynn, May* 10, 1686.—*The neceſſity of obedience to ſpiritual governours aſſerted.*

In the eaſt window of the chancel are the arms of Henry Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, in the time of Richard II. quarterly, argent and gules, in the 2d and 3d quarter a fret or, over all a bend, gules, in a bordure, ſable, mitred of the 3d.

In a ſouth window of the chancel, argent, a feſs gules, between 3 eaglets diſplayed, ſable—Elingham or Elmham; and in a window of the north croſs iſle are two ſhields much defaced, one ſeems to be the cypher or mark of a merchant, the other—argent on a chevron, between 3 ------------, 5 bezants, and a chief ermine.

RECTORS.

1302, John de Walſham, collated by the biſhop, *pleno jure.*——William, occurs vicar 1309.——1335, William de Lingwode, (exchanged for Hoxne deanry) by the biſhop.——1351, John de Shafteſbury, ditto.——1353, John de Acre, (exchanged for South Elmham All Saints) ditto.——1368, John de Acre, of Cokesford, (exchanged for Narburgh) ditto.——1390, Thomas Paynot, ditto.

1424, Nicholas Hawys, ditto.——1424, John Claydon.—— ----, Geff. Adam.——1458, John Clot, (exchanged for Snave in Kent) ditto.—— ----, Henry Wyncheſtre.——1470, Thomas Fuller, by the biſhop.

1506, William Perryn, ditto.——1530, Roger Holt, ditto.——1556, William Hatch, by Thomas Steining, Eſq; and Frances,Ounteſs of Surry, his wife. —— ----, Richard Hemſlaye.——1558, Richard Webſter, by Thomas, &c. ——1559, Richard Marks, ditto.—— ----, Robert Hooks.——1577, John

Dynſdale, by William Dixe and William Cantrell.———1578, Bartholomew Maſon, by Edward Vere, Earl of Oxford.———1586, Richard Perſivall, by the aſſignes of Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq;———1598, Thomas Hares, ditto.

1635, John Lane, by Edmund Thurſby, Eſq,———1649, Robert Carter, ditto.———1664, Thomas Thurlyn, *D. D.* by Fran. Thoreſbie, Eſq;

1714, Rowland Simpſon, by Mrs. Mary Wyche, widow.———1737, Samuel Stedman, *A. M.* by Cyril Wyche, Eſq; rector of Denver, *D. D.* Arch-deacon of Norfolk.

Biſhop Herbert gave a portion of tithe in this church to the monks of Norwich, and the dean and chapter are ſaid to have a penſion of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* out of it in 1612.

William Beaufoe, biſhop of Thetford, held at the time of the ſurvey in right of his ſee, the following lordſhips.—In South Greenhou hundred, Creſſingham *Magna*;—in Frebridge, Gaywode;—in Smethden, Thornham;—in South Greenhou, Tofts; in Launditch, Elmham, Beteley; in Brothercroſs, Colkirk;—in Galgou, Saxlingham;—in Holt, Thornage, Brunton, Hemſtede and Beckham a beruite, and Swanton;—in North Greenhow, Hindringham, Warham, Wells, Egmere;—in Waleſham, Hemlington;—in Eynesford, Hilderſton, Norton, Geyſtwick, Geiſt, Helmingham, and Corpuſty;—in Tunſted, Suffield;—in Deepwade, Stratton, and other lands.

MINTLING,

CALLED in *Domeſday Book*, Meltinga, was then the lordſhip of William de Beaufoe, Biſhop of Thetford, [*a*] which he held in his own right, as a temporal fee, and not in right of his church, by the Conqueror's grant and expulſion of 15 free-men, who held here 40 acres of land; and 6 borderers had half a carucate valued at 30*s.* *per ann.* his predeceſſor had the protection only of theſe, and Stigand had the ſoc.—This biſhop on his death gave this and many other lordſhips to his church, and it continued in the ſee of Norwich till granted with Gaywode by King Henry VIII. to the duke of Norfolk, and ſo came (as is there obſerved) to the Thurſby's, and was ſold by Franc. Thurſby, Eſq; to Sir Cyril Wyche, and Cyril Wyche, Eſq; is the preſent lord.

Some conceive that it takes its name from a mint that the biſhops of Norwich had here for coining of money, a privilege which many great ſees both in England, and beyond ſea, were endowed with; but this is a miſtake, in being ſo called long before the ſee, at Elmham, Thetford, or Norwich, had any right or intereſt in it; Mel is to be met with, in many towns, as, Melford, Melburn, Melton, *&c.* from Mel, a river, and Ing, a meadow; we find alſo a priory at Minting in Lincolnſhire.

Herbert, Biſhop of Norwich, who ſucceeded Beaufoe, gave (as appears from a pleading in the 25th of Henry III.) to the prior of Norwich [*b*] a carucate of land lying in Geywode and Myntling, which was Hugh Claves, and paid half a mark yearly to the biſhop, and was then eſteemed as a berewic or hamlet to Geywode, and there was a family who aſſumed their name from it; Peter de Mentling was a witneſs to a charter of Eborard, biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of King Stephen, and probably held lands here of that prelate, or the church of Norwich.

William, ſon of Richard, gave to the monks of Caſtleacre, his land at Agonaloſa which they formerly held of him, [*c*] with one Rodulf, to which deed, Robert, ſon of William Milo Baſſet, Walter de Cheravilla, Rain. de Marham, Robert de Wibravilla, *&c.* were witneſſes.

John

(*a*) Terr. Willi. ep. Tenfordenſis, ejuſdem de feudo——In Meltinga xv lib. hoes. XL. ac. tre. ſemp. dim. car. et vi bord. 7 val. xxx ſol. de his habuit ſu. antec. comd. tantu. Stigand, ſoc.

(*b*) Plita. cor. Reg. Rot. 23.

(*c*) Regiſt. Caſtleacre, fol. 75.

John, prior of Norwich, and all the convent, by deed, gave to the aforeſaid monks, land at Mintlinghe, called Oggeſland.

Henry, prior of Caſtleacre gave to William, the prior of Linn, totam Hagnelosam, to be held for 24 years, at the yearly farm rent of 20*s.* and all their land in Mintlingis, which is held of the church of St. Margaret of Linn.

This deed is dated on the day after the feaſt of St. Margaret 1182; witneſſes, William de Merlai, Ralph, the biſhop's chaplain, Ralph capellane, of Acre, Mr. Walter de Candue, Mr. Steph. de Binham, Mr. Roger de Norwic, William de Gernemue, *&c.*—By totam Hagnelosam, no doubt, was meant what was afterwards called Haveleſs in Mintling, where the ſeat of the Thorſbys was; and the prior of Lynn was obliged [*d*] to pay 20*s. per ann.* at Caſtleacre, on the feaſt of Eaſter, and for default, a diſtrain might be made at Hacloſe and Mintling.

In the 14th year of Edward I. mention is made of William and Henry de Haveloſe of Mintling.

Alice, formerly wife of Gibert, ſon of Richard, gave to the priory of Caſtleacre, all her land in Mintlinges, in exchange for 8 ſolidates of land, which they hold in her manor of Socingam, of the gift of Ingelnulf de Sereres,—witneſſes, Hugh Francigena, Peter Scingham, William de Tunewaird, Aria. Parlett, Odo de Wella, *&c.*

The church is dedicated to St. Michael, and valued at 46*s.* 8*d.*

Biſhop Herbert gave this church † to the monks of Norwich, reſiding at Lynn, and it was appropriated by John de Grey, Biſhop of Norwich, about 1205, ſaving to himſelf and ſucceſſors all epiſcopal and parochial rights.

It is not viſited by the arch-deacon, being a manor of the biſhop, and paid no Peter-pence; it is now a donative or curacy, in the gift of Cyril Wyche, Eſq; of Hockwold-hall, in Norfolk.

This town was aſſeſſed with Geywode to tenths and fifteeths, and paid together 7*l. per ann.*

Biſhop Beaufoe had a grant from the Conqueror, of this town, Sedgford in Smethden hundred;—Eccles in Shropham hundred;—Langham in Holt hundred;—Gunton and Shipden in North Erpingham hundred;—Walſham in Walſham hundred;—Bloſield in Bloſield hundred and Plumſtede;—Hemmeſly in Weſt Flegg hundred;—Rockland in Henſted hundred;—Mendham in Earſham hundred;—North Langley in Lothing hundred;—Helmingham and Thurning in Eynford hundred;—Taverham and Attleburgh in Taverham hundred;—Blickling, Berningham, Eaſt Beckham, Maſham and Stratton in South Erpingham hundred;—Horſey in Happing hundred;—Scroutſby, Ormeſby, and Thrigby in Eaſt-Flegg hundred;—Stratton in Depwade hundred;—Raveningham in Clavering hundred;—Creſſingham *Magna* in South Greenhow hundred;—Hunſtanton in Smethden hundred;—Stanford in Grimſhoe hundred;—Gateley in Launditch hundred;—Colkirke in Brothercroſs hundred;—Saxlingham in Gallow;—Sneterley, Burningham, Melton in Holt hundred;—Hindringham and Thorp in North Greenhow hundred;—Houghton, Berningham and Beckham in North Erpingham hundred;—Hemlington in Walſham hundred;—Plumſtede in Berlingham, Frethorp and Lecham, Bradſton, Catun, and Bucham, Brundale and Witton in Bloſield hundred;—Winterton, Somerton, Aſhby Martham, Rolleſby, Burgh, Baſtwick, Hadeſco, Billockby, and Clipſby in Weſt Flegg hundred;—South Berlingham and Tivetſhall in Henſtede hundred, and the lands of St. Michael in Norwich, and Taverham in Taverham hundred.

All theſe lordſhips were granted to him, to be held by him in fee, in his own right.

GEYTON

(*d*) Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 115.

† Reg. Pr. et Conv. Norw. 4r

GEYTON-WELL-HALL.

NEAR to Geyton, (and now included in Geyton town) when the book of *Domeſday* was made, was a town called Welle, from its watry ſcite.—[a] Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, was lord of it in the reign of King Edward: 10 villains belonged to it, with 2 carucates of land, 6 borderers, with one ſervus, and 30 acres of meadow; there were then 2 carucates in demean, &c. and 2 among the tenants, 2 mills, 14 ſocmen held 28 acres, &c. valued then at 9*l.* at the ſurvey at 10*l.* *per ann.* Well and Geyton together, were one leuca and an half long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, whoever held it.—In Well alſo were 5 furlongs of paſture in length, and 4 furlongs broad, valued and included in the account above.

Of this town or lordſhip, Stigand (who held it as a lay fee) was deprived by the Conqueror, who gave it to William de Eſchoies, or Scohies, who poſſeſſed it but a ſhort time, and gave it to the abby of St. Stephen's at Caen in Normandy. The author of *Neuſtria Pia*, calls him William de Streis, and gives us the foundation deed of the ſaid abby, by the Conqueror, wherein this grant is mentioned, and confirmed; and it appears that William, biſhop of Durham, was one of the witneſſes to the king's grant; ſo that it was about the year 1081, when he was conſecrated biſhop of that ſee.

The generality of hiſtorians are miſtaken in ſuppoſing this Welle to be the town of Welle, by the ſea coaſt, in the hundred of North Greenhow.

On this grant, the abby of Caen had a cell here. King Richard I. confirmed the aforeſaid grant of Wells, with its appertenances in Geyton, that church and tithe, and many royal privileges, as King Henry II. had done, and William II.

In the 5 of Henry III. the abbot of St. Stephen gave a mark to have a *pone*, (that is a writ whereby a cauſe depending in an inferior court, is removed to a higher,) againſt Hugh de Noiun, on account of lands here; and in the following year, Hugh releaſed to the abbot his right in lands, by fine, ſaving a right of common; in the 3d of Edward I. the abbot was found to hold this manor, in pure alms, to have free warren, weyf and ſtray, aſſiſe of bread and beer, a gallows, &c.

The prior of this cell paid in the 13 of Edward III. 34 marks *per ann.* to the king, for the farm of this priory, and that of Panfield in Eſſex, a cell alſo to St. Stephen's abby, that king having ſeized on all the lands, &c. of the priory aliens, on account of his war with France; and on the 14 of December, in the 47 of that king, the cuſtody of this priory and that of Paunfield, was granted on the manucaption of Robert Caly of Norfolk, and Gyles de Wenlok of Shropſhire, to Sir Hugh Faſtolf, with all their poſſeſſions, from the feaſt of St. Michael laſt paſt, to continue as long as the war with France, paying to the king 40*l.* *per ann.* and 10*l.* *per ann.* to a certain monk, there reſiding, all tenths due to the king, and performing all cuſtomary duties incumbent on the ſaid priories, without waſt, and keeping the houſes, &c. in repair.

Before this, Robert de Stokes, prior of Panfield, farmed this and his own priory, of King Edward II. at 75*l.* *per ann.*

King Richard II. in his 5th year, granted this priory and manor, to Sir John Devereaux, and Mary his wife, and Joan their daughter, for their lives; and on the 25 of June, in the 3d of Henry V. John Wodehouſe, Eſq; (the renowned warrior) had a grant of it by the name of the priory, or houſe of Wells, with the manor of Wells, to be held by the ſervice of a roſe, to be paid on Midſummer day; in 1421, he obtained licenſe to appropriate the rectory which belonged to the priory, and was now veſted in him, to the chantrey prieſt of the Holy Trinity, and the 5 wounds of Chriſt, in the lower chapel of the charnel houſe at Norwich, near to the cathedral church, wherein he was afterwards buried, which prieſt was to officiate there for his ſoul; the manor was at this time valued at 23*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* *per ann.*

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[a] Terr. S'ci. Steph. de Cadomo ——Wellam tenuit Stigand t. r. e. ſep. x vill. 7 ii car. t're. 7 vi bor. 7 i ſer. xxx ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. v bov. mo. ii car. hom. ii mol. huic man. jacent xiiii ſoc. de xxviii ac. t're. tc. i car. mo. v an. ſep. vii por. tc. xv. ov. mo. lx. tc. 7 p. val. ix lib. mo. x.——Wella 7 Gaituna ht. i leu. 7 dim. in long. 7 dim. in lat. 7 reddit xvi*d*,

Henry Wodehouſe, Eſq; conveyed the lordſhip by fine, to Thomas Daniel, Eſq; in the 28 of Henry VI. with ſeveral meſſuages, 500 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 500 of paſture, 20 of wood, 200 of moor, and 10*l.* *per ann.* rent, in Wells, Grimſton, Congham, &c.

After this, it was again in the crown; and on March 10, King Edward IV. in his ninth year, gave the manor of Well-Hall-Priory, to the college or chapel of St. Stephen, at Weſtminſter. On the diſſolution of that college, King Edward VI. on the 17 of Auguſt, in his 2d year, granted it to Oſbert Mundford, and Thomas Gawdy, gent. with lands in Geyton, Grimſton, &c. and the advouſon of the vicarage of Geyton.

Francis Mundford, ſon of Oſbert, had livery of it in the 23 of Elizabeth; Sir John Heveningham purchaſed it of Sir Edmund Mundeford, in the 13 of James I. but this ſale being reſigned, Sir Edmund conveyed it, February 20, in the 16 of the ſaid king, to Henry Beck, gent. who died ſeiſed of it, Auguſt 21, 1638, and left by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of ——— Bendiſhe, Eſq; Jerome his ſon and heir, aged 17, &c. and Anne Beck, widow, preſented in 1662.

Roger Weſt, Eſq; preſented to the vicarage in 1694, as lord of Well-Hall, and in 1699; after this, ——— Sharock, Eſq; was lord, and by his laſt will gave the patronage of the vicarage of Geyton, to the ſee of Norwich; the biſhop of Norwich preſented in 1707, 1740; Mr. Sharrock is the preſent lord.

PRIORS.

Herbert occurs prior of the cell of Well, in King John's time; and Ralph was prior about the ſame time.———R. prior *ao.* 5 Henry V.

GEYTON.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES, beforementioned, had a little lordſhip here at the ſurvey, of one carucate of land, [*a*] which Ulvock held of him; and Tohill poſſeſſed it in King Edward's reign; 7 borderers belonged to it, and 12 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and was valued at 20s. *per ann.*

The town takes its name from Guy, a Britiſh word, and occurs frequently for the name of rivers, or water.

It is probable, that ſoon after the ſurvey, the ſaid William granted it to the abby of Stephen's abovementioned, with the church of Geyton, which was appropriated to the priory of Well, and the patronage of the vicarage was in the priory, as will appear.

William, Earl Warren had a lordſhip, out of which 16 freemen had been ejected, [*b*] who had 2 carucates of land, and 3 carucates held by eleven borderers, valued at 40*s.* and this he had by an exchange.

Ralph had under him one carucate of land, which Alveva a free woman was poſſeſſed of in King Edward's time; 4 villains, 2 borderers, and one ſervus belonged to it; there was one carucate in demean, with 8 acres of meadow, one ſaltwork, and the moiety of another, and 3 free men with the moiety of another, held under him, 60 acres and a carucate, with 3 acres of meadow, valued at 30*s.* which he held for a manor.

Ralph was probably the anceſtor of the family of De Geyton, lords of this fee. Reginald, ſon of Edmund de Geyton, was witneſs to a deed of a tenement in Ridon,

granted

[*a*] Terr. Willi. de Scohies.———Gaituna tenet Uluoc. i car. t're. qd. ten. Tohill. t. r. e. tc. vii bor. mo. vi xii ac. p'ti. ſep. i car. in d'nio. tnc. 7 p. dim. car. hom. mo. ii 7 val. xx ſol.

[*b*] T're. Willi. de Warrenna———In Gaituna xvi lib. hom. ii car. t're. 7 xi bord. ſemp. iii car. et val. xl ſol. hoc ht. p. eſcangio.

In Gaituna ten. Radulfus i car. terre qua' tenuit Alveva lib'a femina t. r. e. ſemp iiii vill. 7 ii bord. 7 i ſerv. ſemp. i car. in d'nio, et viii ac. p'ti. et i ſalina 7 dim. et iii libi. ho'es et dim. lx ac. et i car. et iii ac. p'ti. 7 val. xxx ſol. iſtud p. manerio.

granted by Robert, ſon of John de Byntre, to the monks of Caſtleacre; *ſans date*, and held part of a fee in the 18 of Henry III. and John de Geyton held half a fee here of Sir Giles de Plays, and he of the Earl Warren, in he reign of Henry III.

In the 17 of of Edward II. Richard le Plays and his tenants, held 3 fees in Geyton, Wetyng, Feltwell, &c. of the Earl Warren, of his caſtle of Acre; and Gilbert de Say held 5 fees here and in Rudham, and Cokesford; and Rob. de Repps a quarter of a fee in this town, Congham, and Grimſton. Alſo in the ſaid year, Edmund de Geyton was found to die ſeiſed of the fourth part of a fee.

In the 10 of that king, William de Geyton, ſon and heir of Edmund, who was ſon of Stephen de Geyton, gave to the king 25*s*. relief, for 40 acres of land, the moiety of a meſſuage in Geyton, ſaid to be held of the ſee of Norwich, then void, and in the king's hands; and in his 35 year, Edmund died (as appears by the eſcheat rolls) poſſeſſed of half a fee, held of the Plays's; and in the 42 of the ſaid king, John Lovedone, chaplain, granted to Hervey, ſon of Geffrey de Geyton, lands here, by deed, dated on Monday before the feaſt of St. Michael the arch angel, to which John de Geyton, &c. was witneſs.

In the 4 of Henry IV. Henry Blomvile, William Walton, and their tenants, held the fourth part of a fee of the biſhop of Norwich, and the biſhop of the heirs of Sir John de Plaiz, of the dutchy of Lancaſter; and at the ſame time, Henry de Geyton and his tenants, held lands of the biſhop of Norwich, and the biſhop of the honor of Dover, as the inquiſitions ſet forth; and in the reign of Henry VI. Robert de Geyton held half a knight's fee here, of the earl of Oxford's honour or caſtle of Heveningham in Eſſex; and paid 3*s*. and 4*d*. *per ann*. for ſuit of court there, as parcel of Plaiz's fee; Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir John de Plaiz, married Sir John Howard, by whom ſhe had John Howard, knight, who left a daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married to John Vere, earl of Oxford.

After this, John de Geyton and his tenants, held lands, &c. of the dutchy of Lancaſter, late the Earl Warren's fee; and in the 20 of Henry VII. Edmund Geyton held the manor of Eaſt Hall in this town, Bawſey, Aſhwyken, &c. with 150 acres of arable paſture and wood, and 10 acres of meadow, with 43*s*. rent, (and Thomas was found to be his ſon and heir) held of the aforeſaid dutchy.

In the 33d of Henry VIII. the manor of Geyton, alias Egerton, Wykenhale, Brecham's and Perſon's, with lands in Geyton, Well, Gloſthorp, South Wotton, and Gaywood, were by fine conveyed from Adam Foſter, and Ann his wife, and Henry Caſtell, to Geffrey Cobb, and Mary his wife, daughter of Thomas Thoreſby, Eſq; this Geffrey made his will in 1544, which was proved on December 17, in the ſaid year, orders his body to be buried in the church of St. Nicholas of Geyton, [*c*] next to his feder, bequeaths to Mary his wife, all his manors and lands, &c. in the towns and fields of Gayton, Alyſwythorp, Eaſtwinch, Grimſton, Wekyng, and Leſyate, during life, and after to Thomas his ſon and heir; gives legacies to his ſon William; and to his daughters Ann, and Dowſabell, 40*l*. each; calls Thomas Baker his brother in law.

Thomas Cobb, ſon and heir of Geffrey, had livery of the manor of Gayton, alias Egerton, with the appertenances, one meſſuage, and a foldcourſe, in Gaytonthorp, Grimſton and Eaſt Winch, in the 6th of Queen Elizabeth, held of the ſaid queen, as of the caſtle of Dover; alſo the manors of Wykenhale, Brecham's, and Perſon's.

It appears by an inquiſition, taken 22d of April, in the firſt of Edward VI. at the caſtle of Norwich, that his father, Geffrey, died May 18, 1544, poſſeſſed of the ſame manors, Gayton and Egerton, held of Dover caſtle, paying 10*s*. rent *per ann*. Wykenhale, Brecham, and Perſon's manors, held of the manor of Grimſton, paying 12*s*. *per ann*. and that Tho. his ſon and heir was of the age of 5 years, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Tho. Thurſby, Eſq; and that Ralph Gayton was Jeffrey's great grand father; this Thomas is ſaid to die without iſſue; and William Cobb (his brother, as I take it) had livery of the aforeſaid manors, about the 22d of the ſaid queen.

[*c*] Regiſt. Hill, Norw. fol. 48, 189.

Henry Beke, gent. died Auguſt 21, 1638, ſeiſed of one meſſuage, 56 acres of land, and one of meadow, held in ſoccage of Geffrey Cobb's manor of Egerton, together with a mill; this part was held in 1730, by Mr. Raven, attorney, of Burnham in Norfolk, called Weſt-Hall, and is in that family.

Of the Cobbs, ſee in Sandringham.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

WILLIAM, ſon of Roger, confirmed all the donations of his father, grandfather, and of Walter his uncle, to the monks of Acra; and himſelf gave to them [d] eleven ſhillings and 4*d.* rent in land in Geyton; witneſſes, Ketell the prieſt, William de Kemeſtun, Lambert his brother, Richard de Briſlai, Roger de Holm, Humphrey, de Dunham, Roger de Weſenham, &c. *ſans* date.

Henry de Wicen, with the conſent of Chriſtian his wife, and Leſquin his mother, confirmed to them lands in Geyton-Norhill, with the boundaries between Well and Geyton, *ſans* date.

Fulco de Suthacre, chaplain, gave to the ſaid monks, the rent of half a pound of cumin *per ann.* to be received out of a tenement which Euſtachius de Baſingham held of him in Geyton; witneſſes, Eudo de Arſic, then caſtellan of Acre, Adam de Wigenhale, &c. *ſans* date.

Reginald de Geyton was witneſs to a deed of William de Stutevile, *ſans* date, wherein he releaſes his right in lands in Wendlyng, and Hyngeſham, to the ſaid monks.

There was an agreement between the abbot and convent of St. Stephen of Caen, in Normandy, on one part, and the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, on the other, for all the tithes belonging to the fee of the Earl Warren, in the village of Geyton, which belonged to Caſtleacre priory; that the abbot of St. Stephen's, and his ſucceſſors, ſhould hold all the ſaid tithes, paying 5 marks of good ſterling *per ann.* and ſealed with the ſeals of both convents; *ſans* date.

Jordan, prior of Acre, remitted all claim and right for himſelf and convent, to the monks of Caen, in the manor called Wella, and in the church of Geyton, with the appertenances, for 10 marks given them for damages; *ſans* date;——witneſſes, Godwin, prior of Weſtacre, Herebert, prior of the manor, (that is of the manor or priory of Wells) Ralph, the prieſt of Geyton, Edmund de Geyton, William, the prieſt of Nereford, John de Nerburg, &c.

In the 41 of Henry III. the prior of Caſtleacre ſued the abbot of Caen, for a meſſuage, 3 carucates of land, and 30 of wood in Geyton, Well, Grimſton, Wiken, Leſiat and Holt; and in the 43 of that king, a fine was levied in the Octaves of St. Hillar, whereby the advouſon of the church of Geyton was granted by John, [e] prior of Caſtleacre, to Adam, abbot of Caen, who was to pay for this to the prior, the rent of ſix marks *per ann.* and in default, the prior might diſtrain the goods and chattels of the abbot, in his manor of Wells, &c.

And in the next year, a fine was levied between John, prior of Caſtleacre, and Nicholas, abbot of Caen, of one meſſuage, 3 carucates of land, 30 acres of wood, (excepting 21 acres of land) in Well, Geyton, Grimſton, Wyken, Leſyate, Holt and Thorp, granted to the abbot and his church of Caen, ſaving to the prior of Caſtleacre his penſion of 6 marks *per ann.* for Geyton advouſon, and 5 marks penſion, payable by the ſaid abbot, to the prior, for certain tithes in Geyton, according to covenants between them.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory, in Geyton, were valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* and their ſpiritualities, being a portion in the ſaid church, at 40*s.*

The prior of Lewis had alſo at the ſame time, temporalities here of the fee of the Earl Warren, valued *per ann.* at 44*s.* 4*d.*

WENDLING ABBOT's MANOR.

THE abbot of Wendling had a lordſhip. On the diſſolution of the religious houſes, it came the crown, and remained there ſome time; and was granted by Q.

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[d] Regiſt. Caſtleac.

[e] Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. iii. 6.

Elizabeth, on the 10th of Auguſt in her 13th year, to Thomas Jennyns and Edward Forth, Gent; by the name of Geyton manor, *alias* Geyton Abbots, with concealed lands belonging to it, in Tilney, Iſlington, Clenchwarton, Walpole and Emneth, and King James I. on January 9, in his 8th year, granted it for the ſum of 26*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* with all the wood and underwood, valued at 3*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* late the poſſeſſions of Wendling abby, to Sir Edmund Mundeford, and he, on the 20th of July, in the 16th year of the ſaid king, conveyed it to Sampſon Hopes, clerk.

Another lordſhip in this town was granted on the conqueſt, to Hugh de Montfort, and Roger held a carucate of land, under Hugh. In the reign of the Confeſſor, Bundo [*f*] a free-man was lord of it; it conſiſted of one carucate in demean, and 7 acres of meadow, and 6 borderers, and there was half a carucate among the tenants, the moiety of a mill, *&c.* valued at 45*s.* and was a beruite to Bilney.

The Belets had ſoon after the Conqueſt, an intereſt in this town. Hervey Belet gave lands here, *&c.* to Coxford priory in the reing of King John.

Sir William Belet was lord in the 38th of King Henry III. † when he had a grant of free-warren, of a fair, and a weekly mercate at Geyton.

The Belets were a family of great honor and account in this county: Michael Belet was one of King Henry the II's judges; Hervey Belet gave to the priory of Coxford, the manor of Rudham in Norfolk.

King John's patent to Michael Belet, clears up the pedigree of this family, wherein he gives to Maſter Michael Beleth, ſon of Michael Beleth and his heirs, the office of being his butler or cupbearer, (*officium de pinc'nora n'ra*) with all the rights belonging to it, to be held of the king and his heirs, freely, quietly, wholly, and honourably, as Michael, father of the aforeſaid Maſter Michael, *&c.* held it; and that king further grants and confirms to the ſaid Maſter Michael and his heirs, all the lands which his grandfather Hervey Belet held, to whatſoever fee belonging; dated at Merleburg, the 28th of December in the 7th year of his reign, under the hand of Hugh de Wells, arch-deacon of Wells; witneſſes, John, Biſhop of Norwich, H. Biſhop of Saliſbury, G. Fitz-Piers, Earl of Eſſex, William Marreſchall, Earl of Pembroke, Robert Turnham, William Briwer, Peter de Stoke, Geff. de Lucy.

King Henry II's patent to Michael Beleth, the father, for a fair at Rudham, was dated at this town of Geyton (*apud Gaytington'*) to which Robert de Lucy the the chief juſtice of England, was witneſs. Hervey was alſo ſon of this Michael, and brother to Maſter Michael Belet, as appears from his grant and deed of the manor of Rudham, to the prior of Cokesford, for the health of his ſoul and that of the lady Emma de Kaynete his mother, (Cheyney) and with the liberties, *&c.* which Michael Beleth, his brother, obtained from the illuſtrious King John; witneſſes, John de Wrotheſted, William de Gymingham, Matthew de Grimſton, Roger de Hales, *&c.* *ſans date*, and William Geyton held, in the 12th of Henry III. the 4th part of a fee of the king, of the honor of Dover, and paid relief 25*s.*

Sir William Belet, *alias* Bigot, lord of this manor, was King Henry III's valet: he married Magaret, daughter and heir of Sir Walter de Marham, lord of Marham, who brought him that manor, and this of Geyton.

Ermelina, daughter of Hugh de Montfort, a deſcendant from that Hugh, who was capital lord of this town, and of Marham at the ſurvey, widow of Oſbert the mareſchall of Robert de Vere, ſenior, conſtable to King Henry II. (being married to Mark de Marham, anceſtor of Sir Walter) bringing it into that family.

Sir William Belet was not the ſon of Maſter Michael Belet, or of Hervey, but ſon of Ralph Belet, or Bigot. In the 3d of Edward I. the ſaid Sir William was

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(*f*) Terr. Hug. de Monteforti.——In Gaytuna, ten. Rogerus, i car. tre. qm. ten. Bundo, lib. ho. t r. e. tc. vi bor. 7 m°. iii bor 7 i ſ. 7 vii ac. pti. ſep. i car. in dnio et dim. car. hom. et dim. mol. tc. iii por. 7 m°. ſep. LX ov. 7 val. XLV hoc eſt s. beruuita in Bilenei.

† Rot. Vaſcon. 38, Hen. VIII. p. 2. n. 79.

found to hold the manor of Alfreton-hall in Dunmow *Magna*, Eſſex, of Ralph Bigot, his brother, ſon of Ralph, ſon of Bartholomew; to this Sir William, King Henry III. *A°*. 38, granted a weekly mercate here, on Wedneſday, and a fair for three days, on the vigil, day and day after St. George.

Sir William Belet in the 18th of Edward I. *&c.* ſued William Rachith and ſeven others for breaking down his pillory in his manor of Geyton, where King Henry III. had granted him a weekly mercate on Wedneſday, and a fair for three days in the year, *&c.*

His lady Margarat out lived him and died in the 1ſt. of Edward II. he bore argent, on a chief gules, 2 creſcents or, as appears from an old roll that I have ſeen. On the death of the Lady Margaret, Sir Ralph Belet, *alias* Bigot, was found to be her ſon and heir by Sir William, aged 50, and died in the 9th of the ſaid king, and Walter Bygot was found to be his ſon and heir aged 23.

Sir Ingelram de Belet had alſo an intereſt in lands, tenements, and a mercate in this town, as appears from the eſcheat rolls in the 6th of Edward II. when Robert was found to be his ſon and heir, who proved his age in the 12th of Edward II. and in the 16th of that king died. This Sir Ingelram was knighted by bathing together with prince Edward, in the reign of King Edward I. and was ſon (as I take it) either of Hervey or Michael abovementioned, ſons of Michael. His arms differed ſomewhat from Sir William Belet's abovementioned, as appears from an old roll (made in his life time) of the manor of Marham, being argent on a chief gules, 2 cinqfoils, or.—See in Marham.

John de Denham and Maud his wife ſold it *A°*. 42, of Edward III. to Richer de Wichingham, ſon of Sir William Wychingham, the judge, with the mercate, *&c.*

The Belets appear to have held it of the honor of Hagenet or Haughley and the Geytons to have held part of it of them.—See in Beacham Well.

In the 20th of Edward III. John de Geyton and others held lands formerly Hugh's, rector of the church of Bilney, by the 4th part of a fee, of the honor of Hagenet, and for which the inquiſition ſays, Richard de Belhouſe paid relief in the time of King Edward II. after this, in the 42d of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between John de Denham and Maud his wife, deforciants, Peter, parſon of Honeweton, Richer, ſon of William de Wichingham, querents, of a meſſuage, 140 acres of land, 7 of meadow, and 8*s.* rent *per ann.* in Geyton, Grimeſton and Marham, and the mercate of Geyton, with William Newman of Marham, their villain, and progeny, conveyed to Richer and his heirs; and Thomas Shouldham, Eſq; by his deed dated on Thurſday before the feaſt of St. Matthew the Apoſtle, in the 33d of Henry VI. releaſed all his right in this town, that of Congham and Grimſton, which belonged formerly to Sir Richard Belhouſe, Kt. to William Bozoun, Eſq; and was part of the manor of Weſt Bilney.

This ſeems to have been in the family of the Longs. Mr. Long of Bury, lord about 1700; after this Mr. Jacomb, where it now continues.

Hermerus de Ferrariis [g] had ſeized on 60 acres of land in this town, out of which he had expelled a freeman, and Bordin held it at the ſurvey, of Hermerus; 2 borderers belonged to it with 6 acres of meadow and half a carucate, valued at 3*s.* Stigand had the royalty or ſoc; and the protection only belonged to the freeman.

This ſeems to have been joyned by Hermerus to his manor in Grimſton: ſee there.

COKESFORD PRIORY.

IN 1233, the prior was taxed for lands held here, on the marriage of King Henry III's ſiſter to the emperor of Germany; their temporalities in 1428, were valued at 40*s.* *per ann.* and was probably a benefaction of the family of the Belets

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[g] Invaſio Hermri de Ferrarijs in Gaituna, lib. ho. LX ac. qd. tenet Bordin, ii bor. vi ac. pti. dim. car. val. iii ſol. 7 in hoc n'. comd. Stigand. ſoca,

WESTACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

RALPH DE TONY, [b] lord of Weſtacre, had at the ſurvey poſſeſſions here, 60 acres of land, 3 ſocmen, and one borderer, 3 acres of meadow and one carucate of paſture, which was valued with his great lordſhip of Necton, and this town of Geyton, is there wrote and called in *Domeſday Book*, Keton.

The ſaid Ralph probably gave it to this priory on his founding of it; in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 22*s.* 8*d.* *ob. per ann.*

The tenths of this town were 15*l.*—Deducted 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the lands of the religious.

The church of Geyton is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and was a rectory valued at 24 marks *per ann.* and paid Peter-pence 12*d.* being appropriated to the priory of Wells, a vicarage was founded, valued at 5 marks and an half, and the prior of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s.* *per ann.* William, the 2d Earl Warren and Surry, who lived in the reign of King Henry I. [i]gave 2 parts of his tithe in this town for the health of his own ſoul and that of Iſabel his wife; the earl Warren had alſo an intereſt in, if not a right of the advowſon of this church.

In the 41ſt of Henry III. a fine was levied between John Fitz Bernard, and Adam, abbot of St. Stephen's of Caen, whereby the advowſon of this church was granted to the abbot, and the Bernards held lands of the earl Warren; and in the 43d of that king, John, the prior of Caſtleacre, conveyed by fine to the aforeſaid abbot, the advowſon, and the abbot granted to John, to pay him 6 marks of ſilver *per ann.* at Caſtleacre, with a clauſe of diſtreſs in the ſaid abbot's manor of Paunfield in Eſſex, and that as often as the prior ſhould ſend his eſquire to make the diſtreſs at Paunfield, the abbot ſhould find him, his horſe, and his boy, and pay all charges and expences as long as they ſtaid there about the diſtreſs, 'till they paid the eſquire.

The church is a regular pile, has a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, covered with lead, and a four-ſquare tower with 3 bells; the chancel is covered with tiles.

On a grave-ſtone in the nave—*Here lyeth William Tyler, of Geyton, Eſq; who died the* 13, *of Sept.* 1657, *in the* 53, *year of his age.*

Eſt
Hic Tumulus

Chari Cineris *Animi*
Index *Mortis* *Non* *Vitæ Hiſtoriæ*
Viri *Virtutis*
Illa *Hæc*

Saxum et *Cælum, et*
Pagina Marmorea *Oſtendunt* *Liber Vitæ*

Cætera Piget non Dici
Seu velis *Imitari,*
Carpere.

Nam
Vixit Bene.
Lit *e* *Ris*
u
Major.
Poſuit ejus Uxor Maria.

Here

(b) Terr. Radulfi de Toenio.——In Ketuna, iii ſoc. LX ac. tre. 7 i bor. 7 iii ac. pti. i car. 7 e. in p'tio.de Nachetuna.

(i) Reg. Caſtleacre, fol. 4.

Here lyeth the body of John Wood, Mr. of Arts, chaplain to the Right Honorable Henry, Earl of Dover; and a goſpel-preacher, and Sarah his wife: he departed this life June 23, 1657, of the age 67.—On the ſtone his arms, ------, a bull paſſant.

VICARS.

Hugh, occurs rector in the reign of Henry III, ſo that it ſeems not to be appropriated till about the end of that king's reign.—The preſent valor of the vicarage is 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged.

In 1318, John cum Barba (with the beard) was inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior of Welles.——1326, John Helewys, by the king, the temporalities of the abby of Caen being in his hands.——1331, Walter de Halſtede, by the prior of Welles.——1393, William Coke, by John Brandon, citizen of London.——1393, Robert Flode, by ditto.

1401, William Clark, ditto.——1402, John Wythe, ditto.——1410, William Lambe, by John Wodehouſe, Eſq;——1419, Richard Papy was inſtituted, on an exchange with William Hawconſhaw, late vicar, for the church of Hardewyk, preſented by John Wodehouſe.——1424, Ralph Prytt, ditto.——1436, Peter Knout, by John Sparham, perpetual chaplain of the Charnell-houſe, of the Holy Trinity, and five wounds of Chriſt, founded by John Wodehouſe, Eſq; (in the inferior chapel of the charnel-houſe of St. John the Evangeliſt, by the cathedral of Norwich) to which chaplain this rectory was appropriated and the patronage of the vicarage.——1476, Henry Chamber, by the dean and chapter of St. Stephen's Weſtminſter.——1486, John Coventre, ditto.——1498, Thomas Stagge, ditto.

1520, William Pigot, ditto.——1524, John Rees, ditto.——1528, Amb. Teſdale, ditto.——1532, William Buſwell, ditto.——1546, William Croſs, ditto.——1561, Thomas Brook, by Oſbert Mundeford, Eſq;——----, John Hooks, vicar.——1573, John Longe, ditto.——1584, Richard Percivall, by Fr. Mundeford of Feltwell, Eſq;——1589, John Long, ditto.——1593, George Leland, by Edmund Mundeford, Eſq;

1604, Ambroſe Fiſke, ditto.——1614, John Williamſon, by Sir Edmund Mundeford, Kt.——1628, John Wood, by Henry Beck of Caſtleacre, Gent:——John Brookſbank, occurs vicar in 1662, he was preſented by Ann Beck, widow.——1694, Robert Cotton, by Roger Weſt, Eſq;——1699, John Fowle, ditto.

1705, Charles Buck, by the queen, a lapſe.——1707, Charles Buck, by the biſhop of Norwich, the advowſon of this vicarage being granted by the will of ----- Sharrock, Eſq; to the ſee of Norwich——1721, George Hardy, by the biſhop of Norwich.——1740, James Heath, ditto.

GEYTON THORP.

ROGER BIGOT, anceſtor [a] to the earls of Norfolk of that name, had 80 acres of land which a free-man held in King Edward's reign, and Robert de Vaux held it under Roger; 6 villains, and as many borderers belonged to it, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow in demean; and there was half a carucate among the tenants, and a freeman held formerly 20 acres, valued at 12*d.* at the ſurvey.

William de Haſtings, ſon of Hugh, (ſon of William, who aſſumed the name of Haſtings, from the Port of Haſtings, in Suſſex, the laſtage of which, with the port of Rye, the family farmed of the crown,) had this lordſhip by the marriage of Margery, daughter of Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, and was ſteward to King Henry II. he had by the ſaid Margery, William his ſon and heir. Sir Thomas de Haſtings, a deſcendant from him, gave to the abby of Weſt-Derham, in Norfolk, a moiety of the advouſon of this church, in 1227, which was appropriated to the ſaid abby.

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[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Torp, LXXX ac. tenuit lib. ho. t. r. e. mº. ide. R. ſep. vi vill. vi bord. iii ac. pti. i car. in dnio. dim. car. ho'um.—In ead. lib. ho. xx ac. val. xiid.

Sir Nicholas de Haſtyngs, in 1249, granted by fine, to Simon, prior of Pentney, a meſſuage, and 2 carucates of land in this town, and Eaſt Winch, to be held of his manor of Giſſing, in Norfolk, by the ſervice of one fee, and a pair of gilt ſpurs, or 7*d.* in money, payable at Eaſter. And in 1382, it appears that there was due to the lord of Giſſing 100*s.* relief, on the reſignation of the ſaid priory, by Peter Byſhop, for his manor here and in Eaſt-Winch.

It ſeems alſo that ſome part of this lordſhip of Bigot and of Haſtings, was held of the family of De Vaux; Sir John de Vaux being found to hold lands in *capite* here, on his death, in the 16 of Edward I. which probably came after to that priory.

In the 20 of Edward III. the prior was found to hold one fee of Ralph de Haſtings; and in 1428, the temporalities were valued at 3*l.* 19*s.* 9*d. per ann.*

At the diſſolution it was granted to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; February 26, *ao.* 4, Edward VI. and after came to Edward Barkham, baronet, and by the marriage of the heireſs, to the Yallops.

Under the title of Invaſion, (by which we are to underſtand, ſeizures on lands at the conqueſt, made by the arbitrary power of ſome Normans,) we find that [*b*] Hermerus de Ferrariis had one carucate of land, out of which he had expelled Turchill, a free man, to which there belonged 9 villains, and 8 borderers, with one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, and the fourth part of a fiſhery, valued at 20*s.* Stigand had the ſoc, and Turchill was only under his commendation or protection. The moiety of a church belonged to it, endowed with 30 acres, valued at 12*s.*

Hermerus was anceſtor of the Lords Bardolf, barons of Wirmegey, in Norfolk; and in the reign of Henry III. Nicholas Norman was found to hold, here and in Grimſton, the fourth part of a fee of William, Lord Bardolf; after this, it was held of the ſaid lords by the Thorps; and in the 16 of Edward II. Sir John de Thorp, and Alice his wife, conveyed it to the prior of Pentney, by fine, at York, by the name of Aileſwiſthorp (that is Thorp by the water) manor, on the Octaves of St. Martin, before William de Bereford, John de Mutford, William de Herle, John de Stonere, and John de Wauſſer, the king's juſtices, with a meſſuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of paſture, in this town, Geyton, &c. and the advouſon of the moiety of this church, the prior covenanting that the ſaid John and Alice, ſhould hold it of him for their lives, paying one roſe yearly on the feaſt of St. John baptiſt; after their deceaſe to revert to the ſaid prior and his ſucceſſors, to be held of the capital lords of the fee, the Lord Bardolf, who confirmed the ſaid grant.

In the 20 of Edward III. and in the 3d of Henry IV. the prior held it by half a fee of the Lords Bardolf; and in the 5 of Henry VI. of Thomas Beaufort, duke of Exeter, as capital lord.

On the diſſolution of the priory, it was granted to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; and ſo came to the Barkhams, and by marriage to Spilman, as in Weſtacre.

In 1761, it was conveyed to Philip Caſe, Eſq; of Lynn, by Edward Spilman, Eſq;

Odo, biſhop of Baieux in France, the Conqueror's half brother, had alſo a lordſhip in this town, of which 2 free men were deprived, with 60 acres of land, [*c*] held by one villain, and one borderer, and one carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 6*s.* and 8*d.*

One of theſe free men was under the protection of the anceſtor or predeceſſor of

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[*b*] Invaſio Hermeri de Ferraijs—In Torp, i car. t're. qd. tenuit T'chill. lib. ho ſep. ix vill. viii bor. i car. in d'nio. i car. hom. vi ac. p'ti 7 iiiita pars piſc. val. xx ſol. 7 in hoc com'd. tantu'. 7 Stigand. ſoca'. dim. Ecclia xxx ac. val. xii ſol.

[*c*] Terre Epi. Baiocenſis———Ia Torp ii libi. ho'es t. r. e. lx ac. t're. ſemp. i vill. 7 i bord. 7 i ac. p'ti ſemp. i car. 7 val. vi ſol. 7 viii*d.* un. ex h. ho'ib; fuit com'dat. tantu' anteceſſori Rog. Bigot hoc totu jacet in Neſteſham. totu' Torp viii quar. in long. 7 iiii in lat. 7 reddit viii*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto.

Roger Bigot, and the whole belonged to, and was part of Neſteſham or Sneteſham. All Thorp was 8 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

By the predeceſſor of Roger Bigot, we are to underſtand Stigand, the archbiſhop of Canterbury, whoſe great lordſhip of Sneteſham, with many other belonging to him, being lay fees, were taken from him; and this, with Sneteſham, &c. were given by the Conqueror, to his brother Odo. On his rebellion againſt King William II. (his nephew) and taking part with Robert, his nephew, duke of Normandy, (the Conqueror's eldeſt ſon) he was deprived of it; and King Henry I. granted it (as 'tis ſaid) to Robert, ſon of Erniſius

Eudo, ſon of Erniſius, was lord of it, but Robert his ſon rebelling againſt King John, he granted it to Jeffrey Fitz Piers, earl of Eſſex, on condition, that if Robert ſhould ſubmit to the king, then he would give Jeffrey ſome other lands, of like value, as appears by the patent, dated in the 18 of that king, and may be ſeen in Maſſingham *Magna*.

Afterwards it came to the Thorps, and from them, as I take it, to the prior of Pentney; ſo to Mildmay, Barkham, Spilman, and Caſe.

The tenths were 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church of Geyton Thorp is dedicated to St. Mary, and is as ſingle antient pile, covered with lead, has a round tower, at the weſt end, (with 2 bells) and is covered with a cap.

In the chancel lies a graveſtone with a braſs plate,——*Orate p. a'i'a. Johans. Gynne, quo'da' rectoris iſtius ecclie qui obt.* XVIII *die menſ. Maij Ao. Dni Millo.* C.C.C.C. LXXXIX *cuj. &c.*

On another, with the arms of Wall,——argent, on a croſs, ſable, 5 lioncels, rampant, or, impaling Barkham——*In ſpe beatæ reſurrectionis, hic jacet Lucia relicta Franciſci Wall, armigeri, filia Edvardi Barkham, de Tottenham High Croſs, in comit. Middleſexiæ, militis et baronetti, quæ obt.* 30 *die Junij, Ao. Dni.* 1681.——*Fiducia chriſtianorum, reſurrectio mortuorum. Turtull.*

Alſo on one——*Here lieth the body of Judith Swift, daughter of Dr. Beckham, who departed this life* 1*ſt of January,* 1718, *aged* 42 *years.*

In chariſſimorum parentum memoriam Edvardus Beckham, filius mærens, D.C.——*H. S. E. Edw. Beckham, S. T. P. eccleſiarum de Gayton Thorp, et de South Pickenham, rector, qui obt. Apr. die* 1^{o}. *ao. ætatis* 76, *Dni.* M. D. CCXIV. *Juxta poſitæ ſunt exuviæ Janæ conjugis dicti Edwardi dilectiſſimæ, quæ obt. die poſt maritum quarto. Ao. ætatis* LIX.

In the eaſt window are the arms of Vaux, checque, or and gules.

Here were 2 medieties in this church, one given to Weſt Derham abby, in 1227, by Sir Thomas Haſtings, and was appropriated to that abby, valued at 6 marks *per ann.* the other moiety was not appropriated, but the preſentation to it was granted to Pentney abby, by Sir John de Thorp and Alice his wife, in the 16 of Edward II. valued alſo at 6 marks, and remains a rectory at this time; one of theſe medieties was called Philip's portion.——Peter-pence 8*d.* This rectory or mediety is now valued at 6*l.*

RECTORS.

1310, William King inſtituted rector, preſented by Sir John de Thorp, and Alice his wife.——1325, William de Ayſhewellthorp, by the prior of Pentney.——1327, Robert de Goderſtone, ditto.——1329, William Oky, ditto.——1338, Martin de Sandringham, ditto.——1345, Peter de Attlebrigge, ditto.——1349, Nicholas Jerveys, by Sir John de Segrave, Lord Fulkeſton.——John Baron.——1397, Henry Crane, by the prior.

1400, Simon de Fincham, ditto.——1405, Thomas de Wyſebeche, canon of Pentney, ditto.——1427, Richard Eſtbrek, ditto.——1432, Greg. Hecham, ditto.——1454, John Gynne, ditto.——1489, Henry Tayler, ditto.——Henry Herriſon, rector.

1505, James Lilborne, ditto.——1540, John Chandeler, by John Dethick, gent. of the prior.——1552, James Fletcher, by John Mildmay, Eſq;——1559, Reginald Fawcett, by ditto.——1570, William Dickens, by Sir Thomas Mildmay.——1599, Peter Smith, by John Gedney, *hac vice*.

1643, John Field, by Sir Edward Barkham, baronet.——1662, Edward Beckham, D.D. by ditto.

1714, Richard Courtman, by Samuel Tayler, Eſq;——1722, Samuel Aſplin, by John Holworthy, Eſq;——1737, Richard Money, on Aſplin's death, by Hugh Naſh, Eſq;——1755, George William Lemon, by Edward Spelman, Eſq;

The abbot of Weſt Derham's temporalities in this town were valued at 3*s.* in 1428, the prior of Pentney's at 3*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

The prior of Weſtacre's at 4*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* This was for his lordſhip in Grimſton, which extended into this.

GRIMSTON.

BRECCLES MANOR.

THE capital manor in this town was held by Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, (as a temporal fee) in the reign of the Confeſſor; but the Conqueror deprived him of it, and gave it to his half brother, Odo, biſhop of Baieux, in Normandy, and created by † him earl of Kent; this Odo held it at the ſurvey, but being in arms againſt King William II. and taking part with Robert, Duke of Normandy, the Conqueror's eldeſt ſon, in his claim to the crown of England, againſt his brother, King William II. he was deprived of this, and all his other eſtates in England; and this lordſhip was granted by that king, to William de Albini, anceſtor to the earls of Suſſex, and Arundel, as I have obſerved at large in Ryſing.—In Stigand's time there were 3 carucates of land, held by 16 villains, afterwards 8 villains, always 13 borderers, [a] one ſervus, and 28 acres of meadow, in Stigand's time, 2 carucates in demean, afterwards one, then one carucate among the tenants, afterwards half a one, and 3 mills, &c. always 60 ſheep; there belonged to it 14 ſocmen, who had one carucate; it was valued at 5*l.* *per ann.* and at the ſurvey at 7*l.* The whole was one leuga and an half long, and broad, and paid 2 ſhillings, in a 20*s.* gelt.

This lordſhip was held ſoon after the conqueſt, by a family who took their name on their being enfeoft herein; Godfrey de Grimſton (probably lord) was a witneſs to a deed, *ſans* date, of Richard Aguillon, and Ela his wife, to the monks of Caſtleacre.

In the 34 of Henry III. a fine was levied between Peter de Kailli, and Mary his wife, Ralph, ſon of Simon le Counte, and Joan his wife, [b] of the moiety of 232 acres of land in this town, Rudham, Titleſhall, &c. claimed by Peter and Mary, of the inheritance of Roger de Grimſton, father of the ſaid Mary and Joan, by Alice his wife, deceaſed, whoſe heirs they were; which was then divided between them.

In the 27 of Henry III. Thomas de Grimſton held 2 fees of the honor of Ryſing, which were aſſigned to Iſabel, widow of Hugh, Earl of Arundel, for her life; this Thomas was married, [c] but died without iſſue; and on the death of Agnes his widow, Alice or Elizabeth, daughter of Godfrey de Grimſton, his brother, was his heir; ſhe married John de Breccles, who in her right was lord, in the 16 of Edward I. and from him the manor took its name.

In the 17 of Edward I. it was adjudged that Robert de Tateſhal (who married one of the ſiſters and heirs to Hugh, Earl of Albiney,) ſhould have the men and reſidents of this town, come to his hundred court of Freebridge; but John de Breccles, and Alice his wife, pleaded that they ought to come to his court lete. He was ſucceeded by Benedict de Breccles his ſon and heir.

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† Juſticiary alſo of England and vice roy.

[a] Terre Epiſi. Baiocenſi—Grimeſtuna ten. Stigand t. r. e. iii car. t're. tnc. xvi villi. p. 7 mo. viii ſemp. xiii bord. tnc. i ſerv. xxviii acr. p'ti. ii car in d'nio. p. 7 mo. i tnc. i car. ho'um. p. 7 mo. dim. 7 iii mol. ſemp. i r. tnc. iii an. mo. iiii ſep. lx ov. hic jacent xiiii ſoc. i car. t're. ſemp. i car. tnc. 7 p. val. c ſol. mo. vii lib. tota Grimeſtuna ht. i leug. 7 dim. in long. 7 in lat. 7 reddit ii ſol. de xx ſol. de gelto.

[b] Lig. 5. N. 108.

[c] Eſch. 16 Ed. I.

Though this title (abovementioned) to this lordſhip is warranted by authentick records, yet Benedict de Breccles derived his right and pedigree very different from this, as appears from an old parchment, wrote in his own time in Latin, and *ſans* date. called a Memorandum of the names of the anceſtors of John Benedict de Brecclis; viz.

Thomas ſon of Godfrey, ſon of Aldric a French man, to whom William, Earl of Suſſex, gave Grymeſton, Brunham (Burnham) Breccles, &c. after whoſe death, (Thomas's) Peter ſucceeded, his ſon and heir, and a knight;———after Sir Peter, Thomas his ſon and heir, a knight;———then Sir Peter his ſon and heir, after him;———Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir;———Thomas his ſon and heir ſucceeded, who died without iſſue;———and Chriſtian was his ſiſter and heir, who dying without iſſue, Peter her uncle was her heir———which Peter was brother to Sir Thomas, father of Thomas and Chriſtian;———which Peter dying without iſſue, Bartholomew his brother, was his heir;———he had Alice his daughter and heir;———and from the ſaid Alice, the right deſcends to Benedict her ſon and heir, now living.

It is to be obſerved, that great confuſion often ariſes in pedigrees, &c. from one and the ſame familiy's, and often one and the ſame perſon's, taking different names from the different towns, that they (or he) were lords of.———An inſtance of this we have in this family, who were called ſometimes De Grimſton, and ſometimes de Breccles, of both which towns they were lords; and this Sir Benedict dying lord of both theſe towns, in the reign of King Edward II. was ſucceeded therein by John de Breccles his ſon and heir, who in the 9 of that king, appears to be lord; and in the 14 of Edward III. John de Breccles was a witneſs to a deed.

In the time of Sir Benedict, abovementioned, we have this account of his lordſhip, from an old parchment roll:———Benedict de Breccles holds in *capite* of the earl of Arundel, the manor of Grimeſton, with the advouſon of the church, and the manor of Brunham, with the advouſon of a moiety of the church of St. Mary, of Brunham Weſtgate, and the manor of Little Breccles, by the ſervice of 2 knights fees, by the deed of William, Earl of Arundel; and he hath the manor of Grimſton, by the church, with ſeveral pieces of land thereto belonging, together with a moor, called Derby Moor, a heath and 2 watermills; and there belongs to the ſaid manor weif and ſtrays, found within the precincts of Grimeſton; a bull, and a lete of all his tenants, to be held in the ſaid manor, by the king's bayliff, without any profit to be carried off; and the bayliff of the ſaid Benedict, ſhall bring all amerciaments of the ſaid lete, by the oath of lawful men, &c. and if the bayliff ſhall be unwilling to keep the ſaid lete, as it happened in the time of John Breccles, the ſaid lord of the manor to have a brief of the chancellor, to the ſaid bayliffs, to hold the ſaid lete, as they ought; and there belongs to the ſaid manor a profit called Lovebene; to wit, that all reſidents in Grimeſton, having horſes with a cart, ſhall work for the lord, for the redeeming of the common of Grimeſton, one day's journey of barley ſeed time, and he ſhall have for his breakfaſt one penny half penny; and all keeping cows on the common, ſhall do a day's work in harveſt, and at 3 o'clock they ſhall have fleſh to eat, and ale to drink, and 3 loaves every evening; and if they refuſe, then it ſhall be lawful to diſtrain on the ſaid common, &c. But Sir Robert de Montealto, the prior of Weſtacre, the Lady de Thony, the prioreſs of Blackburgh, the rector of Grimeſton, Nicholas Coſtyn, Nicholas Norman, Agnes Waceneys, Richard Beneyt, the tenants of the meſſuage of John Spylm - -, Hubert de Bumſtead, Robert de Berton, Walter Oldman, John Skot, Sir Ralph le Botiler, Roger Skot, ſhall not do the day's work in barley ſeed time, nor the day's in harveſt, becauſe their tenants work for them; and likewiſe that no man ſell the common of Grimeſton to ſtrangers, without leave of the ſaid Benedict, and his heirs; and if any ſtranger in Congham, or in any village, is willing to have common in Grimſton, he ſhall do the work as the others do.

And there is alſo a profit belonging to the ſaid manor of Grimeſton, called Heywardſhip; to wit, that the lord is able to let to farm the Heywardſhip to whom he pleaſes, &c. and to the manor there belongs 6 roods of wood at Bauſey in Weſtwood.

In 1402, Benedict de Breccles, ſon of John de Breccles, was lord; ſoon after it ſeems to have been out of this family, in the 25th of Henry VI.

John Paſton, ſon and heir of William Paſton, releaſed to Thomas Daniel, Eſq; all his right in the manor of Grimſton, (which I take to be this of Breccles) with lands, &c. in Rydon, Well-hall, and in the 28th of the ſaid king a fine was levied between Thomas Daniel, Eſq; and Henry Wodehouſe, Eſq; [*d*] of the manor of Grimſton, with that of Well-hall, in Geyton, &c. 20 meſſuages, 500 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 500 of paſture, 20 of wood, 200 of moor, and 10*l.* *per ann.* rent conveyed to Daniel.

In the 10th of Edward IV. Auguſt 4, John Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſenior, and Arnold Snoring confirmed to Edward Wodehouſe and James Tyrell, Kts. William Tindale and Richard Southwell, Eſq; all their manors of Grimſton and Rydon, with a fulling mill in Ryſing, and all other their lands, tenements, rents, and ſervices in the ſaid towns, with all other profits which they had of the grant of the aforeſaid Edward Wodehouſe; and Sir Thomas Brews, Kt. William Tyndale, and Richard Holeditch, Eſq; releaſe to John De La Pole, Duke of Suffolk, and Edward Wodehouſe, Kt. in the 15th of the ſaid reign, the manor of Grimſton, called Breccles, with the advouſon of the church of Grimſton, by deed dated April 10.

After this it was poſſeſſed by the Lord Rochford, brother to Anna Bolein, Queen of England, who being attainted in the year 1536, it came to the crown, and King Edward the ſixth granted it to Sir William Brook, Kt. ſon and heir to the Lord Cobham, on the 26th of June in his 7th year. Sir William conveyed it for 250*l.* in the firſt of Queen Mary, to William Yelverton, Eſq; in the 3d of Elizabeth, he was lord, and it appears to be part of the jointure of Jane † his wife, which William died ſeiſed of it Auguſt 28, in the 28th of Elizabeth.

Edward Yelverton, Gent: his 2d ſon, to whom he bequeathed it, kept his court for the manor on Monday, May 22, in the 29th of that queen, and in the 31ſt year of the ſaid reign, Robert Hill, bayliff, accounted for 7*l.* 3*s.* *ob.* rent of aſſiſe of the free tenants of the manors of Breccles, Blackburgh, and Weſtacre in this town.

In 1521, Edward Yelverton and Nazareth his wife, let this manor to farm: he was a doctor of phyſick and a popiſh recuſant, and lived at this time at Rougham, and ſometimes at Appleton, &c. and on his obtaining a pardon for his forfeiture on account of his recuſancy, granted 20 marks *per ann.* out of his manor of Breccles for ſo long a time, as he ſhould not conform to the laws; and on the 12th of April 1615, he ſold to William Bladwell, Eſq; this manor, with the lete, and thoſe of Morleys, Downham-hall, Coſteyns, Weſtacre, Blackborough, &c. in this town, containing 26 meſſuages, 10 tofts, 26 gardens, 800 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 300 of paſture, 20 of wood, 3000 of heath and furze, with 5*l.* rent *per ann.* and liberty of two folds. This Bladwell was of the family of Bladwell, of Thurlow *Magna*, in Suffolk, and bore per pale argent and gules, a lion rampant, ſable.

Bladwell was lord and ſold it to ----- Brown, whoſe widow held it in 1693.

After this William Brage, Eſq; was lord, and ſold it to Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, and his grandſon now poſſeſſes it.

COXFORD PRIORY MANOR.

IN the 19 of Edward II. the prior of Coxford had a patent to hold 3 meſſuages, 100 acres of land, one of meadow, and 10*s.* *per ann.* rent in Grimſton, Congham, Rydon, Wyveling and Appleton, granted by the lady Maud de Tony, widow

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(*d*) L. 2. N. 131.

† Jane, daughter of Edward Cocket, Eſq; of Ampton, in Suffolk, by whom he had this Edward, &c. and by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Fermour, of Barſham, in Norfolk, he had Henry his eldeſt ſon.

dow of Sir Robert de Tony, ſon of Sir Ralph de Tony; which lordſhip, valued at 6 marks *per ann.* ſhe bought of William Sherman of Tilney, with its appertenances, and gave to the prior for the founding of a chauntrey in the church of Necton in Norfolk.

On the diſſolution of religious houſes it was granted March, 1, in the 6th of Edward VI. late belonging (as 'tis expreſſed) to St. Catherine's chantry in Necton, to Sir Thomas Wodehouſe of Waxham in Norfolk, who ſold it on the 4th of June following, to Humphrey Jordan, Gent: who kept his firſt court on Tueſday before the feaſt of St. Luke, in the ſaid year; and in the 20th of Elizabeth, Humphrey and Richard Baſtard, Gent: held their firſt court, on November 4, and in the 26th of that queen, Humphrey Baſtard releaſed to William Bladwell of Thurlow *Magna*, in Suffolk, all his right in this manor and in the advouſon of St. Andrew's church of Congham.

In the 32d of Elizabeth, Richard Baſtard, Gent: conveyed it by fine to Gyles Bladwell, Eſq; on whoſe death, William, his ſon, being a minor, it was held by Suſan, his mother; and the ſaid William, on the death of his mother held his firſt court on the 12th of April in the 17th of James I. with the lete.

Roger Bigot, ‡ alſo, had a lordſhip held by two freemen in King Edward's time, with 60 acres of land, which Robert de Vallibus, or Vaux, held of Bigot; there belonged to it 3 borderers with 8 acres of meadow, and half a carucate valued at 5*s.* and 4 free men belonged to it, with 40 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow; one carucate alſo in King Edward's time belonged to it, but half a one at the ſurvey, and was valued at 5*s.*

CORDEL's and DUNHAM's, MANORS.

THOMAS, ſon of Walter Cordel, purchaſed lands by fine in the 5th year of King John, and John Hode, or Ode, of Lynn, and Robert Cordel, or Cordwell held in this town and Congham, the tenth part of a fee of John de Vaux, in the reign of Henry III. In the 16th of Edward I. this tenth part was aſſigned to Petronilla, wife to William de Narford, as eldeſt daughter of John de Vaux, being in the tenure of Jeff. Cordel; and in the ſaid year John Dunham was found to hold part of a fee of William de Roos and Maud his wife, the other daughter of John de Vaux.

In the 7th of Edward II. a fine was levied between Symon, ſon of Robert Cordel of Grimſton, and Robert, the father, of lands ſettled on Symon; and in the 20th of Edward III. John Ode and the heirs of Robert Cordel, and their tenants, held here and in Congham (as appears by an inquiſition) half a fee of the heirs of John de Vaux.

It afterwards came to the Wodehouſes, and Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife, kept their firſt court of Downham-hall, on the feaſt of St. Priſca, the virgin, January 18, in the 2d of Henry VIII. and it came from Woodhouſe in the 17th of Elizabeth to John Holditch, Eſq; of Randworth.

On December 20, in the 19th of Elizabeth, William Yelverton, Eſq; purchaſed the manor of Downham, of John Holditch, Eſq; of Randworth, and Edward Yelverton, his 2d. ſon, executor to his father, kept his court on Monday, May 22, in the 29th of Elizabeth.

COSTEYN's MANOR.

NICHOLAS COSTEYN occurs lord in the 9th of Edward II. and William Coſteyn, in the firſt year of Richard II. held it of the honor of Arundel; and in the 19th of Henry VIII. Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Thomas, Marquiſs, of Dorſet, ----- Fitz Walter, Sir Roger Townſend, John Creſſener, and John

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‡ Terr. Rogeri Bigoti——In Erneſtuna, 1 lib. ho. lx ac. tre. que. tenet Robt. de Uuuls. iii bor. 7 viii acr. pti. ſemp. dim. car. 7 val. v ſol. in eade. tenet ide. iiii lib. xl ac. 7 ii ac. pti. t. r. e. i car. m°. dim. 7 val. v ſol.

Whitby, ſeoffees of this lordſhip, for the uſe of Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Thomas, held a court on Monday next after the paſſion of our Lord in the 19th of Henry VIII. Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; conveyed it by fine to John Holditch, Eſq; in the 17th Elizabeth.

After this it came to William Yelverton, Eſq; in the 19th of Elizabeth, as in Downham manor, and ſo to his ſon Edward, and to William Bladwell, as in Beccles manor. Edward Yelverton of Rougham, Eſq; granted to Thomas Wright of Hengrave in Suffolk, on March 2. in the 29th of Elizabeth, the ſtewardſhip of his manors of Breccles, Blackborough, Weſtacre, Morleys, Coſtings, and Downham-hall in this town, allowing an annual fee for the ſame of 26*s.* 8*d.*

BOZUN's, GRIMSTON's, *alias* CONGHAM's, *alias* GEYTON, *alias* WYVELING's, *alias* REED-HALL.

IN the 6th of King John, [*e*] a fine was levied between Walter, ſon of Roger de Bilney, petent, and Richard de Seinges, tenant, of one carucate of land in Grimeſton, and in the 41ſt of Henry III. a fine was levied between Richard, ſon of Peter of Wygenhale, Reginald de Rodes, and Muriel his wife, of a meſſuage, one carucate of land, and 22*s.* rent *per ann.* in Grimſton, Congham, Rydon, *&c.*

In the 10th of Richard II. a fine was levied between Roger Raulin, and William Bozoun and Maud his wife, of a manor ſettled on William and Maud for life, the remainder to Geff. Adekyn of Newton, and Margaret his wife, in tail; the remainder to John, ſon of William Bozoun; and Thomas Shouldham. Eſq; by deed dated on Thurſday next after the feaſt of St. Matthew the Apoſtle in the 33d of Henry VI. releaſed to William Bozoun, Eſq; all his right in the lands of Sir Richard Belhouſe in Grimſtone, Congham, and Geyton, with rents, ſervices, *&c.* Richard Bozun of Wiſſenſet, Eſq; by his laſt will, deviſed his manor here, and in Congham and Rydon, to Alice his wife for life, and died January 4, 1459.

In the 22d of Henry VIII. Roger Wodehouſe and Elizabeth his wife conveyed to Humphrey Jurdan, 10 meſſuages and lands in Wyvelingham, in the pariſh of Grimſton, and 2 folds, and mention is made of this place in the 41ſt of Henry III. in a fine levied between Richard, [*f*] ſon of Peter of Wygenhale, and Reginald de Rodes and Muriel his wife, of one meſſuage, one carucate, *&c.* and 22*s.* rent in Grimſton, Kangham, Wyveling, *&c.* conveyed to Richard.

Robert Bozoun of Thornage in Norfolk, by an indenture made March 24, in the 33d of Elizabeth, for 70*l.* covenants to levy a fine of the manor of Grimſton, *alias* Congham, *alias* Geyton, *alias* Wyvelingham, *alias* Reed-hall, with 4*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* rent, late Roger Bozoun's, ſon of the ſaid Robert, to Anthony Bedingfeld, Gent: to the uſe of Anthony, and Roger Bozoun, for their lives, and then to the uſe of Edward Yelverton and Margaret his wife, and his heirs. The rents of the free tenants of Bozoun's manor, about this time, were 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* and the copy-holders 16*d.* *per ann.* From Yelverton it was conveyed to William Bladwell, Eſq; as in Beccles manor.

At the grand ſurvey, William, Earl Warren, was poſſeſſed of a lordſhip in this town, which in the Confeſſor's time was in different hands, one part being held by Alveva, [*g*] a freewoman; this conſiſted of 1 carucate of land, and 11 borderers; and 7 free-men

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(*e*) Plita. Term. Trin. Rot. 17.

(*f*) L. 7. N. 64

(*g*) Tre. Willi. de Warrenna——In Gruneſtuna i car. terre ten. Alveva, liba. femina. t. r. e. xi bord. 7 vii lib. ho'es de iiii ac. terre xii ac. pti. ſemp. i car. in d'nio 7 vii lib. hoes. dim. car. tot. val. xx ſol.

In ead. ii lib. ho'es i car. terre et i car. et xiiii bord. et xii lib. ho'es. xii ac. tre. ſemp. i car. et x ac. pti. tot. val. xx ſol.

In ead. i lib. ho. i car. tre. ſemp. xiii bord. 7 i molin. et vi lib. ho'es ix ac. 7 x acr. pti. tnc. 7 p' i car. in dnio. modo dim. et illi vi lib. ho'es dim. car. tot. val. xxx ſol.

free-men held 4 acres of land, with 12 of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, and 7 free-men held half a carucate; this part was valued at 20*s.* *per ann.*

In the ſame town two free-men held in the time of King Edward, one carucate of land, and there was one carucate and 14 borderers, and 12 free-men had 12 acres of land, and one carucate, with 10 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.* *per ann.*

Alſo one free-man held one carucate of land and 13 borderers, with a mill, and 6 free-men held 19 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, at the ſurvey half a carucate, and thoſe 6 freemen held half a carucate, the whole valued at 30*s.* See alſo in Congham.

MORLEY's MANOR, &c.

WIMER, and Drogo, ſon of William the ſewer, held lands or lordſhips here of the earl Warren about 1100.

The family of the St. Cleers, or de Sancto Claro, were alſo antient lords of this manor; of this family was Hamo de St. Cleer, mentioned in the Pipe Rolls, in the firſt year of King Henry II. and likewiſe in the regiſter of the abby of St. Baptiſt of Colcheſter.

Gerebert de St. Cleer, whoſe chief ſeat was at Bradfield St. Cleer in Suffolk, held the fourth part of a fee here; he lived in the 7th of Richard I. and in the 9th of King John, when he ſold lands at Marlingford in Norfolk. In the 16th of Henry III. he conveyed lands in Bradfield, to John de St. Cleer, probably his ſon. He died ſeiſed of this manor in the 37th of Henry III. which he held by the fourth part of a fee of William de Huntingfield, and [*h*] William (as I take it) of the earl Warren. John, his ſon and heir, ſucceeded, who kept his firſt court here in the 41ſt of Henry III. and he occurs lord in the 52d of that king. In the 41ſt year he is ſaid to hold a whole fee, and not to be a knight, and John de St. Cleer did homage to the abbot of Bury, for the manor of Bradfield, [*i*] in the 30th year of King Edward I.

Guy de St. Cleer was eſcheator of Norfolk and Suffolk, in the 29th of Edward III. and Pain de St. Clere releaſed to Edward de St. John and Joan his wife, and her heirs, all his right in the manor of Grimſton, in the 49th of the ſaid king; but before this it will appear that good part of this manor was alienated by ſome of the family, who had a noble ſeat and park at Bradfield abovementioned. The laſt account that I have met with of them is in the time of Henry VI. Sir Philip de St. Cleer dyed in Henry IV's time, [*k*] lord of Bradfield and Wethersfield in Suffolk, leaving a widow Margaret, and 2 ſons; John, who died *ſ. p.* and Thomas who died in the 17th of Henry VI. leaving 3 daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, Alianora, and Editha.

In the 10th of Edward II. Robert de Reppes held 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* farthing rent in Grimſton, Congham and Geyton, of the king in capite, by what ſervices the jury was ignorant, he having it by the grant of licence of the earl Warren: in the 17th of the ſaid king, he is ſaid to hold a quarter of a fee in the aforeſaid towns of the earl of Pembroke of the caſtle of Acre, and in the 1ſt of Edward III. of the dutchy of Lancaſter.

In the 17th of Edward III. Sir Robert Morley was lord, and Joan his wife joyned in ſettling of it in tail, and he is ſaid, in the 20th of that king, to hold it by the 4th part of a fee of the heirs of Huntingfeld, which John de St. Cleer and his tenants formerly held. In the 34th of the ſaid reign, Sir Robert Morley was found to die beyond ſea, [*l*] ſeiſed of this lordſhip, and Sir William Morley was his ſon, aged 30, by Hawiſia his firſt wife, daughter and heir of William Mareſhall, Kt. and Henry Morley, aged 15, and Robert were his ſons, by his ſecond wife.

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(*h*) Plita. Coron. 41, Hen. III. R. 1. and do. 52. Hen. III. Rot. 31.

(*i*) Regiſt. Kemp. Abb. Bur. fol. 60.——Claus. M. 33, 49, Ed. III.

(*k*) Eſch. 9, Hen. IV. N. 47.

(*l*) Eſch. N. 81.

After this, it was in the Woodhouſes; Roger Wodehouſe of Kimberley, Eſq; ſettled it on the 2d of May, in the 36 of Henry VIII. on his ſon Thomas, and Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir John Shelton; and Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſon of Thomas and Margaret, held his firſt court on 17 of March, in the 15 of Elizabeth; in the 17 year of that queen, he conveyed it with the manors of Downham-Hall, and Coſteyn's, to John Holditch, Eſq; of Ranworth, who with Elizabeth his wife, ſold the ſaid manors for 540*l.* on December 20, in the 19th of Elizabeth, to William Yelverton, Eſq; and from him they came to his ſon, Edward Yelverton, and from him to William Bladwell, Eſq; as in Beccles manor, &c.

CASTLEACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

THE prior of Caſtleacre held lands here, valued in the year 1428, at 14*s.* 6*d.* and was ſtiled a manor, being held of the gift of the Earl Warren, founder of that priory; William, firſt Earl Warren, gave two parts of the tithes of his lands here, to the priory, on the foundation of it.

In the 33d of Elizabeth, it was ſettled by Robert Bozoun of Thornage, Eſq; together with the manors of Bozoun, Wivelingham, Reed-Hall, &c. as in Bozoun's manor, from which family it came to Edward Yelverton, and ſo to William Bladwell, Eſq;

BLACKBOROUGH-PRIORY MANOR.

THE prioreſs of Blackburgh had alſo a ſmall lordſhip. Margery Fincham, prioreſs, held her firſt court on Saturday after the feaſt of St. Luke the evangeliſt, in the 24 of Henry VII. After the diſſolution of this houſe, it was granted September 13, in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary, to Thomas Guybon, Eſq; and William Mynn, gent.

Soon after it was ſold to William Yelverton, Eſq; who held his firſt court on Friday next after the feaſt of St. Martyn, in the ſaid year; he bought it of Guybon and Mynn, on November 5, for 50*l.* and was held of the manor of Eaſt Greenwich; Edward Yelverton ſucceeded his father in it, in whoſe time the free rents were 7*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* copyhold rents, 1*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*——William Bladewell purchaſed it April 12, 1615.

WESTACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

IN the ſixteenth year of Henry III. a fine was levied between Bartholomew, ſon of Simon, and Robert, prior of Weſtacre, when Bartholomew conveyed 2 meſſuages, and 44 acres of land in Grimſton to the prior; and William de Wygenhale aliened to this priory certain tenements in Walpole, South Leane, and Grimſtone, in the 7th of Edward II.

The temporalities of this houſe were taxed in 1428, at 3*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

William Wingfield, prior of the monaſtery of St. Mary and All Saints, of Weſtacre, granted lands in Grimſton, to Humphrey Jordan of Grimſton, by deed, dated March 20, in the 23 of Henry VIII. and before this, in the 3d of Henry IV. Thomas de Warren is ſaid to have a manor here, which the prior held of him, and he of the Lord Bardolf, in ſoccage. After its diſſolution it was granted 27 of June, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, to Sir Henry Bedingfeld, with lands, &c. in Congham, &c. and Grimſton advouſon, by way of exchange, for lands and manors in Yorkſhire, who ſold it to Robert Cook of Mileham, January 20, in the 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary; and Coke conveyed it April 7, in the 3 of Elizabeth, to William Yelverton, of Rougham, Eſq; who held his firſt court here in the ſaid year; Edward Yelverton poſſeſſed it on his father's death, and ſold it to William Bladewell, April 12, 1615.

Beſides the manors abovementioned, John Norman was found, in the reign of

Henry III. when an aid was granted to that king, on the marriage of his ſiſter Iſabel, to the Emperor Frederick, to hold the 6th part of a fee of the Lord Bardolf, of the honor of Wirmegay, which in the 9 of Edward II. was held by Nicholas Norman; and in the 20 of that king, by John Norman, of Grimſton, with a watermill.

In the 3 of Henry IV. Edmund Belzeter, and his partners, and Nicholas Norman, and his partners, are ſaid to hold in Grimſton, and Congham, half a fee of Edmund Oldhall, and he of the honor of Richmond; and in the 5 of Henry VI. John Norman is ſaid to hold the fourth part of a fee of Thomas Beaufort, duke of Exeter. After this, I meet with nothing more of this.

Alſo in the 9 of Richard I. a fine was levied between Peter, ſon of Richard, and Alan, ſon of Reiner, or Reinham, of the moiety of a capital meſſuage, and a carucate of land, &c. here, and in the fields of Congham, not of the beſt nor worſt land, conveyed to Peter, to be held by the ſervice of a pair of gilt ſpurs, of the value of 3*d*.

In the 16 of Edward I. Thomas de Weyland purchaſed by fine, of Nicholas, ſon of William, ſon of Reyner, meſſuages and lands in Grimſton, Congham, and Geyton; this was the judge, Sir Thomas de Weyland, who was baniſhed, and his eſſtate confiſcated, (as I have obſerved in Maſſingham) and was found to hold 100*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town, Congham, and Geyton, of Nicholas, ſon of Reyner, by the ſervice of 2*s.* *per ann.*

This, with the abovementioned part of a fee, held of the Lord Bardolf, &c. was, as I take it, afterwards united to the other lordſhips, in this town.

Berner, captain of the croſs bow-men, had the grant of a lordſhip, of which Ulueruna, a free woman, was deprived, who had one carucate of land; [*m*] 6 borderers, with one ſervus belonged to it, and 10 acres and a carucate of paſture, with a mill; 2 ſocmen, alſo, with 3 acres, and 3 free men, with 4 acres; the whole was valued at 20*s.*

This lordſhip came from Berner, to the Picots, (as I take it) and on the death of Euſtace Picot, was inherited by his daughter Lauretta, who married Hugh de Burdelys, who died about the 30 of Henry II. The family of de Burdelys were alſo lords of Scoulton, Congham, and Hillington, in Norfolk; of Madingley, and Comberton it Cambridgeſhire; and bore ermin, on a chief, gules, a lion paſſant, or, as appears from a roll of King Edward I. knights in Cambridgeſhire.

John, the laſt heir male of this family, died a minor in 1396, leaving 2 ſiſters and coheirs; Joan married to Gilbert de Camera, or de la Chamber, of Epping in Eſſex; and Elizabeth married to Thomas Marſhall, but whether it deſcended to them, I have not ſeen.

The tenths were 10*l.* Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The church of Grimſton is dedicated to St. Botolph, and is a rectory, antiently valued at 30 marks; and paid 2*s.* Peter-pence; the preſent valor is 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

Near 200 acres of glebe, are ſaid to belong to this rectory, with a manor, lete, and a ſheep-walk. The church is a regular pile, with † a nave, 2 iſles, and a chancel covered with lead; a large four-ſquare tower and 5 bells.

[*n*] William, Earl Warren and Surry, gave two parts of the tithes of his lands here, to the priory of Caſtleacre, on his foundation of it. This was confirmed by William, the 3d Earl Warren, in 1148; and their ſpiritualities in 1428, were valued at 4 marks.

In 1242, there was a compoſition between the prior of Wymondham, and Walter, [*o*] rector of this church, for 2 parts of the tithes of the lordſhip of the earl of Arundel, granted by that family, whereby the rector was to pay 40*s.* *per ann.* for the ſame; and their ſpiritualties in 1428, were taxed at 40*s.*

[*m*] Terre Berneri Arbaliſtar.———In Grimeſtuna i car. t're. ten. Ulueru' lib. ſem. t. r. e. ſep. vi bor. 7 i ſer. 7 x acr. p'ti. tnc. i car. p. nichil mo. i ſep. i mol. Hic jacent ii ſoc. iii ac. 7 iii lib. ho'es iiii ac. totu' val. xx ſol.

† In the church lie ſeveral graveſtones, for the Swantons of this town.

[*n*] Reg. Caſt. fol. 1.

[*o*] Reg. Wymond. fol. 66.

RECTORS.

Walter occurs rector in 1242; the ſame probably with Walter de Thorp, rector in 1253, (*ao.* 38 Henry III.) when he had a patent for a fair, yearly in this town; dated March 12, at Bordeaux in France.

William occurs rector in the 14 of Edward I.

1310, Benedict de Breccles was inſtituted rector, preſented by John de Breccles, and Alice his wife.——1312, Edmund de Breccles, by John de Breccles.——1335, Edmund de Breccles by Alice, relict of Sir Benedict de Breccles.——1337, Hervey Falſtolf, by Alexander Falſtolff, on the minority of John, ſon and heir of Sir Benedict de Breccles.——1361, Adam Pyke, by John de Weſenham.—— 1397, Mr. Henry Well, alias Walton, by the abbot and convent of Weſt Derham; in [p] the 40 year of Edward III. licenſe was granted to Simon, rector of Caſtre, and Nicholas de Maſſingham, to appropriate this church to Weſt Derham abby, which they had from John de Weſenham, and he from John, ſon of Sir Benedict de Breccles, and the abbot preſented to the rectory in 1397; it was not appropriated before the firſt of Hen. IV. 1399, when that king granted licenſe for it, and a vicarage was ſettled. Henry Well, this rector was maſter of Chapel Field college, in Norwich, archdeacon of Lincoln, &c.

On January 22, 1399, Roger de Schypdam was preſented vicar of this church, by the abbot and convent of Weſt Derham, on Well's reſignation; but after this, all was made void by the earl of Arundel, lord of the fee, it being done without his leave, and licenſe, and ſo became a rectory again, and in the patronage of the lords of Breccles manor.

In 1483, Fuller Newton is ſaid to be rector.—In 1484, Ralph Daniel, rector.

In 1508, Thomas Hare, L.L.D. inſtituted rector; he was chancellor to the biſhop of Norwich, rector alſo of Maſſingham *Magna*, Walſoken, and Haydon in Norfolk.

Thomas Cremer died rector, 1691, buried here.

P. Brocket rector, compounded for firſt fruits in 1646.

Thomas Thorowgood occurs rector in 1650; he was S.T.B. one of the aſſembly of divines: of him ſee Wood's Ath. Ox. V. I. Faſt. p. 224.

Mr. John Cremer, rector in 1720, died rector March 4, 1742, aged 75, buried here.———1743, Morley Unwin, rector, preſented by the maſter, fellows, &c. of Queen's college, Cambridge.

Queen's college in Cambridge has the patronage of this church.

In a court held by the rector, *ao.* 17 of James I. October 5, it was ordered that diligent ſearch ſhould be made after thoſe who had been guilty of a moſt flagrant crime and act, in throwing down the tomb of Sir Benedict Breccles, knight, here buried in the church.

In the church were the guilds of St. Botolph, and Corpus Chriſti, St. Mary's light, &c.

In 1703, here was a ſchool, endowed with a houſe, and 20*l.* *per ann.* by the gift of William Brage, Eſq; of Hatfield Peverell in Eſſex, lord of Grimſton.

This town is wrote in *Domeſday* book, Grimeſtuna, Gruneſtuna, and Erneſtuna, and takes its name from a rivulet that ariſes by the church; thus Erleham by Norwich, the Er, Hier, Gar, or Jer; thus Grimſby in Lincolnſhire, Garboldeſham in Norfolk, Jerſey iſle, &c. alſo Grimſbergh in the New Marck of Brandenburgh, in Germany.

The rivulet aforeſaid, ariſes on the north of the church yard, from which it is parted by a little road, in a bottom, where it makes a little pool, and runs hence to Lynn.

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[p] Reg. abb. de Wt. Derham.

HARPLEY.

THE Conqueror granted this town to William, Earl Warren, and it was held of him at the ſurvey, by Walter; in the Confeſſor's time Toche, a Saxon thane, was lord of it; and had 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, with 2 villains and 10 borderers, 6 ſervi, and the moiety of a [a] ſalt pit, &c. 180 ſheep; alſo 12 ſocmen with 60 acres of land, and half a carucate, then valued at 60*s. per ann.* but 70*s. per ann.* at the ſurvey: the whole was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt, whoever poſſeſſed it.

CALTHORP's MANOR.

WALTER, abovementioned, who was enfeoffed herein, and held it under the Earl Warren, at the ſurvey, ſeems to be the anceſtor of Philip de Burnham, who was lord in the time of King Stephen, and had two ſons, William the eldeſt, and Reginald, to whom William his brother, gave a moiety of this town. Philip was ſon and heir to William, and lord of this manor, in the 30 of Henry II. and was ſucceeded by Philip de Burnham, his ſon, who married Emma, daughter and coheir of Sir Ralph L'Eſtrange, knight, and impleaded † Fulk d'Airy, at Gedney in Lincolnſhire, and Maud his wife, ſiſter to Emme, for the moiety of 3 meſſuages, lands, &c. in Weniz, (Eaſt Winch) Litcham, and Ringſtead, in the 4 of King John.——By Emma he had a ſon, William de Burnham, who dying without iſſue, this lordſhip, &c. came to Cecilia, his ſiſter and heir, who married William de Calthorp; but in a pleading, in the 4 of Edward I. when Cecilia claimed a right to the patronage of this church, ſhe proves her title from Sir Philip de Burnham, lord in King Stephen's time, who had William his ſon and heir, whoſe ſon Philip, had William his ſon and heir, and he dying without iſſue, this manor came to Ralph his brother and heir, and he dying alſo without iſſue, Francis his brother ſucceeded; and on his death without iſſue, Philip his brother, who had William de Burnham his ſon and heir, and dying without iſſue, Cecilia was found his ſiſter and heir, married to Sir William de Calthorp, and her right was acknowledged.

In the 45 of Henry III. William de Calthorp, and Cecilia his wife, held half a fee of the Earl Warren in this town, of the honor of Lewes, and William de Grancourt releaſed to them by fine, a carucate of land in this village; in the 55 of the ſaid king, they had a grant of free warren, and the lete, paying 4*s. per ann.* to Robert de Tateſhale, lord of the hundred.

Walter de Grancourt, in the 14 of Edward I. had a grant, by fine, from the ſaid Sir William, and Cecilia, of lands, in Burnham-Sutton, &c. with the manors of Eaſt Winch, Fincham, and Hungrey-Swanton, and the rents of divers tenants, according to a fine levied in the 41 of Henry III. between William, father of Walter, and William de Calthorp and Cecilia, ſaving to William and Cecilia, the ſervice of Simon de Nodariis, in Hungry-Swanton.

In the 17 of Ed. II. Sir Walter de Calthorp was lord, and held here, in Fulmodeſton, Hackford, and Burnham, 5 fees and an half of the Earl of Pembroke, of the caſtle of Acre; but in the 3 of Edward III. Sir William de Calthorp, knight, of Burnham Thorp, ſettled it on himſelf for life, and Walter his ſon, and Alice his wife, in tail; remainder on his younger ſons, John, Oliver, William, &c. In 1360, Sir Oliver de Calthorp was lord; and in the 14 of Henry VII. Clement Anger had it in farm, of Sir Philip Calthorp; in this family it continued, till Elizabeth, ſiſter and heir of Philip Calthorp, Eſq; and only daughter of Sir Philip, brought it by marriage, to Sir Henry Parker, who had livery of it in the 3d of Edward VI. Sir Calthorp Parker died poſſeſſed of it in the 13 of King James I. and Sir Philip his ſon, ſucceeded him.

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[a] T're. Will. de Warenna———In Harpelai ten. Walterus ii car. in dominio, qua' tenuit Toche t. r. e. 7 ii car. hominu' et ii vill. 7 x bord. tc. vi ſerv. modo iii et dim. ſal. ſemp. i runc. 7 iiii an. tc. x porc. modo xxx tc. clxxx ov. modo cccviii; hic jacent xii ſoc. de lx ac. t're. ſemp. dim. car. totu' val. tc. lx ſol. modo lxx. Tot. ht. i leug. in long. et v quar. in lato. et reddit viii*d.* de xx ſol. quicu'q; ibi teneat.

† Fulk D'Airy, lord of Gedney, in Lincolnſhire.

GOURNEY's MANOR.

WILLIAM DE BURNHAM, eldeſt ſon of Philip de Burnham, by his grant of the moiety of his fee, (which he held of the Earl Warren) to his brother Reginald, (as is abovementioned) gave riſe to this lordſhip; this Reginald is ſaid to have had an only daughter and heir, Roſe, who was given in marriage by Hameline Plantaginet, Earl Warren and of Surry, capital lord of the fee, to Matthew de Gurney, who was lord in her right, about the 30 of Henry II.

This moiety was to be held by Reginald of his brother William, by half a fee, as appears by the deed of William; to which, William, (Turbus) biſhop of Norwich, Reginald de Warren, Richard de Wrungey, Ralph and Baldwin de Frevil, Ralph de Plaiz, Simon de Caly, were witneſſes; the ſeal to it was round, of an inch and an half over, with a man compleatly armed on horſeback, a drawn ſword in his hand, and William, Earl Warren, &c. confirmed the ſame, to which Reginald de Warren, Anceline de Pavelly, Hugh de Bardolf, &c. were witneſſes; and their grants, though *ſans* date, ſeem to be about the end of King Stephen's, or the beginning of Henry II's reign.

In the 30 of this laſt mentioned king, diſputes ariſing about the tenure of this lordſhip, between Philip de Burnham, ſon of William, who granted it, and Matthew de Gournay, and Roſe his wife, a fine was then levied in the king's court at Weſtminſter, before John, biſhop of Norwich, Adam de Glanvile, the king's juſtices, Richard the king's treaſurer, William Mald, William Baſſet, on Wedneſday next before the feaſt of St. Luke the Evangeliſt, when it was ceded to Matthew, &c. and his heirs, to be held by half a fee, he paying to Philip 10 marks *per ann.*

William de Gourney was his ſon and heir: to this William, Sir William de Calthorp, and Cecilia his wife, are ſaid to have granted their right of patronage in the church of Harpele. John de Gourney ſucceeded his father William, and was with Sir Henry Haſtings at the battle of Lewes, in Suſſex; his eſtate was ſeized [b] by the Earl Warren, as a rebel againſt Henry III. but being after pardoned, Sir John in the 3d year of Edward I. in Eaſter term, recovered againſt the prior of Lewes, the advouſon of this church, who claimed it at the grant formerly of the Earl Warren; but it appeared on tryal, in the king's bench, that John le Coward, the champion of Matthew de Gourney, had by combat gained it of the prior, in the reign of Henry II.

Sir John de Gourney was lord in the 27 and 28 of the ſaid king, as appears from the court rolls.

In the 35 of Edward I. John de Gournay was lord, rector and patron of the church, and had the grant of a fair in the ſaid year; by a fine levied in [c] the 9 of Edward II. he ſettled it on John de Gourney, (ſon of Catherine) and Jane his wife, in tail; remainder to William and Edmund, brothers of John, his nephews. John de Gourney, his nephew, (as I take it) kept a court here on Friday, the vigil of St. Laurence, in the 27th of Edward III. and appears to be lord in the 6 of the ſaid king; in which year, John his uncle died, and he preſented then to this church; but in the 34 of the ſaid king, Edmund de Gurnay preſented, and kept his firſt court in 1354, on Thurſday next before the feaſt of the converſion of St. Paul, and in 1360, was lord and patron; and John Gournay preſented in 1387.

John Gournay, Eſq; of Harpley, releaſed in the 2d of Henry IV. to Hugh Bavent, all his right in a meſſuage, and 44 acres of land in this townſhip, formerly Alice Bavent's, wife of Richard Bavent, and died in the 9 of the ſaid king.

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[b] Rot. de Rebell. 49 Hen. III. in Turre Lond.

[c] Edmund de Lexham ſettled on this John and Jane his wife, 6 meſſuages, with lands in Lexham, in tail; ſhe was probably daughter of Edmund.

Alice his widow, held her firſt court on Thurſday next before the feaſt of the exaltation of the Holy Croſs, in the 10 of the ſaid king.

After this, Sir Robert de Morley, and others, who farmed, or were truſtees of this lordſhip, kept their firſt court in the 11th of the ſaid king, on Thurſday next after the feaſt of St. Simon and St. Jude; and William Pakenham, clerk, held his court on Monday next before the feaſt of St. Edmund the king.

In the 13 of Edward IV. and again, the ſaid William, and other feoffees, held courts in the 6th and 8th year of Henry VII. though it appears from the inſtitution books of the ſee of Norwich, that Thomas Gurnay preſented to the church in 1443, and William Gurnay, Eſq; in 1485, and Anthony Gurnay in 1511, who, with Elizabeth his was living in 1535, and ſoon after conveyed it to Sir John Allen, knight, with 10 meſſuages in this town, Maſſingham *Magna* and *Parva*, Houghton, &c.

In a *computus* of the cellarer of Norwich, in 1512, it appears that Robert Gurney was lord before this Thomas,——*de manerio quond. Robi. Gurnay, poſtea Tho. Gurnay, et nuper Willi. Gurnay, armigeri, in Harpley, de 60s.*

After this, William, ſon and heir of John Curſon, Eſq; had livery of it in the 3d and 4 of Philip and Mary; and William Rugg, Eſq; kept his court as lord, with the lete, on Thurſday next before the feaſt of St. Matthew, 1572, in right of Thomaſine his wife, late wife of William Curſon.

In 1579, the queen preſented, on the minority of Thomas Curſon, ſon of William; about which time, it appears by a court held here, that there was a ſtatute in force, for not wearing of woollen caps, with a penalty to the lord of the manor and the poor, for not complying therewith.

About the ſaid time, I find the town amerced for not mending their butts. Soon after this, Thomas Curſon had livery of it; and on October 10, 159 , ſold it to Richard Stubbs, Eſq; of Sedgeford, who, Auguſt 19, 1605, conveyed it to Sir Miles Corbet, Edward Paſton, Eſq; Francis Guybon, and Thomas Cook, in truſt to him for life; after that, to Dionyſia Yelverton and her heirs, daughter and coheir of the ſaid Richard, and wife of Sir William Yelverton, knight, with power of revocation; and by his deed, dated June 10, in the 12 of James I. he ſettled it on William Yelverton, Eſq; (ſon and heir of the aforeſaid Sir William and Dionyſia,) and Urſula his intended wife, eldeſt daughter of Sir Thomas Richardſon.

In 1620, Sir William Yelverton preſented, being held about this time by half a fee, of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and paying 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

Sir William Yelverton, baronet, ſold it about 1642, to John Walpole, Eſq; of Brunſthorp, who married Abigail, daughter and heir of Froximer Corbet of Brunſthorp.

This John was brother of Robert Walpole, Eſq; of Houghton in Norfolk, and father of Sir Edward Walpole, knight of the bath, who inherited it as heir to his uncle John; and in this family it remains, the earl of Orford being lord.

Here was alſo a lordſhip held at the ſurvey by Odo, biſhop of Baieux, in France, half brother to the Conqueror, who gave it to him on the deprivation of Stigand, the archbiſhop of Canterbury, whoſe lay fee it was in the reign of the Confeſſor, and was a beruite or lordſhip, depending on his great [*d*] lordſhip of Sneteſham, when 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, and 9 borderers belonged to it; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 5 ſocmen held 12 acres of land; alſo there were 2 carucates of the tenants, valued in Stigand's time at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 4*l. per ann.* and Hugh de Portu held it of the biſhop of Baieux.

UPHALL-MANOR.

THIS prelate, Odo, on his rebellion againſt William II. his nephew, was deprived of it. The next poſſeſſor of it after Hugh de Portu, that we meet with, was the Lady Mabel de Becc, daughter of Walter de Becc, or Bek, and wife of

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[*d*] Terre Epi. Baiocenſis——Herpelai ten. Stigand t. r. e. p. i bereuuita in Sne'ſha'. ii car. t're. ſep. ii vill. 7 ix bord. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i et v ſoc. xii ac. t're. tnc. ii car. ho'um. mo. i 7 dim. tnc. val. xl. ſol. mo. lxxx, tenet Hugo de Portu.

Stephen de Chameys, who with the conſent of her ſons, Walter de Aunfreville, Gilbert, and William, gave to the church of Holy Trinity, of Norwich, in the chapter-houſe, by deed, *ſans* date, 20*s.* rent *per ann.* out of her manor of Herpele, 10*s.* to be paid on the feaſt of St. Michael, and 10*s.* on the feaſt of Eaſter, yearly, [e] for the ſouls of her father and mother, and the reſt of her relations, as well predeceſſors as ſucceſſors;——the witneſſes were Alan, prieſt of Flocketorp, Mathew de Danmartin, Tebald de Watenis, Helewis de Clere, William de Bureſtowe, Hugh Piſtor, Robert Fychet, Oſbert de Chantbrigge.

And, by another deed, dated in 1109, ſhe grants to the ſaid church, and to the monks her brethren, (as ſhe ſtiles them, probably being then a lay ſiſter, nun, or recluſe) ſerving God there, all her land in Herpele, with all her men, and all its appertenances in the ſaid village, which came to her from her anceſtors, being her own patrimony, and proper inheritance, with the conſent of her huſband and ſons, to hold it free from all ſervices, and all claim of her heirs, &c. for the health of her own ſoul, that of her huſband, &c.——Witneſſes Alan, the prieſt, aforeſaid, Jordan de Bloſſeville, Richard Fitz-Odo de Wretheſtede, William de Whatevill, &c. and was after confirmed by Pope Eugenius III.

William de Manerio, ſon of Robert de Manerio, (or Manors) by his deed, *ſans* date, gave it to his brother —— de Manerio, which he held of the church of Norwich, paying the old ſervice to the monks, viz. 60*s.* and to him and his heirs 10*s.* *per ann.*——witneſſes, Euſtachius de Veſci, Henry de Manerio, Walter de Manerio, Adam, parſon of Elyngham.

In the 3d of Edward I. Laurence de Manors was lord, and had a lete belonging to him, for which he paid 18*d.* to the lord of the hundred; he was ſucceeded by his ſon, William de Manors, who, with Margaret his wife, was living in the 35 of that king.

After this, by a deed dated November 26, in the 18 of Edward II. at Harpley, Walter, ſon of Robert de Meleford, grants to his lord, Sir John de Gurney, rector of the church of Harpley, his meſſuage called Uphall, with all the homages, and ſervices of his free tenants, view of frank pledge, free bull and boar, all perquiſites of court, and all other liberties, late Ralph's, ſon of Walter de Manors, with wards, reliefs, eſcheats, &c. with all the lands that Marion, late wife of the ſaid Walter, holds for life, being of his right and inheritance, and all the tenements which Sir Henry de Walpole, knight, Godfrey, ſon of Aſcelina de Harpele, and Thomas Elwyn of Howton, hold of the ſaid Mariona, during her life, and which, after her death, ought to deſcend to the ſaid Walter and his heirs, the ſaid John de Gurney paying one clove *per ann.*——witneſſes, Sir Henry de Walpole, Thomas de Feltham, Edmund Laurence, Oliver de Maſſingham, Ralph de Walſingham, William de Harplee; and the ſaid manor, tenements, &c. were, by deed of the ſaid John de Gurney, dated on Monday the feaſt of St. Thomas the apoſtle, in the 6th year of King Edward III. granted to his nephew, John de Gurney, and Jane his wife, and their heirs; to which was a ſeal of green wax, oval, about the ſize of a half crown, with the impreſs of ſome ſaint in an arch; the legend——*S. Jobi's de Gurnay.*

This lordſhip became thus united with that of Gurnay's, and 3*l.* *per ann.* was paid for it to the church of Norwich, as appears from the receipts of the cellarer of that church; and in 1428, the prior of Norwich was taxed at 3*l.* *per ann.* for it.

Matthew de Gurnay, and Roſe his wife, gave, about the 30 of Henry II. 12 acres and a rood of land, to the prior of Caſtleacre, for which he had a bezant of gold.

The temporalities of Caſtleacre priory were taxed in 1426 at 12*s.* *per ann.*

The abbot of Wendling's at 6*s.*——The prior of Coxford at 6*s.* and the abbot of Creyk had alſo temporalities.

The tenths were 6*l.* 6*s.* *per ann.*

Here is an annual fair kept on the 25 of July, granted in the 35 of Edward I. to John de Gurnay, lord, patron and rector of the town; and it belongs to the rector for the time being.

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[d] Regiſt. 5 Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 58

On the 22 of June, in the 35 of Elizabeth, Robert Kenyon, rector, let to farm, to Richard Stubbs, of Sedgford, Eſq; this fair with all its rights, court, amerciaments, and profits thereto belonging, for the term of 40 years, for the ſum of 10*l.* in money paid him.

The church is dedicated to St. Laurence the martyr, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 34 marks, and paid Peter-pence 8*d.*

The preſent valor is 22*l.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

The church has a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, and a chancel, and was built by Sir Robert Knowls, a famous general in the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II. in the wars in France, who was knight of the garter, and bore gules, on a chevron, argent, 3 roſes of the firſt, which arms are painted on the ſcreens on the left hand, as you enter the chancel; and on the right hand argent, a feſs dauncy, between 3 leopards faces, ſable, the arms of Sir Robert's wife, probably a Beverley.

In the windows of the church were the arms of Gournay,——argent, a croſs, ingrailed, gules;——of Baſſingbourn,——gyrony of 8, or and azure;——of Noiers, vairy, argent and gules;——of Calthorp, checque, or and azure, a feſs, ermine.

On the pavement of the chancel, lies an old marble graveſtone, whereon was the portraiture or effigies of a prieſt, with 2 ſhields and a rim of braſs, now all torn off; by the inciſion of the ſtone made to let the letters in on the rim, it appears to be—*Hic jacet corpus Johis de Gournay, quonda' rectoris et patroni hujus eccleſie, cuj; a'i'e. p'pitietur Deus, Amen.*—He died rector in the 6 of Edward III.

Hic jacet Henricus Colman, S.T.P. Rector de Harpley, et Foulſham in agro Norfolc. filius Ricardi Colman, armigeri, et Annæ uxoris ſuæ, filiæ Edwardi Hyde de Hatch in com. Wylt. S.T.P. vir admodum reverendus, benevolentiâ, literis, et pietate egregiè notus, qui obt. nono die menſis Oct. ao. 1715, *ætatis ſuæ* 46, *ſic nobis illuxit monumentum.*

In the uppermoſt window but one, of the north iſle, was the hiſtory of St. Laurence, painted on the glaſs, as appears from ſome fragments, and the *inſignia* of that ſaint, a grid-iron, or.

On the battlements of the ſouth iſle, which are of freeſtone, are ſeveral arms carved:——viz. of Knowls and his wife, St. Laurence, Lords Bardolph, Howard, Scales, and Baſſingbourn;——3 feathers for the prince of Wales, checque,——a feſs engrailed, between 3 roſes,——quarterly,——a bend over all,——a feſs, lozengy,——a feſs between 2 chevronels,——3 chevronels,——3 pallets, and a croſs.

In this church were the lights of the Virgin Mary, of the Holy Croſs, of the Sepulchre, the boys light, and that of All Saints; alſo the gilds of St. Margaret, (and her chapel) of St. Laurence, and St. James.

RECTORS.

Jeffrey was rector in Henry II's reign, preſented by Philip de Burnham.

Alexander de Walpole occurs rector in the 6 of Henry III. as appears by a fine, then levied, between him and Godfrey, dean of Briſley, when 20 acres were granted to Alexander and his ſucceſſors, in this town.

John de Gurnay occurs rector in the 35 of Edward I.

1332, Thomas Spendlove, preſented by John de Gurnay.——John de Patteſley occurs in 1349.——1360, Hugh Wauncy, by Edmund Gurnay.——John de Wolterton occurs rector in 1382; he was maſter, or warden of Mettingham college, in 1384, and dying in 1387, was buried in the church yard of this church, by the ſouth door.——1387, Richard de Taſeburgh, by John Gurnay.——1389, John Drew; he was rector alſo of Northwold, in Norfolk, of Tharfield in Hertfordſhire, &c.

In 1420, October 6, the biſhop of Norwich, at the requeſt of this rector, changed the feaſt of the dedication of this church, which uſed to be kept on All Souls day, to the Sunday next following that feaſt, becauſe the pariſhioners could not attend the ſervice on All Saints day. By his will he deſired to be buried here between 2 pillars by the pulpit.——1421, William Drye, by Thomas Aſtele of Melton.——1443, Robert Wylton, by Thomas Gurnay, Eſq;——1465, Henry Abraham, ditto.——John Knowles occurs rector in 1474, and prior then of Coxford, in Norfolk, brother of Sir Robert Knowles.——1485, Chriſtopher Gurnay, by William, Gurnay, Eſq;

1511, Thomas Higney, by Anthony Gurnay.——1537, William Ugge, by Thomas Godſalve, aſſigne of Anthony Gurnay.——1579, Robert Kenyon, by the queen, on the minority of Thomas Curſon.

1620, Edmund Gurnay, *B. D.* by Sir William Yelverton, Kt.——1648, George Heyhoo, by Robert Heyhoo.——1668, Walpole Chamberlayn, by Thomas Dyke, *M. D.* and Elizabeth his wife, and John Turner, Eſq;

1700, Charles Clarke, by Theoph. Harris, widow——1706, Henry Colman, *S. T. P.* by William Hookes and Elizabeth his wife.——1715, Henry Bland, afterwards *D. D.* dean of Durham, *&c.* ditto.——1744, Horace Hamond, *D. D.* by the earl of Orford.

Thomas Gurnay, ſenior, Eſq; lord of Weſt Barſham, by his will dated March 18, [*e*] in the 9th of Edward IV. orders his body to be buried in the chancel of this church, if he dies at Harpley, and if at Norwich, in the church of the Friers Minors there: of this family ſee more in Weſt Barſham.

HILLINGTON,

CALLED in *Domeſday Book,* Helingetuna, as lying near the water; thus Hely, or Ely, and Helingham, or Elingham. Berner, captain of the croſs bowmen, had this lordſhip given him by the Conqueror, which Vlveruna, a free-woman, poſſeſſed in King Edward's time; [*a*] conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, and 15 acres; there belonged to it 7 villains and 8 borderers, 2 ſervi, and 10 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongſt the tenants, a mill, and a ſalt pit, 100 ſheep, but at the ſurvey 80, *&c.* valued formerly at 4*l.* now at 5*l.* *per ann.* The whole was one leuca and an half long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

AUBYN's, or ALBON's MANOR.

IN the reign of King Henry II. Hugh de Burdeliz was lord of this manor, which he had by the marriage of Lauretta, daughter of Euſtace Picot; after the death of the ſaid Hugh in the 30th year of the aforeſaid king, Wimer, the chaplain, then ſheriff of Norfolk, anſwered for the profits of the manor of Hillington, late Hugh de Burdeliz, [*b*] as the record declares; it being in the king's hands: and in the 34th he anſwered for 10*l.* for the farm of it. The family of Burdeliz had conſiderable poſſeſſions at Scoulton, Grimſton, *&c.* in this county, as in Grimſton.

In the 10th of Richard II. a fine was levied between Eve, [*c*] daughter of Harvis de Merlai, petent, and Ralph de Torcy, tenent, of 40 acres of land in Hillington, conveyed to Ralph, from Eve, with a mill, called Over-Mill; and in the ſaid year another fine was levied between Nicholas Crawe, and Amicia, his wife, and the aforeſaid Ralph de Torcy of 40 acres of land, and the mill of Over-Mill, conveyed by Nicholas and Amicia to the ſaid Ralph, to be held of them.

(*e*) Reg. Jekkys, Norw. fol. 211.

(*a*) Terre Berneri Arb.——In Helingetuna ii car. tre. 7 xv ac. ten. eade. Vlverun. t. r. e. ſep. vii vill. 7 viii bor. 7 ii ſer. x ac. pti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p' i m°. ii ſep. i car. ho'um. i mol. i ſal. tc. c. ov. m°. LXXX tc. xii por. m°. vii tc. 7 p' val. iiii lib. m°. c. ſol. totu. ht. i leug. 7 dim. in longo. 7 dim. in lato qicq. ibi teneat, 7 redd. viii*d.* de g. de xx ſol.

(*b*) Rot. Pip.

(*c*) N. 148, 158.

In the 25th of Edward I. Robert, [d] ſon of Albon, of Stamford, conveyed by fine to John, (ſon of Albon of Stamford) of Hillington and Sibill, his wife, lands and meſſuages here.

In the 28th of that king, John Albon, or Aubyn, and Sibill his wife, had conveyed to them by a fine, from Sarah, daughter of Richard de Merley, lands, &c. in Hillington, with the moiety of the advouſon of the church. From this John Albon, the manor ſeems to take its name; † and in the 2d of Edward III. a fine was levied between John Aubyn of Hillington, and Margaret his wife, and Vincent, ſon of Philip of Wood-Norton, [e] of meſſuages and lands here, and in Congham, with the advouſon of a moiety of this church, ſettled on John, &c. in tail.

In 1412, the family of Irmingland were lords, and preſented to a moiety.

After this it came to the lord Scales, and Elizabeth, daughter and ſole heir of Thomas, Lord Scales, brought it by marriage to Anthony, Lord Scales, and Earl Rivers.

In the ſixth year of King Edward IV. a fine was levied between Simon Baxter, and others, querents, Anthony Wydvile, Lord Scales and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, of this manor, [f] thoſe of Midleton, Hale-Holme, Scales-Hoe, Barton, Reynham, Wylton, Iſlington and Hickling, with the advouſons of the churches of Hillington, Iſlington and Rydon in Norfolk; Ruenhale and Shaldeford in Eſſex; and thoſe of Wyrlington and Aſpale in Suffolk; Newſele and Berkwey in Hertfordſhire; by this fine, theſe manors, &c. were ſettled on the ſaid Anthony and Elizabeth, and the heirs of their bodies; but the ſaid Elizabeth dying on the 2d of September, in the 13th of Edward IV. without iſſue, it deſcended to John de Vere, ‡ Earl of Oxford, in right of Elizabeth his mother, daughter and heir of John Howard, Eſq; grandſon and heir to Sir Robert Howard and Margaret his wife, daughter and heir of Robert, Lord Scales; which John, dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his nephew John Vere, Earl of Oxford, who left on his death in 1526, his 3 ſiſters, Urſula, married to Sir Edward Knightly; Dorothy, to John Nevill, Lord Latimer; and Elizabeth, to Sir Anthony Wingfield, his co-heireſſes.

Urſula having no iſſue, this lordſhip came to the lords Latimers, and the Wingfields family; and ſoon after the lord Latimer conveyed his moiety to the Wingfields; and Sir Robert Wingfield had livery of it, about the firſt of Queen Elizabeth; and in the 24th of the ſaid queen, conveyed it to William Walpole, Eſq; who had in the ſaid year a pardon, for purchaſing it without licence; and was ſold by the executors of the ſaid William, to Richard Hovell, Eſq; who preſented to the church as lord in 1610.

In this family it continued (as the pedigree will ſhow) many years, and on the death of Sir William Hovell, Kt. it came to his 3 daughters and co-heirs, and their deſcendants.

Martin Folks, Eſq; by the marriage of the 2d daughter and co-heir, had an intereſt, as his ſon Martin had, on whoſe death it came to his brother.

William Folks, Eſq; the preſent lord, (as the pedigree following will ſhew) lives here.

Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin [g] had alſo a manor in this town, which Geffrey held under him, and which Godric held under Herold, a free-man, in the reign of the Confeſſor, conſiſting of two carucates and 15 acres of land, 8 villains, 4 borderers, and 8 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongſt the tenants, a mill, and the moiety of a ſalt pit, and a free-man held 2 acres and an half, paunage for 16 ſwine, and 60 ſheep, the whole valued at 4*l.* *per ann.*

UPHALL

(d) L. 5. N. 60.—L. 5. N. 148.

† John Aubyn, &c. preſented to a moiety or portion in this church, as lord of this manor in 1340.

(e) L. 1. N. 43.

(f) L. 1. N. 43.

‡ On the attainder of Anthony, Lord Scales, it came to the crown, and was granted in the 2d of Richard II. to John Howard, lately created Duke of Norfolk, who was alſo attainted. See in Middleton.

(g) Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin.——In Idlinghetuna ten. Gausfrid. ii car. 7 xv ac. tre. qua. ten. Godric. ſub. Heroldo, lib. hoe. t. r. e. ſep. viii vill. 7 iiii bor. 7 viii ac. pti. 7 ii car. in d'nio. 7 i car. houm 7 i mol. 7 dim. ſal. 7 i lib. ho. ii ac. 7 dim. m^{o}. xvi por. 7 LX ov. tortu. val. iiii lib.

UPHALL and NETHERHALL MANORS.

EUDO, ſon of Spiruwin, to whom the Conqueror gave this manor, aſſumed the name of Tateſhall, from a market town in Lincolnſhire, [b] the head of his barony or chief ſeat, and was held of his deſcendants.

Geffrey de Anos (probably deſcended from Geffrey, who held it under Eudo, abovementioned) was lord in the reign of King John, and on the marriage of his daughter Margery, with Sir Bartholomew de Creke, ſon of Robert de Creke, he gave it to him; ſhe appears to have been a very conſiderable heireſs, and to have brought to the ſaid Bartholomew, [i] the manors of Helmingham and Flixton in Suffolk; as appears from a pleading at Ipſwich, in the 24th of Henry III. when Robert de Pirho, William le Blund, and Robert le Blund were found to owe to Sir Bartholomew de Creke 14*l*. out of the aforeſaid, aſſigned for the maintenance (*p. ſuſtentatione uxoris ſuæ*) or jointure of his wife.

On the death of Sir Bartholomew, this lordſhip came to his ſon Robert de Creke, and he dying, without iſſue, to Geffrey his brother and heir, and from him to John, his brother and heir, who dying alſo without iſſue, it came to Sarah, his ſiſter, and heir, who married Roger Fitz Peter, Fitz Oſbert, who was found to hold half a fee here in the 31ſt of Edward I. of Robert de Tateſhall; this Roger held it after the death of his wife Sarah, and on his deceaſe in the 34th of the ſaid king, a moiety of it came to Sir John de Thorp, lord of Aſhwell Thorp, as heir and cozin to Sarah, daughter of Sir Bartholomew de Creak; and the ſaid Sir John died ſeiſed of it.

The other moiety came to Roheſia, and Cecilia, the daughters and co-heirs of Robert de Valoins of Hickling in Norfolk, ſon of John Valoins and Iſabella his wife, daughter of Sir Robert de Creke, ſiſter to Sir Bartholomew, father of Sarah, aforeſaid.

On this diviſion aroſe the two manors of Uphall and Netherhall.

Uphall manor was that part which came to Cecilia abovementioned, who married Sir Robert de Ufford, ſeneſchal of the houſe to King Edward I. Sir Edmund de Ufford, a younger ſon of the ſaid Sir Robert, was lord of it in the 32d of Edward III. and in the 49th of the ſaid king, Edmund de Ufford, chevalier, brother to Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, was found to die ſeiſed of this manor, with that of Combes in Suffolk, and William, Earl of Suffolk, ſon of Robert, was his heir, aged 36 years. This Sir Edmund de Ufford was buried (agreeably to his will, dated December 21, 1374, and proved July 6, following) in the chapel of St. Mary [k] in the conventual church of Campſey priory in Suffolk, by his late wife; and in the 13th of Richard II. Robert Boys, &c. aliened to the ſaid priory this manor of Uphall, a feoffee (as I take it) of the late Sir Edmund to perform the ſame, the whole being in him; or ſome of the Pakenhams family granting their part in the ſaid manor for the ſaid uſes; the priory of Campſey, being founded by Theobald de Valoins one of their anceſtors, but the preſentation to a moiety of the church came to the Irminglands, lords of Albon's moiety.

On the diſſolution of the ſaid priory, it was granted to John Eyre, Eſq; by King Henry VIII. on February 20, in his 36th year, from whom it came to the family of Stede. William Stede, and William Playfoot held it in the 4th of Elizabeth.

William, ſon and heir of William was lord of Uphall in Hillington (and it extended into Flitcham, Congham, Grimſton and Rydon) in the 21ſt of Elizabeth, Platfoot conveying his right to William Stede in the 6th of the ſaid queen; and William Stede his ſon, by his will dated April 23, 1613, bequeathed it to Thomas his ſon,

It was after united to the other lordſhip.

(b) See in Babingley.

(i) Plita. ap. Gippew. Rot. 29.——To this lordſhip, the patronage of a moiety, or portion in this church belonged, Sir Roger Fitz Peter Fitz Oſbert, preſented in 1301.

(k) Reg. Haydon, Norw.

Netherhall manor was held in the 17th of Edward II. by Sir John de Thorp and Alice his wife, of Eve, (late wife of Robert de Tateſhale) and then the wife of Sir John de Cove, as part of her dower; and Robert de Thorp was found to be his ſon and heir aged 30, and in the year 1338, John, ſon of Sir Robert de Thorp was lord, and preſented to a moiety of this church.

This manor of Netherhall was poſſeſſed by William Barker, Gent. of Edgfield, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and purchaſed of him by Richard Hovell.

Daniel Collier, Eſq; purchaſed and lived in a little manor here, and gave it to Dr. William Alſton, rector of Gunthorp, who married his niece; and Mr. Spurgion of Anmere, recovered it by a ſuit in chancery, about 1762.

Another lordſhip in this village belonged to William, Earl Warren, which two free-men were poſſeſſed of in the reign of King Edward; [l] to this there belonged 5 villains, 6 borderers, two ſervi, and 8 acres of meadow, two carucates in demean, and half a one amongſt the tenants, with a mill; the earl Warren had one carucate of the ſaid land, and a free-man had 15 acres, and half a carucate; the whole was valued at 60*s.* *per ann.* and this was by an exchange.

BURYS HALL.

DANIEL DE MERLAI and Roger de Pavilli, held conſiderable parts of this fee, of the earl of Warren, about the reign of Henry III. as will afterwards appear; and in the 12th of Henry III. a fine was levied between Richard de Merlay (of the moiety of the advowſon of the church of Hillington) and Bartholomew de Creke and Margery his wife, who conveyed it to Bartholomew, and the heirs of Margery.

Roger de Paveli, lord of Hillington, gave 10*s.* rent to Caſtleacre priory, *viz.* 5*s.* *per ann.* [m] out of his mill, and 5*s.* which William, ſon of Robert de Ingaldeſthorp held of him, for the health of the ſoul of Theophania his wife.

In the 10th of Edward II. Sir Robert de Repps held the manor of Burys-hall, in Hillington, valued at 3*l.* *per ann.* and 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* *q.* rent in Grimſton, Congham and Geyton, 104*s.* 3*d.* *ob.* rent in Styberd, and the advowſon of Styberd, of John de Warren, Earl of Surry; and in the 2d of Edward III. it was found that it would not be to the king's, or any perſon's damage, if the king granted to Robert de Repps, that he might give to John Wiclewood, capellane, 70 acres of the manor of Hillington, and 21 marks, 6*s.* 8*d.* rent in Stiberd, Grimſton, Congham, and Geyton, and the advowſon of Stiberd church, for the uſe of the ſaid Robert and Sibilla, and Laurence their ſon, held of John, Earl Warren: and in the 12th of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Laurence, ſon of Robert de Repps and Sibil his wife, and Margaret, wife of the ſaid Laurence, querents, Robert and Sibil, deforciants, of this manor, lands in Grimſton, Congham, Geyton, *&c.* ſettled on Laurence and Margaret, in tail.

After this, in the 20th of the ſaid reign, Henry de Lucy was found to hold the 3d part of a fee here, of the Earl Warren, which the earl held as an eſcheat; and in the 37th, this manor was in the hands of Sir Robert de Cauſton, with lands, *&c.* in Stiberd.

I find by the pedigree of Repps, that Laurence Repps abovementioned, had by Margaret his wife, Richard Repps, his ſon and heir, who left two daughters and co-heirs; Catherine, married to John Marchall, and Alice, married to John Burys, but in the 9th of Richard II. this lordſhip was held for life, by Joan, mother (as I take it) of Catharine and Alice, and then the wife of Sir John de Herling; and in the ſaid year the reverſion and it was ſettled (in truſt, as I take it) by fine on Richard Atte-Pitte, by John Mareſhall and Katherine his wife, and by

John

(*l*) Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.——In Idlinghetuna. ii car ten. ii lib. ho'es t. r. e. ſemp. v vill. et vi bord. et ii ſerv. et viii ac. pti. et ii car. in d'nio, et dim. car. hominum et i molin. et Will. ten. i car. tre. de iſta terra, et i lib. ho. xv. ac. ſemp. dim. car. totu. val. LX ſol. hoc eſt p eſc'gio.

(*m*) Reg. Caſtl. fol. 56.

John Bures, and Alice his wife; and in the 4th year of King Henry IV. John de Bures, ſon and heir of John de Bures, and Alice his wife, releaſed to John Rookwood, &c. all his right in a moiety of this manor, with thoſe of Stiberd, and North and South Repps, and Hobois *Parva*.

Robert Thoreſby was found to die ſeiſed of it in the 15 of Henry VII. and left Henry his ſon, and it was then valued at 8*l. per ann.*

In the 38 of Henry VIII. a fine was levied between John Miller, gent. querent, John Corbet, gent. and Bridget his wife, deforcients, of the manor of Borough Hall, and lands in Hillington, Flitcham, and Congham.

Afterwards it was purchaſed of William Walpole, Eſq; by Richard Hovell, and ſo united to the other lordſhips.

WEST DERHAM MANOR.

ROGER DE PAVILLY gave 40 acres of land in this town, of his demeans, to the abby of Weſt Derham, which Roger de Etton held, with liberty of a fold, paying 20*s. per ann.* rent, to the ſaid Roger, and his heirs, at 3 times in the year, which was confirmed by King John in his firſt year, and ſo was the foundation of this manor, which in 1428, was valued at 10*l. per ann.* and after the diſſolution of that abby, was granted on June 27, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, to Sir Henry Bedingfeld, knight, of Oxburgh.

William Walpole, Eſq; was lord about 1580; and about the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign, poſſeſſed by Richard Hovell, Eſq;

Other religious houſes had alſo poſſeſſions here.

LEWIS or CASTLEACRE PRIORY.

WILLIAM, EARL WARREN AND SURRY, gave in the reign of Henry II. two parts of the tithe of his fee to Caſtleacre priory.

Daniel de Merlai gave, by deed, *ſans* date, two garbs or parts of the tithe of his manor here, which he held of the fee of the Earl Warren, to the priory [n] of Caſtleacre; witneſſes, Euſtachius Senior, Alan de Roſei, Herbert de Hillington, &c. Roger de Pavilli gave to the ſaid priory, 10*s. per ann.* out of his rent here, viz. 5*s. per ann.* out of his mill, and 5*s.* which William, ſon of Robert de Ingaldeſthorp, held of him;——witneſſes, William, the prieſt of Sculethorp, Jeffrey Capel, Roger de Trecheneſs, Ralph de Bellocampo, Mr. Ralph de Fuldon, Walter Kemeſton, &c. and Theophania, wife of Roger, confirmed her huſband's grant, *ſans* date.

William, ſon of Thomas, ſon of Roger de Hillington, granted to John de Teynges, prior of Lewis, lord of the fee, (as he is ſtyled) a piece of land which Avelyne his mother, gave him, by deed; *ſans* date, witneſſes, Roger de Kileby, Robert de Franſham, &c.

The temporalities of Lewis priory, or Caſtleacre, which was a cell to it, were valued in 1428, at 32*s. per ann.*

Coxford priory had conſiderable poſſeſſions. H. prior of Coxford, and the convent, acknowledge that they are bound to pay to the monks of Caſtleacre, the yearly rent of 5*s.* which Roger de Pavilli gave to them, of the ſervice of William, ſon of Roger de Ingaldeſthorp, for the tenement that he held of him in Hillington;——witneſſes, Walter de Wanci, Roger de Frevil, Mr. Simon de Acre, Hervey de Stanehoge, Nicholas de Sideſterne, Robert de Kolekirke.

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued at 3*l.* 06*s.* 8*d. per ann.*——See Coxford priory manor in Grimſton.

I find this called the manor of Tony, and was bought by Mr. Giles Bladwell, of Mr. Baſtard of Dunham, younger brother to him of Weſtwinch.

The temporalities of the priory of Wirmegey, were valued at 4*s.*——Thoſe of the priory of Pentney, at 2*s.* 7*d.*—And thoſe of Flitcham in 1428, at 3*s. per ann.*

The tenths of this village were valued at 7*l.* 10*s. per ann.* Deducted 20*s.*

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[n] Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 4. 56.

The family of Hovell is of great antiquity. Richard Hovell held of [o] Baldwin, abbot of Bury, in the time of the Conqueror, a lordſhip at Wigvereſton in Suffolk; and 5 free men held lands under the ſaid Richard.

Sir John Hovell of Wratting *Parva*, in Suffolk, was living in 1370.

William Hovell of Riſhanges in Suffolk, died in 1433, and by Beatrix his wife, daughter of Sir John Thorp, of Aſhwell-Thorp, was father of Richard Hovell, who married Frances, daughter of Arthur Hopton, Eſq; of Weſtwood in Suffolk, widow of Sir Thomas Nevill, and left William his ſon and heir, of Aſhfield in Suffolk, who died July 7, 1534. By Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Rowland Harſike of Lopham, Eſq; he was father of William Hovell of Aſhfield, who married Anne, daughter of Tho. Gawdy, of Harleſton, Eſq; and Ann Baſingborn his wife, by whom he had a ſon, William, of Stratfield Hall, in Hadley, Suffolk, who took to wife, Ann, daughter of Richard Turner of Norton.

HOVELL's PEDIGREE.

1 Robert Hovell of Aſhfield, firſt ſon.—Mirabel, his wife.

2 Richard Hovell, Eſq; of Flitcham, 2d ſon of William and Ann.—Margery, daughter of John Ford, Eſq; of Frating in Eſſex.

Richard Hovell, Eſq; of Hillington.—Frances, daughter of Thomas Fernley of Creting St. Mary, Suffolk, died in 1648.

William Hovell, gent. married—Ann Bulwer.

Thomas Hovel—Dorothy Scambler.

Frances,—married Edward Gourney, Eſq;

Elizabeth— - - Colſon, gent.

Alice—John Froſt, gent.

Margaret—to William Goodwin of Melford, in Suffolk.

Sir Richard Hovell knighted at Whitehall, 1641, March 21, buried Auguſt 26, 1654.—Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Chicheley of Wimple, Cambridgeſhire.

Margaret married Ralph Le Hay of Lyn.

Catherine—Francis Fiſke of Binham, and after Edward Mordant of Maſſingham.

Elizabeth—Thomas Ruſſell of Rudham.

Thomaſin—William Barnes of Eaſt Winch.

Bridget—William Mott of Lynn.

Richard Hovell—Penelope, daughter and coheir of William Sands, Eſq; of Nottinghamſhire.

Sir William Hovell of Hillington.—Etheldreda, daughter and heir of Thomas Lilly, Eſq; of Scales-How by Lynn.

William, ſon and heir, died 1671. *s. p.*

Sir Thomas Montgomery, 2d huſband of Clementia.—1 Clementia, married firſt Charles Stuart, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Nicholas Stuart, baronet, of Hampſhire.

2 Dorothy—Martin Folkes, Eſq; bencher of Grey's-Inn.

3 Etheldreda—William Wake, D. D. archbiſhop of Canterbury.

Captain Montgomery. *ſ. p.*

——, daughter of Sir Thomas, married —— Colclough.

Sir Simon Stuart, baronet.

Martin Folkes, Eſq; ſecretary of the royal ſociety, and preſident.

William Folks, Eſq; counſellor, married firſt, ——, daughter of Samuel Tayler, Eſq; of Lynn. Secondly, ——, daughter of Sir William Browne, knight, M.D.

——, daughter of —— Colclough, married Mr. Merrick, a clergyman, and Major Johnſon, her 2d huſband.

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[o] Reg. Pincebek Abbat Bur. fol. 180.

The church is a ſingle pile; that and the chancel are covered with tile, and has a ſquare tower, with one bell.

On the north wall of the chancel is a mural monument, with the effigies of a gentleman in his gown, and his wife, on their knees, thus inſcribed;

The monument of Richard Hovell of Hillington, in the countie of Norfolk, Eſq; being of the age of 77 years and upwards, finiſhed his courſe the 30th of November, 1611, *in peace with God, in charity with all men, and now reſteth here with expectation of the Reſurrection, in aſſurance of eternal glorification. Margery Hovell, wife of the aforeſaid Richard Hovell, Eſq; deceaſed, and one of the daughters and heyres of John Ford, of Frating, in the countie of Eſſex, Eſq; who having lyved vertuouſly and comfortably with her ſaid huſband,* 44 *years, did beare unto him* 4 *ſonnes and* 9 *daughters, whereof there are yet twelve alive to her great comfort, being all growne to the perfect ſtate of men and women.*

On the ſummit is the ſhield of Hovell,—ſable, a creſcent, or, impaling Ford, argent, a wolf ſalient, ſable.

On another mural monument are the effigies of a man in armour, and his wife, kneeling at a deſk, with the arms of Hovell, and Ford, quarterly, impaling, or, on on a bend, vert, 3 bucks heads, caboſhed, argent, Fernley.

At the north eaſt corner of the chancel, is an altar tomb of marble, and iron rails before it, with the arms of Folkes,——vert, a flower de lys, and Hovel, in an eſcotcheon of pretence; the creſt, an arm erect, holding a ſpear.

Here lyes the body of Martin Folkes, late of Hillington, in the county of Norfolk, Eſq; who was born the 28 *day of Auguſt,* 1640, *and died the 17th day of February,* 1705.

On a graveſtone—*Lillius Hovell, filius Guli. Hovell militis, et uxoris ejus, Ethel-dredæ, obt.* 3 *die Maij Ao. Domi.* 1664, *ætatis ſuæ die 24to.*

Thomas, the ſecond ſon of Sir Will. Hovell, and Dame Etheldreda his wife, born the laſt day of Febr. 1667, *and died the 14th day of October,* 1668.

Hic jacet corpus Gulielmi Hovell, militis, qui obt. 4 *die Martij, ao.* 1669, *ætatis ſuæ* 33; and the arms of Hovell.

William Poſthumus, the younger ſon of Sir William Hovell, knight, and Dame Etheldreda his wife, born the 8 *of Auguſt,* 1670, *and dyed the* 12 *of April,* 1671.

Maria conjux Johis. Novell, rectoris hujus eccleſiæ, obt. Nov. 28, 1706.

Richard Hovell, Eſq; ſon to Sir Richard Hovell, of Hillington, died Octr. 23, *in* 1715, *aged* 70.

To this church belonged two rectors, each having a mediety; the one was called the patronage of Ralph Cyrezy, the other that of John Blome, [*p*] each valued at 8 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 6*d.* the one was in the patronage of that lordſhip, which Berner held at the conqueſt, the other in that which was held by Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin.

RECTORS.

In the 35 of Henry III. William was rector of a mediety, and witneſs to a deed of Sir Hugh Gernegan.

1301, Adam de Werlingham, by Sir Roger Fitz-Peter Fitz-Oſbert, knight, to a mediety.——1306, John de Melles, by Sir John de Thorp, to a mediety.——1323, Peter Grimſton, by the Lady Cecilia, relict of Sir Robert Ufford, to a mediety.——1335, William Fitz-Thomas de Birſton, by John, ſon of Sir Robert de Thorp, to a mediety.——1340, Hugh de Irmingland, by John Aubyn, of Hillington, and Margaret his wife, to a mediety.——1349, John de Mendham, by Robert Ufford, earl of Suffolk, to a mediety.——1349, William Gery, by John Aubyn, to a mediety.——1352, John Lucas, by ditto.——1377, John Boveyre de Combes, William Ufford, earl of Suffolk.

1412, William Cranmere, by William and George Irmingland.——1414, Simon Tichemarſh, on an exchange for Bawſey, by ditto.——In 1419, March 22, the two medieties were united and conſolidated, by the conſent of the biſhop and patrons, and Tichemarſh reſigned.——1420, Richard Irmingland, by Catherine Irmingland, rector of both medieties.——1440, Richard Coſin, by William Irmingland, Eſq;——1455, William Hober, by the Lord Thomas de Scales.——1479, Riverus de Colonia, a monk, by Anthony, Earl Rivers, Lord Scales.——R. Iſcalt.——1495, Patrick Kirkham, by John, Earl of Oxford.——1497, John Bellamy, by ditto.

[*p*] Ralph Cyreſi occurs rector in 1282, as appears from the regiſter of the priory of Lewes, and it's probable that John Blomes was then rector of the other mediety.

1506, William Wilſon, ditto.——1540, William Watſon, by Sir Chriſtopher Jenny, (aſſignee of Anthony Wingfield) a judge of the king's bench.——1541, Thomas Lightfote, by John Novell, of Snape, Norfolk.——1545, John Percevall, by the aſſignees of Lady Urſula Knightly.——1551, Thomas Armitage, by the aſſignees of Sir Anthony Wingfield, knight.——1572, John Ryſheton, by the aſſignees of John Nevill, Lord Latimer.

1610 Edward Skevington, by Richard Hovell, Eſq;——1627, George Robinſon, by ditto.——1651, Jeremy Spilman, by ditto.——1670, Edmund Turner, by Etheldreda Hovell, widow.—1670, John May, ditto

1700, John Novell, by Charles Stewart, Eſq,——1728, Martin Challis, by Martin Folkes, Eſq; on the death of Novell.——1758, William Nelſon, on Challis's death, by Sir Simon Stuart, baronet.

The preſent valor is 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

In this church was the guild of St. John.

In 1349, there was a compoſition made between the prior of Lewes and the rector, for the portion of tithes of the demeans of Roger de Pavely, granted by the prior to the rector, and his ſucceſſors, on the payment of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* to Lewes priory.

I find about the year 1600, that the ſcite of the rectory houſe, with the yards, orchards, gardens, &c. contained 5 acres, and that there was of paſture and meadow, 9 acres, of arable 50 acres and a rood, and 5 acres and a rood lay in the ſheepwalk.

ISLINGTON.

THIS village is wrote in *Domeſday* book, Iſlingetuna, Eſingatuna, Iſingetuna, and derives its name from its ſcite, near to the river Ouſe, (called by the Britons Iſſe, or Iſe,) on meadows.

Bundo, a conſiderable thane in the reign of the Confeſſor, held lordſhips in this town, Middleton and Reinham in Norfolk, which the Confeſſor gave to Hugh de Montfort: this conſiſted of two carucates of land, 8 borderers, 15 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean, and half a carucate [*a*] amongſt the tenants; eleven ſocmen alſo belonged to it, with a carucate and 30 acres of land. Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, in his own right, as a lay fee, had the ſoc of five of them; the whole was valued at 5*l.* *per ann.* They alſo had half a carucate of land, and there were 4 borderers, with a carucate and 40 acres of meadow, which is valued in the above 5*l.* *per ann.*

The family of Liſewis ſeems to be early enfeoffed of this, and from them it came to the two families of the Scales, and Inglethorps, or Ingaldeſthorps, each of them holding a moiety of it, as they did of the manor of Reineham; of this ſee in Rainham.

SCALES MANOR.

OF the antiquity of this family, its deſcent and poſſeſſions, &c. ſee at large in Middleton.

☛ In the 11th year of King Henry III. it was agreed between Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, and [*b*] Robert de Scales, that the ſaid Robert ſhould have to him and his heirs, the advouſon of the church of Iſlington; and in the 31 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Adam, ſon of Alan, (probably de Wigenhale) and Thomas Thuſſard, querents, Robert de Scales, Fraer (or Frederick) de Cherevill, Roland and John de l'Frith, Ralph Frevill, Richard, ſon of Godfrey, Henry de Clenchwarton, Thomas de Sculeham, Martin, ſon of Goſceline, &c. the ſaid Robert, Fraer, &c. injuſtly diverted a water-courſe, in Iſlington, and Tilney, &c. to the hurt of their free tenement, and a water-courſe was allowed them.

[*a*] Terr. Hug. de Monteforti,—In Ilſinghetuna ii car. t're. ten. Bundo t. r. e. ſep. viii bor. 7 xv ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d. ſep. dim. car. ho'u'. huic man. jac. xi ſoc. ſep. i car. 7 xxx ac. de v ht. Stigand. ſoca totu' val. c ſol. In ead. tenent dem d. car. t're. ſep. iiii bor. tc. i car. ſep. xl ac. p'ti. et e. app'tiata in ſup'iorib; & ſol.

[*b*] Plita apd. Weſtm. Hillar.

Robert de Scales was found to hold in the 3d of Edward I. in this town, Tilney, Clenchwarton, Wygenhale, Howe, &c. one knight's fee, and a quarter, and to have aſſiſe of bread, &c.

And in the 33d of that king, it appears that he held a capital meſſuage in Iſlington, 90 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 40 of paſture, and 66*s.* rent *per ann.* of the caſtle of Dover, and 80 acres of land here, of Thomas Hauvile, by the ſervice of 9*s.* and 6*d. per ann.*

And Richard Rigges, and Emma his wife, held in the 12 of Edward II. two carucates of land here, in Tilney, and South Lynn, of the lord Scales.

On the death of Robert de Scales, in the 18 of Edward II. he was found to hold this lordſhip of the honor of Bologne, by one fee, and paying 10*s. per ann.* ward, to Dover caſtle.

John Devereux, conſtable of Dover caſtle, and keeper of the Cinque ports, on the 5 of January, in the 12 year of Richard II. received of William Tydeman, receiver of the caſtle, 25*s.* of the ward of Robert de Scales, in this town, Middleton, Howe, &c. for 2 knights fees and an half, and for default of payment for 28 days, 70*s.* at 2*s.* 6*d.* per day; and in the 4 of Henry VI. Robert, Lord Scales, was found to have died ſeiſed of it, leaving Robert his ſon and heir, aged 6 years; and the ſaid Robert dying unmarried, it came to his brother Thomas, Lord Scales, and by his only daughter and heir, Elizabeth, to Anthony Woodvile, (by marriage) Earl Rivers, and Lord Scales; and having no iſſue, to the Oxford family, (John de Vere, Earl of Oxford,) and to the family of Tyndale, on the acceſſion of King Hen. VII. to the crown, as heirs to the late Lady Elizabeth Scales, as may be ſeen in Middleton; but Richard III. on the attainder of Anthony, Lord Scales, &c. aforeſaid, had granted it to his † great favourite, John, Duke of Norfolk, in his 2d year, which grant was then ſet aſide, that duke being attainted.

In the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, John Tyndal had licenſe to alienate it to William Tyndal and his heirs; afterwards it came to the Southwells.

Francis Southwell, and Barbara his wife, held in the 9 of Queen Elizabeth, the manor of Iſlington, 40 meſſuages, 20 cottages, 200 acres of land, 300 acres of paſture, 100 of meadow, 10 acres of wood, with the appertenances in this town, Clenchwarton, and Tilney, in *capite*, and died 10 November, in the 24 of Elizabeth.

Miles Southwell, Eſq; held the ſame in the 30 of the ſaid reign, in which year, about Eaſter, (as it ſeems) it was conveyed by him to Sir John Willoughby, knight, of Riſley in Derbyſhire; which Miles was ſon of Francis Southwell, Eſq; aforeſaid, aged 18 on his father's death, and had livery of it, in or about the 27 of Elizabeth.

Sir John Willoughby was ſon of Sir George Willoughby, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Neale, of Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdelan, which Sir George, died January 10, 1598, aged 80, and Elizabeth his lady, Auguſt 24, 1592, aged 76. Sir John, by Frances his wife, daughter and heir of Henry Hawes, of Helgey, in Norfolk, had Sir Henry Willoughby, who alienated it by licenſe, November 19, in the 9th of King James I. to William Guybon, Eſq; and was held by Sir Francis Guybon, in 1700, whoſe ſon and heir, William Guybon, Eſq; of Thurſford, in Norfolk, conveyed it to Anthony Dixon, gent. and Joſeph Dixon gave it to his nephew Thomas Dixon, Eſq; the preſent lord.

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† Feb. 1, ao. 2, Richard III.

INGALDESTHORP's MANOR.

JOHN DE INGALDESTHORP was lord in the 3d year of King Edward I. and in the 11th of that king, died ſeiſed of it, and ſeveral rents of aſſiſe. In the firſt year of King Edward III, Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp held it by the 3d part of a fee, as of the honor of Hawley, and the ſervice of 40*d. per ann.* to Dover caſtle.

On the inquiſition after his death, in the 2d year of the ſaid king, he is ſaid to have held it in *capite* of the ſaid honor, and it extended into Tilney, and Clenchwarton. In the 8 of that king, John his ſon and heir, paid 33*s.* 4*d.* relief, for this manor.

Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp was the laſt heir male of this family, and dying in or about 1456, left one daughter and heir, Iſabell, married to John Nevill, Marquis Montacute, by whom ſhe had 2 ſons, John who died young, and George Nevill, duke of Bedford, who dying without iſſue, the eſtate of the Ingaldeſthorps was divided amongſt his five ſiſters and coheirs, as in Tilney.

This was part of Kenwick manor in Wigenhale, St. Mary Magdalen, and extends here, as the manor alſo of Weſt Walton, does.

BISHOP of ELY's MANOR.

SAINT AUDREY (that is the monaſtery of Ely) had one carucate of land here in [*c*] King Edward's time, at the ſurvey half a carucate, with 2 villains, 2 borderers, 20 acres of meadow, 2 ſalt-pits; 18 ſocmen belonged to this manor, with 17 acres and an half; the whole was valued at 16*s.*

In the account of the lands of William Grey, biſhop of Ely, in the 34 of Henry VI. it appears that this manor here and in Tilney, was worth 157*l.* 16*s.* 6*d. per ann.*

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was by act of parliament conveyed to the crown, and in the 21 of James I. was part of the poſſeſſions of Charles, Prince of Wales.

EARL of CLARE's MANOR.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES had a manor granted him by the Conqueror, in this town, which Scula, a free man, held in King Edward's time, as a manor, and it conſiſted of [*d*] 2 carucates of land, 3 villains, 7 borderers; formerly there were 2 carucates in demean, at the ſurvey but one, and 10 acres of meadow, 100 ſheep, &c. ſeven ſocmen belonged to it, with 12 acres, valued formerly at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 60*s. per ann.*

The ſaid William de Scohies had alſo here, of the gift of the Conqueror, another ordſhip, which Turchill, a free man, held in King Edward's reign, of half a carucate, and 3 borderers held then half a carucate, now 2 bovates, 40 acres of meadow, and the moiety of a ſalt-pit, valued then at 10*s.* now at 20*s.* All Iſlingetuna is one leuca long, and half a one broad, and pays 12*d.* of a 20 ſhilling gelt.

Theſe lordſhips extended into Tilney, Walpole, &c. continued moſt likly in the tenure of Scohies, during his life, and after came to Walter Giffard, the firſt earl of Buckingham. Walter, the 2d of that name, earl of Buckingham, was lord in the reign of King Stephen, and on his founding the abby of Nutley in Buckinghamſhire, gave a portion of tithe, belonging to his lordſhip here, and in Tilney, to that houſe, as he did likewiſe at Midleton; and from this earl, by the marriage of a daughter, (as is ſaid) it came to the earl of Clare.

[*c*] Terra S'ce Adeldrede———In Eſingatuna ten. S. A. i car. t're. t. r. e. tc. i car. mo. dim. ii vill. ii bor. xx ac. p'ti. ii ſal. huic manerio jacent xviii ſoc. de xvii ac. 7 dim. totu' val. xvi ſol.

[*d*] Terr. Willi. de Scohies.———Ilſingetuna tenuit Scula lib. ho. t. r. e. p. man. p. ii car. t're. mo. tenet W. in d'nio. ſep. iii vill. vii bor. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. 7 mo. i, x ac. p'ti. c. ov. tc. xxx por. mo. xvi hic jacent vii ſoc. xii ac. tc. val. xl ſol. mo. lx.

In Ilſingetuna tenuit Turchill. lib. ho. t. r. e. dim. car. t're. mo. W. in d'nio. ſep. iii bor. tc. dim. car. mo. ii bov. xl ac. p'ti. 7 dim. ſal. tc. val. x ſol mo. xx ſol. Tota Ilſingetuna ht. i leug. in long. 7 dim. leu. in lat. 7 reddit xii*d.* de xx ſol. de g.

This church ſeems to be held by ſeveral parceners. In the 12 of Henry III. Gilbert de Franſham and Maud his wife, conveyed by fine to William de Sculham, and his heirs, one mark rent in Tilney; and Thomas de Scoulham, Bartholomew le Noreys, in a plea brought againſt them, by Richard, ſon of Walter de Wygenhale, for digging of turf [*e*] in the manor or marſh of Tilney, alledged that they had only a right of commonage therein, and that the ſoil was in Roger, Earl of Clare and Glouceſter, the biſhop of Ely, and P. de Sabaudia.

Thomas de Werlington, and Elizabeth his wife, convey to William de Sculham, a mark's rent, with the homages, ſervices of divers perſons in this town, Tylney, Wigenhale, &c.

Of this lordſhip ſee the earl of Clare's fee in Clenchwarton and Tilney.

LORD BARDOLF's MANOR.

AT the ſurvey Hermerus de Ferrariis, lord of Wrongey, had a conſiderable manor, of which Turchetel was deprived, conſiſting of one carucate and an half of land, 4 villains, and 11 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among [*f*] the tenants, 10 acres of meadow, a church endowed with 2 acres, the moiety of a ſalt-work, 4 cows, &c. valued at 60*s.* and 15 free men belonged to it in King Edward's time, who had 30 acres; there was alſo a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, valued then at 15*s.* at the ſurvey at 10*s.*

The predeceſſor of Hermerus had the protection of them, and they might leave it, paying 2*s.* but Stigand had the ſoc, the royalty or court baron.

Hermerus had alſo invaded or ſeized on 6 acres of land, valued at 12*d.* which 2 free men held of William de Scohies.

The chief lordſhip in this town, was that of Hugh de Montfort's, abovementioned, held by the Lord Scales, and the Ingaldeſthorps.

This lordſhip of Hermerus had moſt probably its ſcite in this town, and therefore is here accounted for, but the principal tenures and lands belonging to it, lay in Tilney, and the church here mentioned, was the church of Tilney, the church of Iſlington belonging abſolutely to Montfort's fee, as appears from the preſentations. What is to be obſerved of this lordſhip, I ſhall treat of at large under the lordſhip of the Lords Bardolph, in Tilney, to which lords the manor of Hermerus deſcended, as will be ſhewn.

William Howard, William Battail, and Robert de Caſton, held the 3d part of a fee of the Lord Bardolf, in the reign of Edward I.——See in Terington, and alſo Tilney.

RICHMOND's-FEE.

IN Iſlington, Alan, Earl of Richmond, had a carucate of land, held by Rolf, a free man, before the conqueſt: to this there belonged 6 borderers, and 2 free men [*g*] had 2 acres and an half, there was always a carucate, 3 ſalt-works, and the moiety of another, with 16 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.*

The biſhop of Baieaux, (Odo) had this on the forfeiture (rebellion) of Ralph,

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[*e*] Plita de Jur. et aſſiſs. *ao.* Hen. III. Rot. 33.

[*f*] Terre Hermeri ——In Iſingetuna ten. ſep. Turchetel i car. 7 dim. terre, ſemp. iiii vill. et xi bord. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i ſep. dim. car. hom. 7 x ac. p'ti. ecclia ii ac. et dim. ſaline ſemp. iiii an. tc. xx porc. mo. iii tc. cxx ovs. mo. c. ſemp val. lx ſol. huic man. jac. t. r. e. 7 mo. xv libi. ho'es. de xxx ac. ſemp. i car. 7 iiii ac. p'ti. tc val. xv ſol. mo. x de h. hab. ant. com'dat. et poſſent reced'e ſi darent ii ſol. Stigandus habuit ſoca.

Invaſio Hermeri de Ferrariis——In Ilſingatuna tenuit Will. de Scohies ii lib'os. ho'es. de vi ac. val. xii*d.*

[*g*] Terr. Alani Comitis——In Ilſingetuna i car. t're. ten. Rolf. lib. ho. temp. r. e. ſemp. vi bord. 7 ii libi. ho'es ii ac. 7 dim. ſemp. i car. 7 iii ſaline, 7 dim. 7 xvi ac. p'ti. 7 val. xx ſol hanc t'ram habuit eps. baioc. ea die qua Comes Rad. forisfec. dimidia' mo. ht. Comes Alan. in ſua parte, 7 Ivo Tailleboſc lib'avit. In ead. tenet Gausfrid i lib'm hom. i car. t're. 7 vii bord. ſemp. i car. 7 i lib. ho. 7 dim. x ac. t're. 7 i ſalina, xii ac. p'ti. totu' val. xx ſol.

Earl of Norfolk, and Alan, the earl, had half of it for his part, Ivo Tailleboſc gave him livery of it.

Jeffrey has in the ſame town, a free man, with a carucate of land, & 7 borderers; there was always one carucate, and a free man, and the right of a moiety of another, with 10 acres of land, 12 of meadow, and a ſalt-work, the whole valued at 20*s.*

This lordſhip alſo extended into Tilney. John, ſon of Wygenhale, John Hakebech, and their tenants, held 3 parts of a fee here, in Tilney and Wigenhale, of the honor of Richmond, in Henry III's. reign; and in that of King Edward III. Thomas Fitz-George, John de Wigenhale, the abbot of Derham, and the prior of Weſtacre, held the fourth part of a fee, in the aforeſaid towns, and South Lynn, of Ralph Nevill. John, Duke of Bedford, died ſeiſed of it in *capite*, in the 14 of Henry VI. held by George, Lord Latymer, as part of Richmond honor.

ABBOT of BURY's and BROUGHTON's MANOR.

THE abbot of Bury, or St. Edmund, had a lordſhip here, before the reign of the Confeſſor. In the [*b*] ſurvey we find this account of it, that there was one carucate and 25 villains, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 4 cows, 80 ſheep, and 6 ſocmen in Lynn belonged to it, who had 26 acres of land, with one carucate and a ſalt-work, valued at 40*s.*

This was a beruite belonging to the abbot's manor of Rungton, in Clackloſe hundred.

Sampſon, abbot of Bury, on the foundation of the hoſpital of St. Saviour's, without the town of Bury, [*i*] in the reign of Hen. II. gave to that hoſpital, two parts of the tithes of his lordſhip here and in Tilney; and in the 9 of Edward I. John, abbot of Bury, demiſed to William de Saham, clerk, for life, one meſſuage, with the demean lands, meadow, and paſture, a windmill, ſuit of the abbot's tenants to it; ſaving to the abbot, the homages, rents, ſervices, of his free men and villains, paying 20*l.* ſterling;——witneſſes, Sir Ralph de Alneto, Sir William de Walpole, Sir Robert de Northwold, Sir William de Tirington, Sir Philip de Fenne, Sir Ralph de Wirham, Sir Adam de Talbot, knights, Robert Ruſſell, William de Bradenham, James de Fenne, Alexander de Walpole, &c.——and in the regiſter of the Sacriſt, it is obſerved, that the monks had no deeds, or memorandum, of the time or perſon who gave this lordſhip. In the 30 of the ſaid king, there was an extent of it, whereby it appears, that there was a capital meſſuage belonging to it, and 127 acres of arable land, in demean, valued at 11*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* the price of every acre, 20*d.* 50 acres of meadow in demean, valued at 6*l.* 5*s.* at 2*s.* 6*d.* per acre; a windmill of 40*s.* *per ann.* 53 tenants who paid 61*s.* 10*d.* *per ann.* with ſeveral other free tenants, with rents and ſervices, &c. and in 1428, the the temporalities of this abby were valued at 23*l.* 13*s.* *ob.* *per ann.*

In the 17 of Edward IV. John Broughton, Eſq; and Anne his wife, conveyed in truſt, to Thomas, biſhop of Lincoln, John, biſhop of Rocheſter, and Horwode, clerk of the privy ſeal, this lordſhip here and in Tilney, with the ferry between Old and New Lenn, and the ſaid Anne died ſeiſed of it *ao.* 20, then a widow; and in the 5 of Henry VII. John Broughton died ſeiſed, held of the abbot of Bury.

On the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, *ao.* 21 Henry VIII. John, ſon of John Broughton, Eſq; dying a minor, Catherine and Anne his ſiſters, had livery of it, with Saxlingham manor in Norfolk.

Anne, their mother, remarried Sir John Ruſſell; and Thomas Strange, Eſq; by the marriage of Anne, one of the ſiſters, had a moiety of it.

In the 30 of Henry VIII. Sir Walter Hobart demiſed it to Humphrey Carvile, gent. for 10 years, paying 16*l.* *per ann.* and John Hobart had an intereſt in it, *ao.* 32 Elizabeth. After this it was in the Thurſtons, and John Thurſton, Eſq; of Hoxne in Suffolk, conveyed it to Sir Richard Brown, Bt. who died ſeiſed of it (and in that family it remains) 1760.

[*b*] In Ilſingetuna ten. S'cs. E. i car. t. r. e. ſep. xxv vill. i car. in d'nio. i car. hom. xx ac. p'ti. iiii ann. lxx ov. huic manerio jacent vi ſoc. in Lena xxvi ac. t're. ſep. i car. 7 i ſal. val xl ſol.

[*i*] Regiſt. abb. Bur. Pincebek fol. 221, Reg. Nig. abb. Bur. fol. 168, et Reg. Sacr.

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, has a nave, a croſs iſle and a chancel covered with reed, the tower is four-ſquare, and ſtands at the ſouth part of the church, and thro' it is a paſſage into the church, and there are 2 bells.

It was antiently a rectory valued at 18 marks: it was appropriated to the priory of Blackburgh, (on a grant of the lord Scales) in the 22d or 24th of Edward III. and a vicarage was then ſettled, valued at 5 marks, Peter-pence was 13*d.* the preſent valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d*, and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

In a window was the pourtraiture of Roger, Lord Scales, on his knees, in compleat armour, with a ſcroll in his right hand, thereon—*Jeſu Fili Dei miſerer.* .... with his arms—gules, 6 eſcallops, argent, impaling, ermin, a croſs ingrailed, gules, the arms of his lady Joan, daughter of Sir Robert Norwood, with Scales's creſt, a plume of oſtrich's feathers argent, iſſuing out of a coronet, or.—Alſo the arms of Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, ſable, a croſs ingrailed, or.

Robert, Lord Scales, who gave this church to the priory of Blackburgh, married Catherine, daughter of Robert Ufford, Earl of Suffolk; here were alſo the arms of Inglethorp, and of Felbrigg, and theſe verſes,

Anno Milleno Domini C. Ter, Nonagens
Unus addatur Numerus bonus, ut videatur.

Here are grave-ſtones——*In memory of Fran. Hoope, yeoman, who died June* 30, 1591.

Richard Saye, who died March 15, 1625.

Nicholas Edwards, Gent: and Ann his wife, he died Dec. 3, 1701, *ſhe Oct.* 29, 1688, with the arms of Edwards, ermin, a lion rampant, azure, on a canton, or, an eagle diſplayed, ſable.

VICARS, &c.

1309, Hugh de Granſete, inſtituted rector, preſented by Sir Robert de Schales.——1312, Richard Leye, ditto.——1314, Hugh de Granſete, ditto.——1320, Robert de Tilney, ditto.——1322, William de Hauberford, ditto.——1323, John de Betham, ditto.

1362, John Marlere, vicar, preſented by the prioreſs of Blackburgh.——1383, William Battaile, ditto.——1387, John Cook, ditto.——1393, John de Illington, ditto.——Henry, Biſhop of Norwich, April 3, 1387, ſettled the vicarage at 10*l. per ann.* and reſerved an annual penſion of 16*s. per ann.* to the ſee, which Biſhop Thirbby releaſed to the king, in 1550, and 2*s. per ann.* to the high altar of Norwich.

1429, Richard Saliſbury, ditto——1431, Henry Cay, ditto.——1442, Thomas Geyton.——1451, Roger Aſhby, ditto.——1461, John Doughty, ditto.——1481, Robert Todde, ditto.

1500, Thomas Ketyll, ditto.——1504, John Parſey, ditto.——1511, Thomas Tutyng, ditto.——1517, Robert Bretton, ditto.——1519, Thomas Sympſon, by the king, the prioreſs had preſented William Compton, who was ſet aſide, as not qualified.——1538, John Skott, by the king.——1572, Marmaduke Neve, by the queen, who on July 2, in her 2d year, granted the impropriate rectory to John Harrington and George Burden.—— ----, John Croſſe, vicar.——1585, Lancelot Stephenſon, by the queen.

1623, William Selby, by the king.——1662, George Vernon, ditto——----, Richard Bowker, vicar.——1667, Thomas Wild, ditto.——1692, Edmund Waſe, ditto.

1700, Thomas Meyers, ditto.——1715, Henry Herdman, by the king.——1724, Jerem. Brown, ditto.——1727, Joſeph Barker, by the king.——1755, John Daville, by the king.

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abby in 1428, were 3*s.* 10*d.*—Weſtacre priory 1*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* William de Wygenhale aliened to it a meſſuage and lands in Tilney, *A°*. 7, Edward II.—Walſingham priory, 2*s*.—Wirmegey priory, 7*d*.—Norwich priory, 8*s*. 4*d*.

The tenths were 7*l*. 10*s*. *per ann.*

In the 8th of Edward II. a fine was levied, whereby Thomas de Hindringham and John Grace, conveyed to Robert de Watervill and Alice his wife, 6 meſſuages and ſeveral parcels of lands in Iſlington, South Lenn, Saddlebow, Seche, &c. ſettled on Robert and Alice, and before this Sir Thomas Baud, or Burgh, gave to Walter de Maydſton, clerk, all his lands, &c. which he had here, in Clenchwarton, and Wigenhale, and paid ſcutage for the 8th part of a fee in the 17th of Edward I. and Bartholomew, ſon of Wydo de Tylney, held this 8th part of Sir Thomas.

Queen Elizabeth, on June 7, in her 12th year, demiſed the manor of New-hall, valued at 10*l*. 14*s*. 1*d*. *per ann.* (part of the lands aſſigned to Queen Mary, before ſhe came to the crown) to Thomas Lovell, Gent: with the ſcite of the manor of New-hall in Iſlington, &c. demiſed to Reginald Brereton, under the great ſeal, on January 23, *A°*. 3, and 4, of Philip and Mary.

L Y N N.

THIS ancient town takes its name from the Britons. In the grand ſurvey, or book of *Domeſday*, it is wrote Lena, and Lun, and in the foundation deed of William de Warrenna (Earl Warren) of the priory of Lewes in Suſſex, in the reign of King William I. Lunea. In the Britiſh language it ſignifies [*a*] a pool, or lake. Giraldus Cambrenſis calls Lhyn Savathan in Wales, Lacus Magnus, a great lake. Leland in his Itinerary, and Camden give the ſame interpretation, and Selden in his notes on Drayton's Polyolbion confirms the ſame.

That the ſame word was uſed in the ſame ſenſe by other nations, appears from the town of Lyn in Suitland, and Lunden in Denmark, alſo a city in Sweden, and that the ſcite of Lynn Regis is agreeable to, and anſwers the derivation abovementioned, in a good meaſure at preſent, and more ſo in ancient days, is evident.

Camden was of opinion that the town was not of any antiquity, but ſprung up out of the ruins of what is called Old Lynn, or Weſt Lynn, which lies on the weſt and oppoſite ſide of the great river Ouſe, and, with Sir Henry Spelman, ſuppoſes it to be called in the time of the Saxons, Maydenburgh, importing, the Maiden's-Bowre, *Virginis Sacrarium et velut Thalamus*, the chapel, or retiring place of the virgin, that is of St. Margaret the virgin, the tutelar Saint, or patroneſs of the town, but that it ever was ſo called is *gratis dictum*, and the interpretation of Mayden-Bowre, quite erroneous and fanciful.

Magdeburgh, or Maydenburgh, a city of Germany, ſeated on the Elbe, is indeed by hiſtorians called *Parthenopolis*, and *Virginopolis*, which words literally interpreted, ſignify a Maiden's Town, but Heylen [*b*] juſtly calls this a mungrel word made up of Greek and Latin, and is by no means a true derivation of Magdeburgh, which is a Saxon name, taken from its ſcite, as was the cuſtom in the Saxon age and before. May, or Mag, ſignifies ſome conſiderable water, or river, thus Mayence, or Mentz, a city in Germany on the Rhyne, and Maeſtrict, ſeated on the river Maes, &c. Den, beſpeaks a low ſcituation, in a valley, and Bowre, is from Bow-Re, that is where the water makes a bow, a turn or winding; of the ſame derivation is the town of Maidenhead, or Maydenhethe in Berkſhire, on the confluence of the Thames and the Kennet.

Etymologiſts have been very deficient on this ſubject: they relate that this town aſſumed its name from the head of one of thoſe eleven thouſand virgins, or Maydens-Heads, [*c*] who ſuffered with St. Urſula, which head was had in great veneration and worſhipped in the ſaid town of Maydenhead; but Sirmondus, a learned jeſuit, has expoſed this ſtale monkiſh tradition and fiction, and ſhewn that Urſula, and

Undecimilla

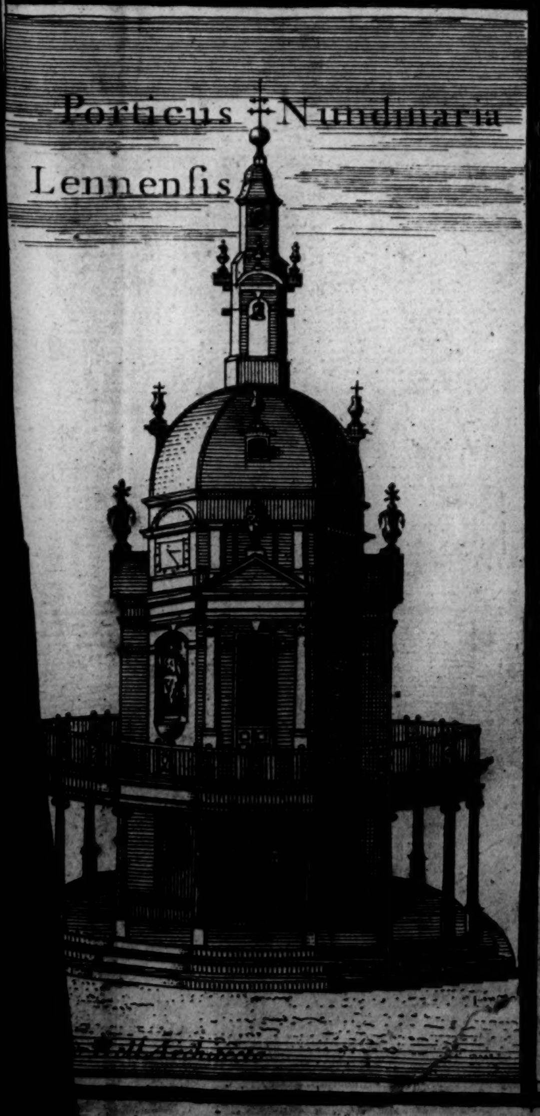
(*a*) Leland's Itin. v. 5. p. 44. p. Tho. Hearne-Poly-Olbion, p. 78.

(*b*) Heylen's Coſmogr. p. 91, lib. 2.

(*c*) Mag. Brit. and Hib. v. 1. p. 169, 4to.

A Templum *S.tæ Margaretæ* .
B Ecclesia *Omn.: Sanct.:* .
C Sacellum *S.ti Nicolai* .
D Capella *S.ti Jacobi nunc* Orphanotrophium
E Schola Grammatica .
F Situs Fratrum *ordinis* Auguſtini
G—Fratrum *ordinis* Prædicatorum .
H—Fratrum *ordinis Carmelitani* .
Turris Capellæ Fratr.: *ordinis* Minorum
Ruinæ *(ut dicunt)* Oratorii .
Curia Municipalis .
M Burſa Lennenſis .
N Geronto chomium .
O Forum Mercatorium .
P Portus Regius .
Q Portus Communis .
R Munimentum Regium .
S Mola Olearia .
T Hydromola .
U Machina Hydraulica .
W Piſcinæ .
X Porta Orientalis .
Y Porta Auſtralis .
Z Mœnia & Præſidia } *Urbis*
AA Regalia & } *Urbis*
BB Inſignia . } *Urbis*

1 *Clow* Lane .
2 *Sedgeford* Lane .
3 *Mad* Lane .
4 *Codlin* Lane .
5 *Miln* Lane .
6 *Crooked* Lane .
7 *Priory* Lane .
8 *S.t Margaret's* Lane.
9 *Colledge* Lane .
10 *Baker* Lane *alias Little Wingate* .
11 *Comōn-Stath* Lane
12 *Pudding* Lane .
13 *Page-Stair* Lane .
14 *Duke's-Head* Lane *alias Pillory* Lane
15 *Drew's* Lane .
16 *Hogman's* Lane . *alias Hopmans* Way.
17 *Butcher* Lane *alias Jew's* Lane .
18 *Spinner* Lane .
19 *Baxter's* Row .
20 *Fuller's* Row .
21 *Leeds's* Street . *alias Skinners* Row.
22 *Cold-hirne* Street.
23 *Lath* Street .
24 *Wingate* Street .
25 *Little-chequer* Stree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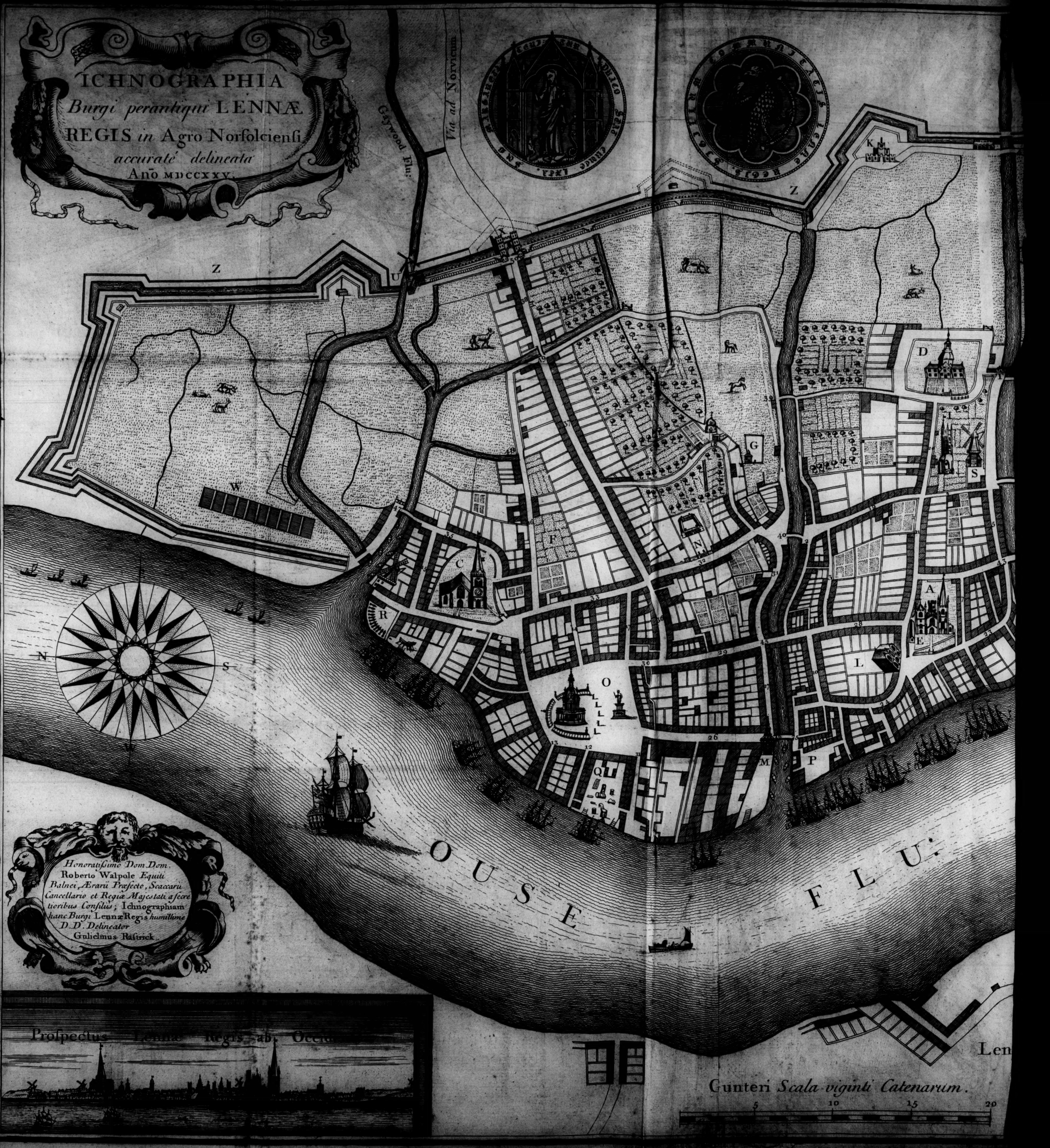
ICHNOGRAPHIA
Burgi perantiqui LENNÆ REGIS *in* Agro Norfolcienſi *accuraté delineata*
Añō MDCCXXV.

Honoratiſsimo Dom Dom.
Roberto Walpole *Equiti Balnei, Ærarii Præfecto, Scaccarii Cancellario et Regiæ Majestati a secretioribus Conſiliis;* Ichnographiam *hanc Burgi* Lennæ Regis *humillime D.D. Delineator*
Gulielmus Raſtrick .

Gaywood Flu:
Via ad Norvicum
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Prospectus Lennæ Regis ab Occidente
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Gunteri *Scala viginti Catenarum* .
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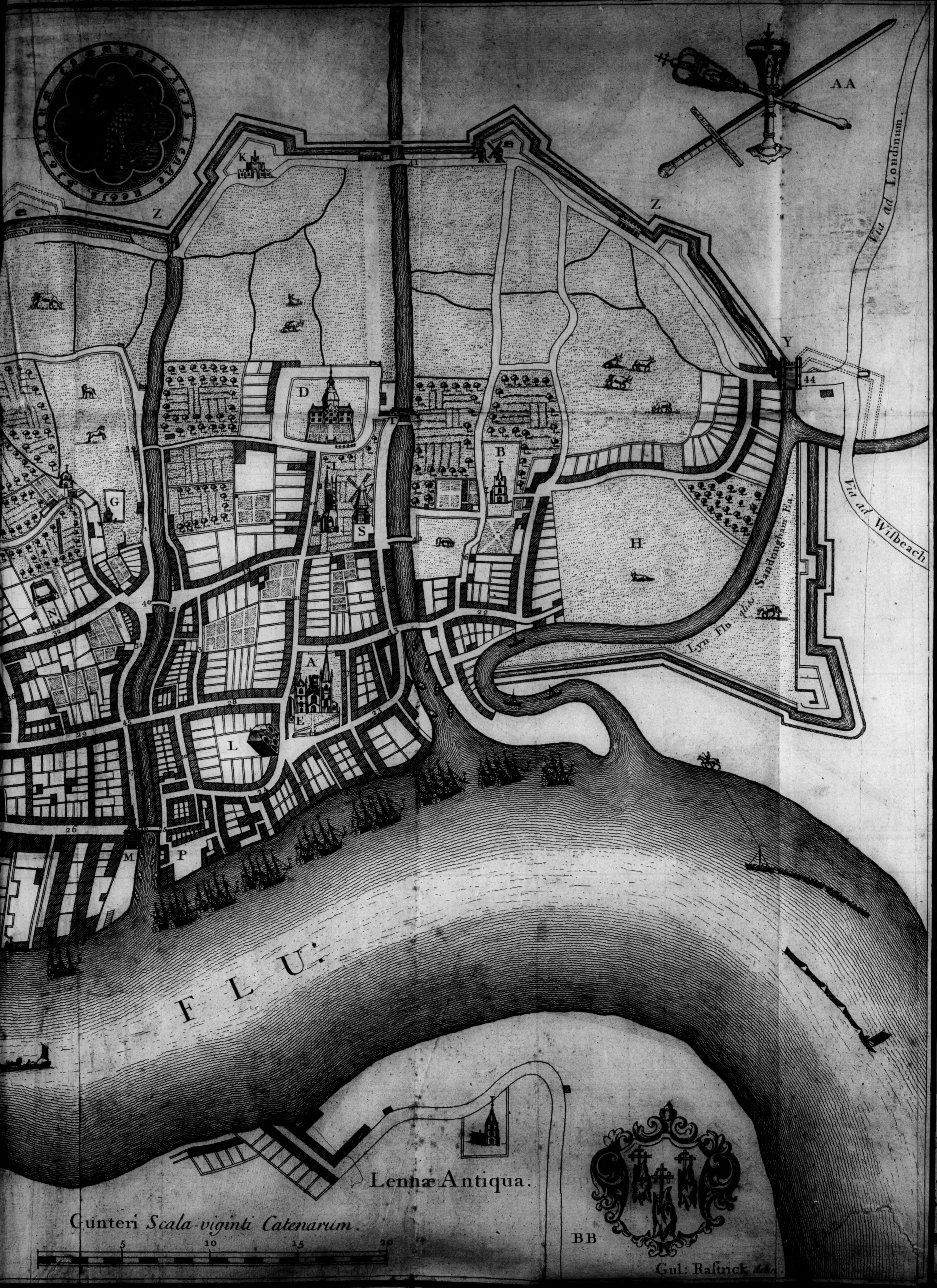


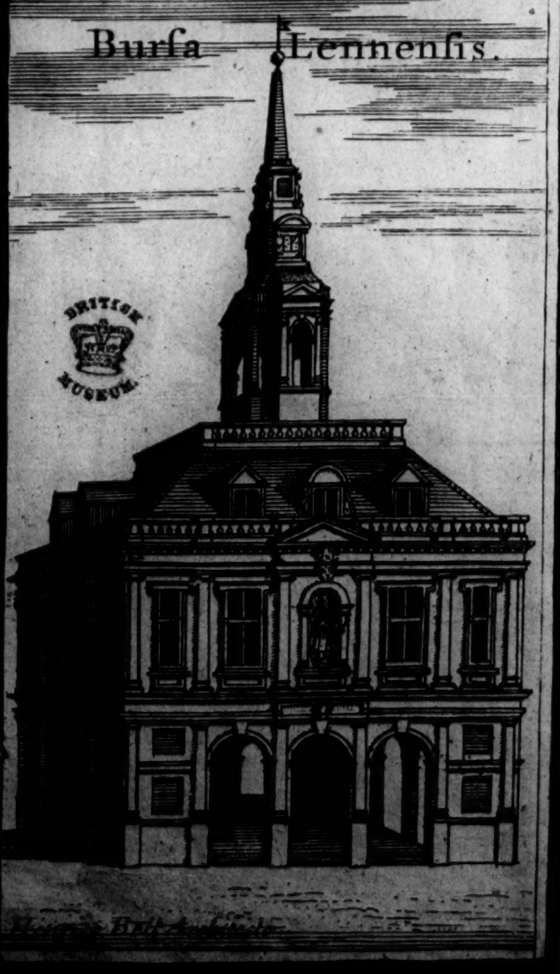
Gunteri *Scala viginti Catenarum*.

Gul: Raſtrick *delin.*

A	St. *Margaret's* Church .
B	*All Saints* Church .
C	St. *Nicholas's* Chappel .
D	St. *James's* Chapl. *now a* Workhouſe
E	*The Grammar* School .
F	St. *Auſtin* Friers .
G	*Black* Friers .
H	*White* Friers .
I	*Grey* Friers *Steeple* .
K	*The* Lady's *Mount* .
L	*The* Guild *Hall* .
M	*The* Exchange *or* Cuſtom Houſe .
N	*A* Hoſpital *for* Old Men .
O	*The* Market Place .
P	*King's* Stath-Yard .
Q	*Common* Stath-Yard .
R	St. *Ann's* Fort . .
S	*An* Oyl Mill .
T	*A* Water Mill .
U	*The* Water Engine .
W	*The* Fiſh-Ponds .
X	*The* Eaſt-Gate .
Y	*The* South Gate .
Z	*The* Walls *and* other Fortifications
AA	*The* Regalia & } *of the Town* .
BB	*The* Armes } *of the Town* .

alias Bulwer Row .
26 *Checquer* Street
27 *Purfleet* Street .
28 *Bridge Gate* Street
alias High Street .
29 *Mercers* Row .
30 *Cooks* Row .
31 *New Conduit* Street
alias Fincham Street
32 *Broad* Street .
alias Webſter's Row .
33 *Liſter Gate* Street .
34 *Wool Market* .
alias Wool-Pack Street
35 *Dowshill* Street .
36 *Greſs Market* Street
37 *Damp Gate* Street
38 *Little Port* Street .
39 *Clow* . Bridge .
40 *Baxter's* Bridge .
41 *Old Gannock* Bridge
42 *Bever's* Bridge .
43 *Lady's* Bridge .
44 *South Gate* Bridge .
45 *High* Bridge *at Stone* Br.
46 *Purfleet* Bridge .
47 *Dowshill* Bridge .
48 *Hopmans* Bridge .
49 *Little Port* Bridge .
50 *East Gate* Bridge .

Burſa Lennenſis.



Henry Bell Architect

BRITISH MUSEUM

Undecimilla were 2 virgin ſaints and martyrs, and the name of Undecimilla came thro' the ignorance of ſome tranſcriber to be wrote and changed into *Undecem Millia*, that is in Engliſh 11000, and thus by one ſtroke of the pen, ſo great a number of virgins were canonized.

And that the real and true derivation of Maydenhead was as I have above obſerved, is confirmed by what Leland ſays, [d] that its ancient name was South Ailington, which ſignifies a town lying by the water, or in watry meadows.

At this Maydenburgh, as ſome have fancied Lynn to have been called, they alſo ſuppoſe St. Edmund the King of the Eaſt Angles landed, when he came out of Germany about the year 870, but why Lynn ſhould be thus called at that time, and not ſo in the time of the Confeſſor *A*°. 1043, but ſhould loſe the name of Maydenburgh in the ſpace of about 170 years, and be then called Lyn, will be a difficulty to be accounted for.

It is therefore moſt probable that this was altogether owing to ſome monkiſh artifice ſince the conqueſt, to magnify the ignorant paſſive zeal of the vulgar, for the tutelar ſaint of this town, St. Margaret the Virgin; as that was at Maydenhead for the 11000 virgins and ſaints: So that Lynn may be juſtly ſuppoſed to have retained its antient Britiſh name without any change or alteration to this time.

Many townſhips in this neighbourhood owe their names to the Britons, with ſome ſmall addition, as that of Ton by the Saxons, as I ſhall ſhow under thoſe towns, which is a proof, that the Britons had many towns and ſettlements here; and among them, this of Lynn may, on account of its advantage in ſcite, &c. be eſteemed the moſt conſiderable.

The name is not only a proof of its antiquity, but the principal lordſhip of the town confirms it, which was at the ſurvey, and in the reign of the confeſſor, in the ſee of Elmham, or Eaſt Angles. What king gave it to that ſee, does not appear, but it is highly probable that Felix the firſt biſhop of the Eaſt Angles was in poſſeſſion of it and of Elmham about the year 630, and Bedwin was biſhop of Elmham in 673.

That its ſituation anſwers its name and derivation appears from its real ſcite, on a great level and flat ſilty rich ſoil, cloſe to the eaſt ſide of the great river Ouſe, which brings with it to this port, from its riſe in Northamptonſhire, the waters of Buckingham, Bedford, Huntingdon and Cambridgeſhire, with thoſe of Norfolk and Suffolk, and empties itſelf below this port into the great German Ocean.

The river Nar, or Sechy river, falls alſo into the Ouſe, near the South Gates of Lynn.

The river that comes from Aſhwicken, Mintlyn, &c. runs croſs the town, and empties itſelf at Lady Bridge, as does the river from Geyton and Leſiat by Purflete Bridge.

To this we may add that the ſea meeting all theſe waters with great rage and violence on ſpring tides, and tempeſtuous, windy weather, forces them back, and at times occaſions inundations, and more frequently in former times, before the many banks, mounds, &c. were raiſed which now guard and defend it, which if removed or neglected, would reduce it to its original ſtate, and render it again as a pool or lake.

The country alſo on the weſt ſide of the Ouſe, called Marſhland, is ſubject, from its ſcite, ſurrounded on every ſide with water, to be overflowed both by freſh and ſalt waters: before the year 1181, it was ſo drowned, that there was no dwelling houſe or land, that any profit could be made of, in the town of Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen, from Buſtard Dole, to the ſouthern bounds or end of it, except the monaſtery or hermitage of Crabhouſe, or Crab-Ouſe, but all was a ſea.

The river Nene alſo uſed to flow directly from Peterborough to Lynn; and in the 3d of King Edward III. it was found to do ſo, 'till Walter de Langton, biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry, lord treaſurer to King Edward I. had 28 years laſt paſt ſtopped up the paſſage of it at Upwell, to drain his manor of Coldham; the waters that then bounded Lynn were called the waters of Lynn, and the marſhes on that ſide, as far as Weſt Walton, were called the marſhes of Lynn.

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(d) Lel. Itin. vol. 2. p. 3.

In the 11th year of King Edward II. a commiſſion of Sewers was directed to John de Ingaldeſthorp, and Richard de Walſingham, reciting that in South Lynn, above 500 marks damage was done on account of the defect of gutters, ſewers and drains; and in the 11th of Edward III. the ſaid townſhip was greatly damaged and impoveriſhed, by inundations from the ſea, and the loſs in the country about Lynn was ſo great, that the king in compaſſion remitted their taxes.

In the 2d of Richard II. a commiſſion was directed to William Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, *&c.* on complaint of the towns of Wigenhale, Iſlynton, Tilney, Clenchwarton, Watlington, Rungton, Holm, Seehy and Weſt Winch, that the river Ouſe which ran thro' thoſe townſhips into the ſea, and was within 30 years paſt not above 12 perches broad, by the breaches in, and decay of the banks, was grown to the breadth of a mile; upon which, by an inquiſition at Wigenhale, it was found that the banks on both ſides of the ſaid river were ſo much broken, that not only thoſe townſhips, but alſo South Lynn and Hardwick were in danger of being deſtroyed; and in 1570, on the 2d and 3d of October, all Marſhland was ſo drowned by the ſea waters, that there were not ten rods of whole ſea-bank from Old or Weſt Lynn to Magdalen Bridge in Wigenhale; and on November 1, 1613 the ſea broke in with ſuch violence, on Marſhland, that the damage was eſtimated at 37862*l.* and many inundations have been ſince that time.

On the ſouth-eaſt parts of this town, from the hamlet of Hardwick, (which ſignifies a turn of water at the point of hard land) to the ſouth gates of Lynn, is raiſed a long and broad ſubſtantial cauſey over the marſh, as a ſecurity (as well as a road) againſt the waters on that ſide; and between Hardwick and Weſt Winch, is a conſiderable ditch and bank (antiently called Green Dike) joyning to the aforeſaid cauſey; and like banks, *&c.* may be obſerved to the eaſt and north-eaſt parts of the ſaid town, as far as Gaywood bridge.

Such a ſituation as this was particularly made choice of, on account of the difficulty of acceſs in time of danger, or approach of an enemy; being eaſily fortified and defended: and on account of trade, eaſe and conveniency of importing and exporting all manner of goods and merchandiſe, to and from foreign countries. Such a ſituation as this Camillus, the Roman Dictator, applauded and boaſted of in his ſpeech to the citizens of Old Rome, and encouraged them to keep poſſeſſion of it, and not to deſert it, when the Gauls had ſacked it.——*Non* [e] *ſine cauſa Dij, Homineſq; hunc urbi condendæ locum elegerunt, flumen enim opportunum, quo ex mediterraneis locis fruges devehantur, quo maritimi commeatus accipiantur. Mare vicinum ad commoditates, nec expoſitum nimia propinquitate ad periculum claſſium exterarum.*

Having thus treated on the name and ſcite of this Burgh, the next particular that offers itſelf, will be to conſider the antient tenures or lordſhips of it; the moſt antient and authentick account of this, is from the Conqueror's book of *Domeſday*, made in the year 1085, at which time and in the Confeſſor's, this town, with the townſhips or hamlets of Weſt, North and South Lynn, we find to be all included under the general name of Lena, and Lun, the diſtinction of Weſt, North and South not being till ſome centuries after, as will appear under the hiſtory of thoſe places.

In this moſt valuable book we learn that Ralph, lord Tony, had a lordſhip in Lena, which Harold held in King Edward's time, and which he loſt with his crown, at the battle of Haſtings; this was South Lynn.

Ralph, Lord Baynard, had in Lena, a lordſhip, this alſo was in South Lynn, and extended into the other hamlets.

Hermer de Ferrarijs had in Lun, a lordſhip; this was in Weſt Lynn, and alſo extended into the other hamlets.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had a lordſhip in Lena, which extended into all the hamlets.

The abbot alſo of Bury, had in Lena a lordſhip; this was north Lynn.

Theſe are the only lordſhips (with ſome few particulars that are to be found relating to them) that occur under the name of Lena, and Lun, and of thoſe I ſhall treat at large, in their proper place.

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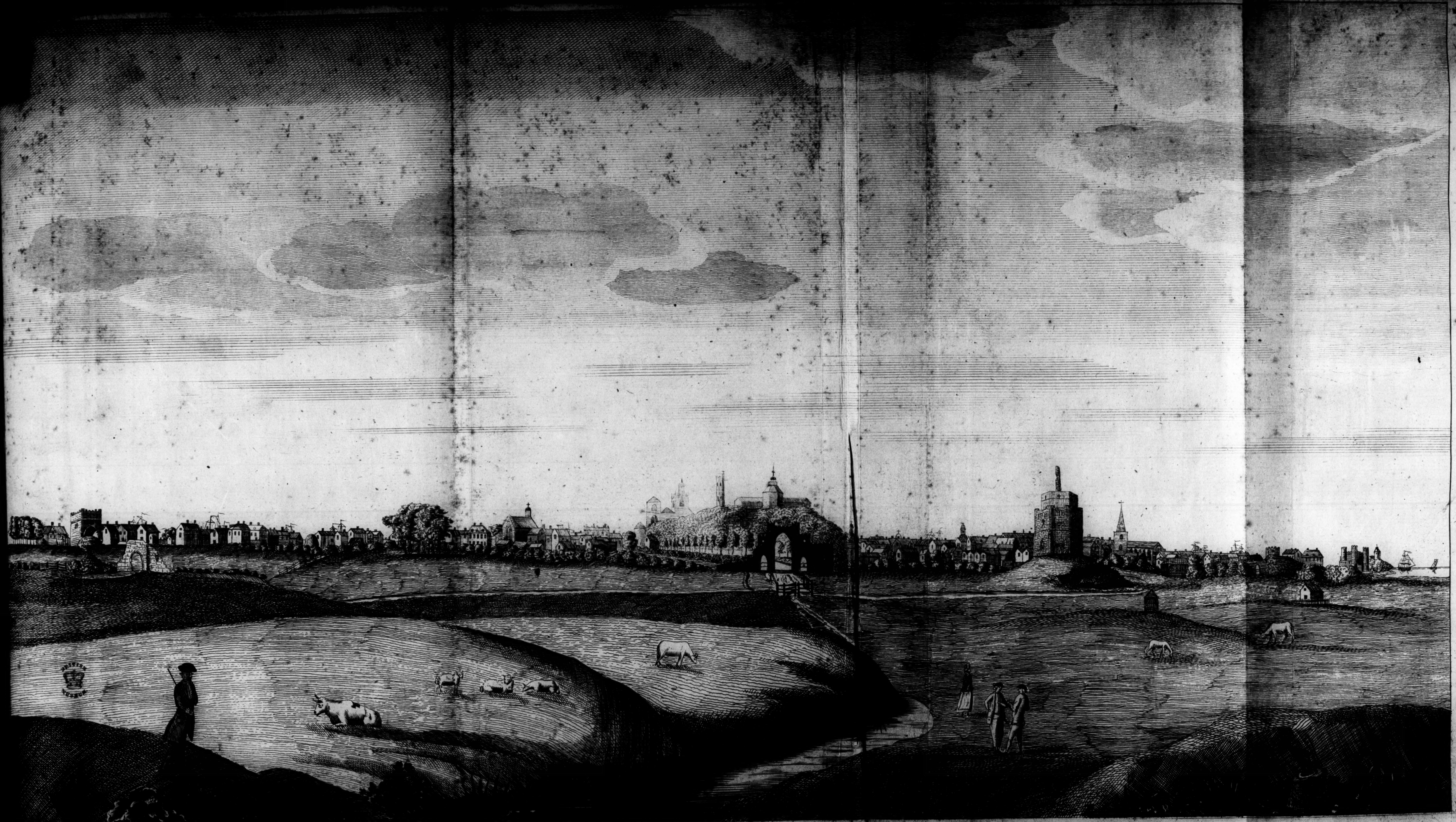
(e) Livy Decad. 1 lib. 5. c. 54.



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A South East View of KINGS-LYNN, in the COUNTY of NORFOLK

But none of theſe lords were the chief, or capital lords of that part of Lena or Lynn, which is now called the Burgh: the two great lords of that, in the Confeſſor's reign, were Agelmare, biſhop of Elmham, as lord of Geywode, in right of that ſee, and Stigand, as lord of the manor of Ryſing, and of the hundred of Freebridge, which Stigand was arch-biſhop of Canterbury, but held this and many more lordſhips in his own right, as a lay fee. Agelmare and Stigand are not expreſſly named under the name of Lena, to be lords of the town, tho' Stigand is mentioned to have the ſoc of the lordſhips of Ralph, lord Baynard, Hermer de Ferrariis, and Rainold, ſon of Ivo, probably as lord of the hundred: and the reaſon of their not being mentioned as lords of this part, (the Burgh part) is, becauſe that was included, valued and accounted for under the lordſhips of Geywood and Ryſing, and the Burgh part was as beruites, or little manors, depending on thoſe great and capital ones, which extended into that part. Many towns are not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, which has induced hiſtorians to conclude, that they were not in being at that time, and has been the occaſion of great miſtakes, they not reflecting on the true end and deſign of the book, which was to ſet forth every tenure, under the capital manor to which it belonged, in the town where that capital manor had its ſcite; ſo that the town wherein ſuch a tenure lay is not often mentioned, and when it is, it is named to be a beruite to the ſaid capital manor. Many examples of this are to be found, and ſuch is the caſe now before us.

LYNN BISHOP'S MANOR.

ONE part or moiety, at leaſt, if not more, was (as I've obſerved) in Agelmare or Ailmar, biſhop of Elmham, a Saxon married prelate, in the time of King Edward, the confeſſor, in right of his capital manor of Geywood, which extended into this town, and being deprived of his ſee of Elmham, of which Geywood was a member, in 1370, was ſucceeded by Herfaſt, or Arfaſt, who removed his ſee from Elmham to Thetford, and was lord. On whoſe death William de Beauſoe was preferred to it, and was biſhop when the grand ſurvey was made, in 1085, when it appears from the ſaid book, that he was lord of Gaywode, [*f*](and conſequently of this manor) in right of his ſee of Thetford. Herbert his ſucceſſor tranſlated the ſee to Norwich, and on his foundation of the priory of the Holy Trinity in his church of Norwich in 1101, gave the church of Lynn, with a manor, all his ſalt-works, and marſhes, at Geywode and Lynn, to the priory aforeſaid, to hold them as freely, quit and exempt of all cuſtoms and ſervices, as he himſelf, Arfaſt, and William his predeceſſors enjoyed them; and erected alſo a priory as a cell to that of Norwich, on the ſouth ſide of St. Margaret's church which he had built.

That it was a place of trade and conſequence, before and in the reign of the Conqueror, and the capital manor in Lena, appears from its enjoying the privilege of certain duties and cuſtoms, with a tolboth in this town, and before the Norman conqueſt, payable on the arrival of any goods or merchandiſes by ſea or land, and the biſhop was then in full poſſeſſion of a moiety; which the Conqueror on his deprivation ſeized on, and gave to his brother Odo, biſhop of Baieux, in Normandy; and on his rebellion againſt King William II. that king granted it to William de Albini, his butler, called *Pincerna Regis*, as I ſhall ſhow when I treat of his manor; how long before this the biſhops of Elmham enjoyed this, I cannot determine, or when they had the firſt grant of this manor, but it is highly probable, it was very early in the Saxon age, and at that time they had the grant of the towns of Dunwich and Elmham, about the year 630, and Bedwin on a diviſion of the ſee of Dunwich, held the ſee of Elmham in 673.

King Henry I. granted to the priory of Norwich, a fair here, for three days, on the feaſt of St. Margaret, &c. with ſoc, ſac and other cuſtoms, as was found by an

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(*f*) See in Geywode.

Inſpeximus of this, in the reign of Richard II. and King Henry II. confirmed to the monks, all the grants and privileges of his predeceſſors, and what Herbert, biſhop of Norwich, *&c.* had given them.

William [g] of Newburgh who lived in the reign of Richard I. calls Lynn—*Urbs commeatu et commercijs nobilis*, a city noble or of note, for its trade and commerce; and the Jews, a people in all ages famous on this account, had great numbers (as he relates) of them ſettled here, and being enraged on the converſion of one of their body to Chriſtianity, they ſet upon him, in order to have ſlain him; who to prevent it, took ſanctuary in a church: they broke open the doors, and would have taken him out by force. On this noiſe and uproar, a number of the Chriſtians came to his reſcue, but the inhabitants being in fear of the king, who had taken the Jews under his protection, acted on the reſerve; on which many young ſtrangers and foreigners, who were in the town on account of their trade, fell on the Jews, killed ſeveral of them, burnt and plundered their houſes, and theſe foreigners to avoid the king's anger, took ſhipping directly with their ſpoil. At this day there is a ſtreet called from them, Jews Street, where they lived together: they had then great indulgences, which they paid the government for, bought houſes and lands, which rendered them hated by the natives and chriſtians; and in many ancient deeds may be ſeen a form of warranty againſt ſelling land, *&c.* to them: *viz. Et cuicunq; dare, vendere, et aſſignare voluent, præterquam domuj religioſæ et Judaiſmo, vel Judæis.*

John of Oxford, Biſhop of Norwich, granted in the ſaid reign, 1187, to the altar of his church of the Holy Trinity, at Norwich, 3 marks of ſilver, *per ann.* to be paid out of his Stone Houſe, which he had build on the ſea bank, by St. Nicholas chapel, in Lynn to the weſt, [h] and Peter, ſon of Ganfride, ſon of Durand of Oxeneford and his heirs, to whom we granted the ſaid houſe, ſhall pay the ſaid old rent, alſo 12*d. per ann.* to us and our ſucceſſors, and ſhall reſerve to us one of the ſellers, that is in the front of the houſe for to put wine in.

John de Grey who ſucceeded in the ſee of Norwich in his fourth year, 1204, being deſirous of poſſeſſing thoſe lands, privileges, *&c.* in this town, which Herbert his predeceſſor, *&c.* had conveyed to the priory of Norwich, made an exchange with them, granted to them his manors of Secheford and Great Creſſingham in Norfolk, and all the lands thereto belonging, excepting to himſelf and ſucceſſors, the advouſon of the church of Great Creſſingham, with the knights fees and ſervices belonging to the ſaid manors, as he had in other manors of the monks; and the priory reſigned to him and his ſucceſſors, all their rights and profits in the fairs of Lynn and Geywode, with the Saturday mercate, all their lay fees therein, the annual rent of 3 marks in a houſe by St. Nicholas church, and a meſſuage by Purflete Bridge; all their ſalt works, with their profits, and their right in half a mark *per ann.* paid by the dean of Lynn, all their right in the toll, all their rents and perquiſites which they had in Lynn, or without, except Hageloſe, which they held by virtue of a lay fee.

And the ſaid biſhop by another deed, then dated, appropriated to the ſaid priory, the church of St. Margaret, with all its ſpiritualities, tithes, oblations and obventions, with the chapels of St. Nicholas and St. James, alſo the church of Mintling, with all its appertenances, with all the tithe belonging to the demean lands of his lordſhip of Gaywode, on condition that they take care to have the ſaid churches and chapel ſerved by their chaplains, to be removed or admitted (on any juſt cauſe) at the will of the biſhop, and that it ſhould be lawful for him only, to erect any chapel in the aforeſaid pariſhes, and if any was erected, the priory ſhould have the ſole profit of it. The town by this exchange being for the greateſt part again in the biſhops of Norwich, obtained the name of Biſhop's-Lynn, and was ſo called in all deeds, and writings, till alienated to the crown in the reign of King Henry VIII.

Before this exchange in 1201, he had built a ſtately palace, with proper appertenances at his manor of Geywode, and now was intent of obtaining great privileges by his intereſt with the king, for this town; and having certified the king

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(g) De. Rebus Ang. lib. 4. p. 401.

(h) Reg. Sacr. Norw. Eccles. fol. 14.

of this exchange made between him and the priory of Norwich, he obtained a grant from the king of a Free Burgh for this town.

The king in his charter ſets forth, “That on the requeſt and petition of John, the “ſecond of that name, biſhop of Norwich, he had granted that the village of Lenn “ſhould be a Free Burgh for ever, and have all the liberties and free cuſtoms, “which free burghs have in all reſpects, ſaving to that biſhop and his ſucceſſors, “and to William, earl of Arundel and his heirs, thoſe liberties and cuſtoms, “which they have of old held in the ſaid village, *&c.*”—The witneſſes were Hubert, arch-biſhop of Canterbury, William, biſhop of London, Geff. Fitzpiers, earl of Eſſex, Rand. earl of Cheſter, Jeffrey de Say, *&c.* Given under the hand of Simon de Wells, provoſt of Beverley, at Lambeth, 27, Jan. *A*°. 5°.

JOANNES *Dej gratia, &c.—Noveritis Nos ad inſtantiam, et petitionem venerabilis patris noſtri, Joh. Norwic. Epiſci. ſecundi, conceſſiſſe, et hâc p' ſenti chartâ noſtrâ confirmaſſe, qd. villa de Lenn, ſit liber Burgus in perpetuum, et habeat omnes libertates et liberas conſuetudines quas liberj burgi habent in omnib; ſalvis ipſo Epiſc°. et ſucceſſor. ſuis, et Will°. Comitj Arundel, et heredib. ſuis, libertatib; et conſuetudinib; quas ipſi in p' dictâ villâ antiquitus habuerunt. Quare volumus, et firmiter p' cipimus qd. p' dicta villa de Lenn, ſit liber Burgus in p' petuum, et habeat omnes libertates et conſuetudines liberas quas liberi burgi noſtri habent in omnibus, bene, et in pace, liberè et quietè et integrè, plenariè et honorificè, ſicut p' dictum eſt. Teſtib; Dno Hub°. Cantuarienſi archiepiſc. W°. Lond. Epiſc. G. Fil. Petri Comite Eſſex, R. Comiti Ceſtrie, Galfr°. deSay, &c. Dat. p. man. S. Præpoſiti de Beverley, et apud Lamb. 27 die Jan. A°. regni noſtri quinto.*

The ſaid king alſo in his fifth year granted to the biſhop and his ſucceſſors an annual fair [*i*] on the tranſlation of St. Nicholas, and for 15 days following, ſaving to the earl of Arundel and his heirs, the rights belonging to them, (which ſeems to be a moiety of the profits, toll, ſtallage, piccage, *&c.*) and ſaving to the city of London their liberties. The king alſo granted to the ſaid biſhop a fair at Lenn, for 15 days, on the feaſt of St. Margaret, 7 days before and 7 days after the ſaid feaſt, *ſans date.*

The feaſt of St. Margaret was kept on July 20, and agreeable to this charter it was thus held in the beginning of the reign of king Edward I. when the fair of Robert de Tateſhale, and Sir John de Vaux, at Boſton in Lincolnſhire, was found to be greatly injurious to this of St. Margaret. After this, in or about the 3d of Henry IV. Henry le de Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, had it altered, and held on the feaſt of St. Peter, *ad Vincula*, or Lammas day, Auguſt 1, and for the ſame number of days as above mentioned.

It is to be obſerved here, that as the king had by charter granted Lynn to be a free Burgh, ſo it was neceſſary that the biſhop, as lord of the burgh, ſhould do the ſame, and was undoubtedly obliged alſo to certify his conſent, and approve of the ſame.

In a charter therefore to this purpoſe, he certifies,

“That he had granted to his village of Lenn, *viz.* to all the pariſh of St. Margaret, in the ſaid village, and all men dwelling therein, all and every the ſame liberties which the Burgeſſes of Oxford enjoy, the king having granted to him a power of chooſing any burgh in England, and that his village of Lynn ſhould enjoy the ſame liberties that any burgh enjoyed, which he ſhould thus make choice of, and that he made choice of the burgh of Oxford.”

He therefore wills that this his village ſhould be a free burgh, and have all the liberties in every reſpect as the burgh of Oxford, ſaving to himſelf and ſucceſſors for ever, all thoſe liberties and cuſtoms which he held and does hold in the ſaid village of Lenn, according to what the charter of John, King of England, witneſſes, which he has granted concerning the liberties conferred on the ſaid burgh.—To this, the witneſſes were—Jeffrey, arch-deacon of Norwich, Thomas, his brother, Maſter William de Linn, Maſter Robert de Glouceſtre, Maſter Ran. de Harpel, Jordan, the chaplain, John de Uffinch, Henry, ſon of Simeon, Robert de Grey,

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(*i*) Chart. Antiq. in Turrj Lond. N. 13. 14.

Nicholas de Liſney, Richard Baſſet, Reginald de Nottingham, *&c.* granted at London, by the hand of Jeff. de Derham, 9th of the calends of April, in the fourth year of his pontificate.

CHARTA JOH. LE GREY, Epiſci. Norwic. BURGENSIBUS DE LENNA.

OMNIB; *ad quos præſens ſcriptum p'venerit—Johan. Dei gratia Norwicenſ. Epiſc. ſalut. in Dno. ſempiternam—Noverit univerſitas veſtra nos conceſſiſſe et p'ſentj chartâ confirmaſſe ville noſtre de Lenn,* viz. *Toti parochie eccl'ie Sce. Margarete in eadem villa, et omnib; hominib; in ead. parochia manentib; omnes et eaſdem libertates quas habent burgenſes de Oxeneford, quia Dominus Rex nobis, p. chartam ſuam conceſſit, ut eligeremus burgum in Angliâ quem cunq; vellemus, ut eaſdem libertates quas burgus ille habet, haberet et villa noſtra de Lenna, et nos elegimus Oxenefordiam. Et ideo volumus, qd. eadem villa liber ſit burgus, et eaſdem libertates habeat, quas habet burgus de Oxeneford in omnib; ſalvis nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris in perpetuum, omnib; libertatib; et conſuetudinib; quas habuimus et habemus in villa noſtra de Lenna, ſecundum quod charta Dni Regis Anglie Johannist eſtatur, quam nobis fecit de libertatib; eidem burgo collatis. Quare volumus et p'cipimus, ut p'dicti burgenſes habeant et teneant omnes res et poſſeſſiones ſuas liberè et quietè, honorifice, plenariè et integrè ſecundum quod ſupradiximus—Hijs teſtib; Galfrido, Archidiacono Norwic. Thome Fratre ſuo, Magr°. Will°. de Lenna, Magr°. Rob°. de Glouceſtre, Ran•. de Harpel, Jordano Capellano, Joh. de Uffinch, Hen°. filio Simeonis, Rob°. de Grey, Nich°. de Liſney, Ric°. Baſſet, Regin^{r}. de Nottingham, et multis aliis—Dat. apud London. p. manum Mag. Galfridi de Derham 9°. kalend. Apr. Pontifecat. noſtri A°. Quarto.*

To this was the biſhop's ſeal, his effigies in pontificalibus, and *Joh. Dei gratia epiſcop. Norwicenſ.*—the reverſe—the Holy Lamb, with the croſs, and *Ecce Agnus Dei qui tollit peccata mundi.*

What theſe liberties were, will beſt appear from the charter of King Henry II. who made that a Free Burgh.

"KNOW ye that I have granted and confirmed to my citizens of Oxenford, all the liberties, cuſtoms, *&c.* which they had in the time of my grandfather King Henry I. Namely their merchants gild, with all its liberties and cuſtoms, *&c.* ſo that no one who was not a brother of that gild ſhould merchandiſe in the ſaid city, or ſuburbs; that they ſhould be free from all toll, paſſage, and all duties, *&c.* thro' all England and Normandy, by land and by water, *&c.* with other cuſtoms and liberties that they held in common with the citizens of London, and that they ſerve on with the ſaid citizens, in the office of his butler, and carry on merchandiſe with them in London and all other places. And that if at any time they ſhould be in doubt, what they ſhould do, they ſhould ſend their meſſengers to London, and what thoſe citizens determined, they ſhould confirm it, as right; and that they be not impleaded on account of any claim, out of Oxenford, but if they were, they might traverſe the ſame, according to the laws and cuſtoms of the city of London, and no otherwiſe; for they and the citizens of London had one and the ſame cuſtom, law, and liberty." He alſo grants them ſoc and ſac, toll and theme, infangtheof, and all other liberties and cuſtoms, *&c.* as they held in the time of his grandfather, King Henry I. and as all the citizens of London enjoy.

Theſe were conſiderable liberties and privileges; and no wonder, as this king had a love and affection for this city, on account of their fidelity to his mother Maud, the Empreſs, and to himſelf in the war againſt King Stephen; this charter therefore the biſhop made choice of: as he had been ſecretary to King John, and a juſtice itinerant, he was no doubt well apprized of the greatneſs of it; and, as I take it, he was a native of Oxfordſhire, and born at Greys, or Greys-Court in that county, where his anceſtors had large poſſeſſions. His father, Richard de Grey, was a benefactor to the monaſtery of Eynſham. Hawiſe de Grey, his brother's wife, gave to it the church of Cornewell in the ſaid county, and the biſhop gave the church of Swetford, with the chapel of Sinewell in the ſaid county, to the canons of Ouſey.

Agreeable therefore to this choice, and requeſt of the biſhop, King John grants what is called the Grand Charter of Lynn, in his ſixth year, September 14, by which it became a free burgh for ever, with ſoc and ſac, tholl, theam, infangthief and utfangthief, free through all his land and ports, of tolls and tallage, paſſage, payage, pontage, laſtage, lione and Danegeld, and all other cuſtoms, excepting the liberties of the city of London, and from all ſuit of country or hundred court, for tenures within the burgh of Lenn; and that none of them ſhould be impleaded out of the burgh in any plea, but in thoſe of foreign tenures, and that all trials of murder ſhould be in the ſaid burgh, and the burgeſſes freed from all trials by combat or duel, and if impleaded in any, except a foreign one, they might traverſe the ſame, according to the law and cuſtom of Oxford; that no one ſhould have dwelling or entertainment there by force, or aſſignment of the earl marſhal; that no miſkenning be allowed; that they keep a huſting court once a week, and have a merchant's guild, &c. according to that of Oxford, and all pleas thereto belonging, to be held at Lenn. And if any one throughout all England ſhould take toll or cuſtom from any burgeſs, except the citizens of London, the provoſt of Lenn may recover damages by the writ of *Namium*. That all merchants whatever may come to the ſaid burgh, with their merchandiſe, and depart freely and ſafe, having paid the juſt cuſtoms and dues of the ſaid burgh; and no one is to offer any injury to, or moleſt the ſaid burgeſſes under the penalty of 10*l*. and if the burgeſſes ſhould be in any doubt in any point what to do, they ſhould ſend meſſengers to Oxford, and what the burgeſſes of Oxford ſhould determine, ſhould be firm and valid, ſaving to the ſaid John, biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors for ever, and to William, earl of Arundel and his heirs, the liberties, &c. which they have held, and ought to hold in the ſaid village of Lenn, for ever. Witneſſes,—Jeffrey Fitz Piers, earl of Eſſex, William, earl of Saliſbury, William Briewer, Thomas Baſſet, Alan Baſſet, Simon de Pateſhull, William de Cantilupe, James de Poterna, John de Stokes, Andrew de Beauchamp.——Given under the hand of Hugh, archdeacon of Wells, at Lutgareſhall, 14 September, *ao*. 6.

Johannis Dei gratia Rex Angl. D'ns. Hib. Dux Norm. Aquit. Com. Andeg. Archiep. Epiſc. Abbat. Comit. Baron. Juſtic. Vicecomitib; Prepoſitis, Minſt. et Omn. Ballivis et Fidelib; ſuis, Salut.

NOVERITIS NOS ad inſtantiam et petitionem venerab. patris noſtri J. Norwicenſ. Epis. ſecundi, conceſſiſſe et p' ſenti charta noſtra confirmaſſe Burgenſib; de Lenna quod burgus de Lenna ſit lib. burgus in p'petuum, et habeat ſocc. et ſacc. tholl, theam, infangenethief et utfangeneth. et quod ipſe per totam terram noſtram, et per omnes portus maris quieti ſint de tholon. ſtallagio, paſſagio, paag. pontag. leſtag. et de line, et de Daneg. et omnia alia conſuetudine, ſalva libertat. civitatis London. et qd. nullam ſectam comit. vel hundredor. faciant de tenuris infra Burgum de Lenna. Conceſſimus autem eiſd. burgenſ. et hac charta noſtra confirmavimus qd. nullus eor. placitet extra Burgum de Lenna de ullo placito, preterplacita de tenuris exterioribus. Conceſſimus et eis quietantiam murdri infra Burgum de Lenna; et qd. nullus eorum faciat duellum, et qd. de placitis ad coronam p'tinentib; ſe poſſint diſrationare ſecundum legem et conſuetud. Oxon. et qd. infra Burgum p'dict. nemo capiat hoſpitium p. vim, vel p. liberationem mareſcallorum; et qd. in Burgo illo in nullo placito ſit miſkenninga, et qd. huſteng ſemel tantum in Edomada teneatur. Conceſſimus etiam eis gildam mercatoriam, et qd. terras et tenuras vadia ſua et debita ſua omnia juſte habeant quicunq; eis debeat, et de terris ſuis et tenuris que infra Burgum p'dict. ſunt rectum eis teneatur ſecund. legem et conſuetud. Burgi Oxon. et de omnib; debitis ſuis que accommoda fuerint apd. Lennam, et de vadiis ibidem factis placita apud Lennam teneantur; et ſi quis in tota Anglia theolon. et conſuetud. a Burgenſ. de Lenna ceperit, excepta ut ſuperius civitate London. poſtquam ipſe a recto defecerit, prepoſitus de Lenna Namium inde apud Lennam capiat. Inſuper ad emendation. p'dicti Burgi de Lenna conceſſimus qd. quicunq; mercatores petierint Burgum de Lenna cum mercato ſuo, de quocunq; loco fuerint, ſive extranei, ſive alij qui de pace noſtra fuerint, vel de licentia noſtra in terram noſtram venerint, veniant, morentur, et recedantur in ſalva pace noſtrâ reddendo rectas conſuetudines *illius Burgi. Prohibemus et nequis p'dict. Burgenſib; injuriam vel dampnum vel moleſtiam faciat, ſuper forisfacturam decem librarum. Preterea conceſſimus eiſd. Burgenſ. qd. ſi de aliquo judicio dubitaverint vel contenderint quid facere debeant, de hoc mittant nuntios ſuos Oxon. et qd. inde Burgenſ. Oxon. judicaverint, ratum et firmum habeatur. Salvis in p'petuum p'dicto J. Norwic. Epiſco. et ſucceſs. ſuis, et Willo. Comiti Arundell et hered. ſuis; libertatib; et conſuetud. quaſi in p'dicta villa de Lenna antiquitus habuerunt et habere debuerunt. Quare volumus et firmiter percipimus qd. p'dicti Burgenſ. de Lenna et heredes eor. hec omnia p'dicta hereditarie in p'petuum habeant et teneant, bene et in pace, libere quiete integrè plenarie, et honorificè ſicut p'dictum eſt———Teſtib; Gaufrido Fil. Petri Com. Eſſex, Willo. Com. Sarum. Willo. Briewerr, Tho. Baſſet, Simone de Pateſhull, Willo. de Kauntilup. Jacobo de Potern. J. de Stoke, Andr. de Bellocampo.——Dat. p. manu' Hugonis Arcbidiac. Wellenſ. apud Lutegareſhal decimo quarto die Septemb. anno regni Noſtri Sexto.*

And what privileges could not this powerful and rich prelate obtain of his king, who in his 5th year had pawned to him his *regalia*, the great crown of England, the gilt ſword, ſurcoat, tunick and dalmatick of Edward the Confeſſor, with his girdle, ſandals, gloves, ſpurs, &c. all which he received by the hands of John de Ufford, the king's chaplain: to this we may add that all, or moſt of this king's prime miniſters, were natives of this county. Hubert, archbiſhop of Canterbury, &c. was born at Weſt Derham; Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent, lord juſticiary of England, governor of Dover caſtle, &c. at Burgh, in Flegg hundred, as was his brother Jeffrey, biſhop of Ely; and John de Brancaſter, [k] and Jeffrey Fitz Piers, Earl of Eſſex, juſticiary of England, &c. was founder of Shouldham abby.

In the ſaid ſixth year the tax or tallage of the king, amounted to 651*l.* in one year, [l] which is a proof of the trade and flouriſhing ſtate of the town at that time, London then paying 836*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

We find alſo another proof of its good ſtate, from there being mints here for the coining of money, belonging to the king and the biſhop; this was a privilege granted to ſeveral biſhops and great abbots, in the Saxon age; and in his 9th year, (1208) King John ſent his mandate to all the mint-maſters, keepers of the ſtamps in Wincheſter, Exeter, Chicheſter, Canterbury, Rocheſter, Ipſwich, Norwich, Lenn, [m] Lincoln, York, Carliſle, Northampton, Oxford, St. Edmund's Bury, Durham, &c. to bring (cuneos veſtros) your ſtamps, and not (noſtros) ours, to Weſtminſter, in the ſpace of 15 days, from the morrow of the feaſt of St. Dennis.

Before this, in the 6 of the ſaid king, it appears that there were 3 mints in Chicheſter, [n] two belonging to the king, and one belonging to the biſhop; and that the king had alſo his mint here in the 35 of Edward I. We find from a writ, then dated, and directed to the wardens *(cuſtodib;)* of it in Lenn, to ſeize upon all prohibited money, and to put the ſtatute againſt it in execution, alſo from a *compotus* of the chamberlain's of Lenn, at that time, wherein 6d. ſtands charged given out of courteſy to a meſſenger of the king's, bringing a writ to the keeper of the mint.

Some perſons have fancied that the mints were not in Lynn, but at Mintling, a little hamlet at this time near Lynn, which took, as they conceive, its name from them, whereas the name is taken (as I in its place ſhall ſhew) from its ſcite. Mints were not permitted to be in ſuch private villages or hamlets, but in cities or in burgh towns, and in fortified ſecure parts thereof. How long it held this privilege is not clear; King Edward III. in his 18 year, reduced all coinage to the ſtandard of the tower of London, and enjoyned all other mints to take their coining-tools or ſtamps from the tower, allowing them but one pound and 5 ſhillings profit in the coinage of an 100*l.* ſo that other mints grew weary, and left it off; and probably, from this time, the mint here became uſeleſs.

It is a traditionary report, and believed by the good people of Lynn, that King John alſo granted to this burgh, the honor and privilege of a mayor; but hiſtorians attribute the grant to King Henry III. Sir Henry Spilman was alſo of this opinion, and ſays that King John gave them only a *prætor*, on the entreaty of Biſhop Grey; and that King Henry III. honoured them with a mayor, for their fidelity to him againſt the rebellious barons; but, it is certain, that there was a provoſt at the head of this burgh, when King John granted his charter in his 6th year, and no mayor; and, it does not appear that Oxford, [o] whoſe privileges, liberties, &c. the biſhop choſe, and adopted for his town of Lynn, had at that time, a mayor.

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[k] John de Brancaſter ſigned the Charter of King John to the city of Norwich, *ao.* 1199, next to John de Grey, afterwards biſhop, and before the earl of Cheſter: he was a clergyman, and ſome great officer of ſtate; and tis probable Simon de Wells, keeper of the king's ſeal, and biſhop of Chicheſter, and Hugh de Wells, keeper of it, were natives.

[l] Madox Hiſt. of the Exchequer. p. 530.

[m] Pat. 9 Johs. N. 29.

[n] Pat. *ao.* 6 Johs.

It ſeems to me, that the perſon who was at this time at the head of the burgh, the *præpoſitus*, was one named and appointed abſolutely by, and at the will and pleaſure of the biſhop, and was probably his chief ſteward, or bayliff. The time aſſigned for King Henry's grant of a mayor, is in his 52d year, 1267, but this is *gratis dictum*, and will be found to be a grand miſtake; that it was a mayor town before the death of King John, is evident from the Patent rolls.

King John by his letters patents, dated at the Devizes in Wiltſhire, June 7, in his 18 year, to the mayor and good men of Lenn, enjoins them to receive into that town of Lenn, all thoſe whom Fulk de Oiry, William de Roſs, William Bigod, and William Gernon, ſhould look upon to be faithful and truſty to him. This ſhews that it was a place of ſtrength, and fortified. This Fulk was a perſon of great power in Lincolnſhire, and lord of the manor of Gedney, and the king had granted him a charter for a weekly mercate there, in his ſixth year.

How long it was before this that they had their charter, I cannot aſcertain; this is however a ſufficient proof, that King John was the king that granted this honor, and not King Henry III. and that it was a mayor town of ſome continuance in the year 1233.

Here I ſhall take the liberty of repreſenting what ſurprizing troubles and diſtreſſes King John underwent for the ſpace of above 4 months before his death, flying from one place of defence to another for refuge, in conſtant dread and fear of his rebellious barons, being truely perſecuted and hunted by them, as a partridge on the mountains: taken from the authority of the patent rolls.

On the 3d of June, in his 18th year, 1216, he was at Wincheſter, on the 7th at Lutgardſhall in Wiltſhire, at the Deviſes in Wiltſhire on the ſaid day, as by his patent to the mayor of Lenn abovementioned, alſo on the 9th; at Wilton the 14, at Sherminſter 15, and at Bere in Dorſetſhire 20th, at Corf Caſtle the 24th of June, and 4 of July; at Warham, July 7, at Corf Caſtle the 16th, at Hay, on the edge of Brecknockſhire in Wales, and Herefordſhire the 21th, at Hereford the 30th, and at Lemſter the 31ſt; at Blaunchminſter Auguſt 7, at Whitchurch the 9th, at Shrewſbury 14, at Bruges or Bridgnorth 16, at Worceſter 17, at Glouceſter 18, at Berkley in Glouceſterſhire, 19, at Briſtol 21, at Corf 25, at Wells 27, at Bath 28, and on the ſaid day at Sherbourn in Dorſetſhire, at Bradford 29, and Chipenham in Wiltſhire, 30; At Cyrenceſter in Glouceſterſhire, September 1, at Burford in Oxfordſhire 2d, at Oxford 3, 4 and 5, at Reading the 7th, at Sunning the 8th, after this at Wallingford, Ayleſbury, Buckingham and Bedford; at Cambridge September 16, at Clare in Suffolk, 18, at Clive or King's Cliffe in Northamptonſhire, the 20th, at Rockingham 21, at Lincoln 22, at Scoter (in Lincolnſhire) 15, at Lincoln 28, and October the 1ſt and 2d; at Louth October 4, at Grimſby the 7th, and at Spalding the 7th, at Lenn, † October 9 and 10, at Wiſbeach the 12th, at Lafford (Sleford) 15, on the 18 at Newark, where he granted that day, a patent to F. de Breant, of the honor of Luton, late Baldwin's, earl of Albemarle, and on October 19, he died in the night at this town.

Some hiſtorians relate that he was poiſoned by a monk of Swinſtede abby; but he ſeems by this journal not to have gone by Swineſtede: its certain that he was paſt that town on the 15, and was at Sleford, and it is not to be conceived, had he been there poiſoned, he could have proceeded to Newark, and died there about five days at leaſt, after he had taken the poiſon, which killed (as is ſaid) the monk who took the ſame, in a very ſhort ſpace of time.

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[o] London had no mayor till King John in his 10th year granted it, as Grafton, Baker, &c. and Norwich had no mayor before 1403.

† On this day he granted to Hubert de Burgh, chief juſtice of England, and born in this county, a protection for his manors of Stow Bardolf, and Weſtfield in Norfolk, which he held in right of his wife, widow of Dodo Bardolf, dated at Lynn.

The places abovementioned where he took refuge, were places of ſtrength, and had their caſtles, whereas Swineſted was no place of defence or ſecurity: the daily ſucceſs of his rebellious barons, with Lewis the French King's ſon at their head, his many loſſes, and conſtant fatigue, had ſo much impaired his health, that it is no wonder if they haſtened his death, and that he was no longer able to bear them.

[p] Stow, in his Chronicle, informs us that King John made Saveric de Malione captain of Linne, and began to fortifie it; he was a Poictovin or a Gaſcoign, one of the king's chief commanders in Poitou in France, in 1214: this was, as I take it, on or about the 10th of October before his death, when he was in perſon preſent here, and about this time, I find that Hervey Belet, who was lord of Eaſt Rudham, and a great benefactor to Coxford priory, had authority from the king to confide in all things that Saverick de Malo Leone, William, Earl of Albemarle, and Fulk de Breant, ſhould mention to him for the fealty, intereſt and honor of the king, ſo that he may alſo be ſuppoſed to have ſome honourable place here under the king.

At this laſt viſit of the king and reſidence here, it is probable he gave them his moſt curious cup, and moſt venerable piece of antiquity, of ſilver gilt with gold on the inſide, adorned with beautiful imagery and enamelled work, in the keeping of every mayor, uſed on certain ſolemn occaſions, and ſhewn to gentlemen as a great curioſity, in memory of their founder and great benefactor, filled with ſack.

Stow ſays that the townſmen received the king with great joy, and honored him with large gifts, and that he got a ſurfeit here with filling his belly too much, and fell into a flux.

As for the ſword, it is believed that the king gave none to be borne before the mayor, and Spelman has given a very good reaſon for it. It was, ſays he, an epiſcopal burgh, the biſhop of Norwich being lord of it, and not a royal burgh, or demeans, and there ſeems to be proof that no ſuch *inſignia* belonged to it in Henry IV's. time, but was a grant from King Henry V.

In the 7th year of this king, the bayliffs of the town produced their charter, that no one out of this [q] burgh ſhould be impleaded out of the burgh, for lands and tenements therein, and it was allowed them in the king's court, and was allowed alſo in the king's bench, in a cauſe between Margaret, widow of Robert de Wenton, and the mayor of Lenn, (this is alſo a proof that there was a mayor then) which was *ao.* 4 Henry III.——*Plita Coron. Rot.* 19.

Licence was granted to foreign merchants to come with ſafety to the fair of Lenn, *ao.* 8 and 9 of Henry III. *Pat. M.* 6. & *M.* 2. and in the 11 of that king, a talliage was granted to the king by the biſhop: the oath of the burghers then was—"You ſhall faithfully pay your talliage made by the lord, (bp.) at his will, of all your chattels of your own property, whatever they are, and of the chattels of your wife, and all that is your due to pay". About this time the biſhop was found to hold this burgh of the king in *capite*, but by what ſervice the jury knew not; but in the 17 of the ſaid reign, Thomas de Milton, and Warin, ſon of Imbert, were named by the king, to aſſeſs the talliage, and all the demeans of the ſee of Norwich.

In the 18 of this king, a fine was levied at Weſtminſter in Trinity term, before Robert de Lexington, [r] William de York, Ralph de Norwich, William de Liſle, Adam Fitz-William, and Ralph de Rokele, the king's juſtices, between the mayor and burgeſſes, querents, and Thomas Blundevile, biſhop of Norwich, deforcient. The mayor, &c. complained that the biſhop had impleaded them in a court chriſtian (eccleſiaſtical or ſpiritual court) and had excommunicated them becauſe they had created a mayor among themſelves, and had taxed and talliaged themſelves in the ſaid burgh without his aſſent; and it was agreed between them in the ſaid court, that the biſhop ſhould grant for himſelf and ſucceſſors, and his church of Norwich, that the ſaid burgeſſes for the future, may chuſe and create to themſelves a mayor, whomſoever they pleaſed of their own body, on this condition, That immediately after this election or creation, they ſhould preſent him to the biſhop and his ſucceſſors,

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[p] P. 555.

[q] Paſch. R. 8.

[r] In Cur. Recept. Sc'carii Lig. 3. N. 64.

ſors, wherever they ſhould be in the dioceſe of Norwich, who on the preſentation ſhould be admitted by the biſhop, without any contradiction; and for this fine and concord, the mayor and burgeſſes grant for themſelves, their heirs and ſucceſſors, that whoſoever ſhall be ſo created and elected mayor by them, ſhall promiſe on his good faith and fealty, by which he is engaged to the biſhop, and his ſucceſſors, that he will obſerve all things that belong to his office, as long as he ſhall continue therein, and preſerve as much as is in his power, the liberties of the church of Norwich.

And this agreement and fine was made in the preſence of the king, who conſented to it.

This king, as appears from many inſtances, ſate frequently in the court of king's bench, at the head of his juſtices.

The mayor and burgeſſes liberty of holding courts, and having cogniſance of pleas were allowed them, [ſ] (*& quod juſtitiam plenam faciant*) *ao.* 34 Henry III. and it was lawful for them to ſell their inheritance, or that of their wives, and their portion, as they thought proper, on condition that their wives were preſent at the ſale, and conſented, and in a full court of the burgh.

In the 35 of the ſaid king, the merchants coming to Lenn were allowed to be free *De Priſis*; and in the 37, William Hall, and Catherine his wife, conveyed by fine, to John Curteſs and Joan his wife, a meſſuage and lands in Lenn Regis, and South Lenn, in a ſtreet called Coldhyrn.

The mayor and burgeſſes were, in the 41 year, commanded by the king, to permit the men of Ely to come here and ſell their beer, and to exerciſe merchandiſe as before the diſturbances. At this time mention is made of St. Margaret's Fen, and the king's juſtices held an aſſiſe here this year.

The king in his 50 year, commanded the ſheriff of Norfolk to cauſe 36 tuns of wine to be ſent to him, then at the ſiege of Kenilworth caſtle, in Warwickſhire, bought by the king's purveyors at Lenn, famous at that time for importing wine; and in his 52 year, by his charter, dated at Weſtminſter, March 26, confirmed all their former liberties, and that of chooſing a mayor of themſelves, without preſenting him to the biſhop, and to be in place of a *Præpoſitus Villæ*.

This probably induced Sir Henry Spelman, &c. to look upon it as the firſt and original grant of a mayor, which was only (as may be ſeen from what I ſaid before) a confirmation of that liberty.

In his 55 year, Simon de Lawedſman of Tofts, grants to John Conſtantine of Weſtacre, burgeſs of Lenn, and his heirs, 10*s.* rent *per ann.* out of his meſſuage in Damgate, which meſſuage extended itſelf from Damgate ſouthward, to the common flete, north. Oliva, daughter of Seward de Badele, and Edmund her ſon, grant to Ralph, ſon of Semeine de Lenne, and Maud his wife, a meſſuage in St. James's ſtreet, lands, &c. which Seward gave to Oliva, to her ſon and heirs, paying 10*s.* *per ann.*—Robert, mayor of Lenn, Ralph Kellock, and Robert Fitz-David, were witneſſes; this was in the 1273, *ao.* 56 Henry III. when Robert de London was mayor.]

John, ſon of Stephen de Wyrham, held in part, by heirſhip, with the Lady Alice de Boyland, (wife or mother, as I take it, of Sir Richard de Boyland, a famous itinerant judge of this time) in the north part of this town, a hall called Boyland Hall, with a kitchen, cellars, chambers, &c. It is mentioned to have a great ſtone front, and to extend from the tenement of Warine de Mundeford weſt, to the meſſuage of Simon Drew, to the eaſt; and the aforeſaid John grants to this Simon, his part, paying 21*s.* *per ann.* and excepting to Sir William Eſturmy, his heirs and tenants, free egreſs and regreſs, under the ſtone front. This was in the aforeſaid year, and the witneſſes were, Robert de London, mayor, Richard, alderman, (that is of the merchants gild of the Holy Trinity) &c.

[William de Eſturmy was at this time cuſtos or keeper of the city of Norwich, appointed by the king.

[ſ] Plita de Jur. et aſſis. Rot. 36.——Plita, &c. Rot. 42.

About this time Richard Noth, by deed, *ſans* date, releaſed to the monks of Caſtleacre, a tenement which he held of them in Lenn, and his right therein at Rond's Hill, called alſo Bellaſis.

William, the prior of Lenn, with the conſent of the priory of Norwich, had granted to the monks of Caſtleacre, an hoga (a how or hill) called Bellaſis, by the cauſey of Lenn, to be held of them by the rent of *6d. per ann.* to be paid in the church of St. Margaret, of Lenn. The ſaid Richard alſo granted to Godfrey Fitz-Godfrey, 80 feet of land here; witneſſes, Ralph Kelloc, Ralph, ſon of Rainer de Wirham. I find alſo a windmill to be at this place.

At the entrance of Audrey cauſey over the fens, into the Iſle of Ely, there was a ſtrong tower erected, called Bellaſis, to defend that paſſage; and probably there was one here, which I take to have been on the right hand as you turn to enter at the ſouth gate.

That Lynn was a mayor town in the 18 of King John, has been proved, but thro' length of time, want or decay of evidences, the names of very few mayors are to be met with before the year 1284, *ao.* 12 Edward I. from which year the liſt is regular and compleat.

The firſt that I have met with, is Robert, ſon of Lunnolf, in a deed, *ſans* date, which I have here copied, that a convincing proof may be had of it.

[u] *Sciant, &c. quod ego Simon de Well, clericus, conceſſi et quietem clamavi in p'petuum Robo. filio Sunnolfi, majori Lenn. et heredib; totum jus qd. habui in omnib; terris et tenement. que fuerunt Lemari filii Blak in Well, &c. exceptis terris quas idem Robertus mihi conceſsit—Hijs teſtib; Simone filio Roberti de Lenn, Gilberto filio Warini.*

Sunnolf, who as this deed teſtifies, was father of Robert the mayor, 'tis probable might alſo have been mayor himſelf, and from him the flete called Sunnolf's Flete, ſeems to take its name. Rob. was a perſon of conſiderable eſtate, and held a manor with meſſuages, and lands in Wells, Holm, Neu Londe, Brokene, Henemeth, Hakebeche, and Wiſbeche, with all the homages, ſervices, and rents of his demeans, which he grants by deed, *ſans* date, to Gilbert, ſon of Warin, his grandſon, to be held of him, paying to him and his heirs *45s.* and half a pound of cumin. To this deed is his ſeal of green wax, hanging by a twiſt of red and white ſilk,—a ſpread eagle with 2 necks, and this legend round it,——*Sigillum Roberti Filii Sunnolfi.*—The witneſſes were Michael de Belvaco, William Hereward, Adam, ſon of Seman. This Robert was undoubtedly one of the firſt mayors. Gilbert, ſon of Warine, ſon of Robert, ſon of Sunnolf, was living in the year 1238, as the following deed teſtifies;

Notum ſit quod ego Philippus fil. Walteri de Thorp, conceſsi et dimiſi ad firmam Waltero rectori de Grimeſtun. fratri meo et Gilberto fil. Warini de Lenn. meſſuagium illud in Well, quod bone memorie Tho. de Blun'ville Norwic. Epiſc. mihi dedit cum mariſco qui vocatur Wyke-Fen. Hanc autem conceſſionem, &c. eis feci duraturam a prima ſeptimana quadrigeſime anno incarnationis D'ni. milleſimo ducenteſimo, triceſimo, octavo, &c. *Hijs teſtib; Mro. Joh. de Monteacuto, Michaele de Belvaco.*

To this Gilbert, Walter Suffeld, biſhop of Norwich, grants all his land in Welle, by deed, dated at Weſtacre, 6 of the Calends of May, in the 2d year of his pontificate, *ao.* 1246.

This Gilbert, William de Carleton, John Coſtyn, Andrew, John de St. Omer, were alſo mayors in the reign of Henry III. as ſeems from old writings, but *ſans* date.

Alexander Kellock, mayor, and Richard de Norwich, ſeneſchall (of the biſhop) were witneſſes to a deed of Richard, ſon of Adam Codlin of Lenn, *ſans* date, wherein he grants to Richard de Geyton, a certain piece of land by Sunnolf's Flete, between the land of Sir Robert de Scales, and the land in the uſe of the Friers Minors of Lenn, in breadth, and between the common gutter, and the ſaid flete in length, paying yearly to the biſhop of Norwich, and the prior of St. Margaret of Lenn, 10*d.* at 4 equal payments, at each payment 3 halfpence to the biſhop, and 1*d.* to the prior. I find this Alexander Kellock admitted a brother of Trinity gild, in 1248.

Andrew ſeems to be mayor about 1269.

James de Belvaco, or Beauſoe, was elected mayor in the 56 of Henry III. and entered

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[u] Penes Beaup. Bell, armig. nup. de Beaupre Hall in Outwell.

A
Chronological TABLE of the MAYORS of LYNN REGIS,
from the Reign of HENRY III. 1268, down to the 12th of GEORGE III. 1772.

MAYORS, *ſans date.*

ROBERT, ſon of Ranulph,
Gilbert,
Robert,
Adam L'Eſpie,
William de Carleton,
John Coſtyn,
—— de St. Omer,
James,
Robert de London,
James de Beauvreys,
James de Bevate,

HENRY III.

A.R.		A.D.
52		1268
53		1269
54	Andrew,	1270
55	James de Belvaco,	1271
56	Robert de London,	1272

This Prince dyed 26, November.

EDWARD I.

A.R.		A.D.
1		1273
2		1274
3	Adam	1275
4		1276
5		1277
6		1278
7		1279
8	Adam de Sco' Edmundo,	1280
9	John de Hiſpania,	1281
10	William de Lindſeye,	1282
11		1283
12	AdamdeSanctoEd.Homero	1284
13	John de St. Omer,	1285
14	Adam de Sancto Edmundo,	1286
15		1287
16	Peter de Thurendine,	1288
17		1289
18	John de Hiſpania,	1290
19	Hugh de Maſſingham,	1291
20	John de Hiſpania,	1292
21	Hugh de Maſſingham,	1293
22	Thomas de Wainflet,	1294
23	John de Merlowe,	1295
24	—— de Hiſpania,	1296
25	Hugh de Maſſingham,	1297
26	Thomas de Wainflet,	1298
27	John de Merlowe,	1299
28	The ſame,	1300
29	Richard de Gerveſton,	1301
30	John de Leyceſter,	1302
31	—— de Thurendine, or Thorndeyn,	1303
32	Thomas de Wainflet,	1304
33	Jeffrey Drew,	1305
34	Thomas de Sedgeford,	1306

This Prince died July 7.

EDWARD II.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Lambert de St. Homero,	1307
2	Thomas de Sedgeford,	1308
3	Peter de Thurendine, or Thornden,	1309
4	Richard Houpman,	1310
5	John de Merlowe,	1311
6	Lambert de St. Homero,	1312
7	The ſame,	1313
8	The ſame,	1314
9	John de Thornhegge,	1315
10	The ſame,	1316
11	Peter de Elmham	1317
12	Robert de Walſingham,	1318
13	Peter de Elmham,	1319
14	John de Thornhegge,	1320
15	William de Frauncys,	1321
16	The ſame,	1322
17	John de Swardeſton,	1323
18	The ſame,	1324
19	John de Thornhegge,	1325
20	—— de Burghard,	1326

This Prince died January 25.

EDWARD III.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John de Swerdeſton,	1327
2	—— de Maſſingham, or John de Cocksford,	1328
3	John de Thornhegge,	1329
4	—— de Swerdeſton,	1330
5	—— de Burghard,	1331
6	The ſame,	1332
7	William de Sedgeford,	1333
8	Adam de Walſoken,	1334
9	William de Sedgeford,	1335
10	John de Swerdeſton,	1336
11	John de Burghard,	1337
12	Thomas de Melcheburne,	1338
13	John de Cokesford,	1339
14	William de Bruiton, or Brintan,	1340
15	Hugo de Beale, or Beteley,	1341
16	Adam de Walſoken,	1342
17	John de Maſſingham,	1343
18	Thomas Drue,	1344
19	John de Cokesford,	1345
20	—— de Swardeſton,	1346
21	—— de Maſſingham,	1347
22	—— de Coutſhall, and Robert de Docking,	1348
23	Robert Braunch,	1349
24	Thomas Rightwis,	1350
25	William de Bittering,	1351
26	The ſame,	1352
27	The ſame, and John de Coutſhall,	1353
28	William de Swanton,	1354
29	John de Coutſhall,	1355
30	Thomas de Boteheſham,	1356
31	John Urey,	1357
32	William Bittering,	1358
33	Robert Braunch,	1359
34	Simon de Gunton,	1360
35	Thomas Drue,	1361
36	Thomas de Boteheſham,	1362
37	Simon de Gunton,	1363
38	John de Coutſhall,	1364
39	William de Bittering,	1365
40	John de Fincham,	1366
41	Thomas Drewe,	1367
42	Thomas de Boteheſham,	1368
43	John de Brunham, or Burnham,	1369
44	Henry de Cove,	1370
45	Jeffrey Talboth,	1371
46	John de Docking,	1372
47	Edmund de Franſham,	1373
48	Robert Attelathe,	1374
49	Richard Houghton,	1375
50	John de Fincham,	1376

This Prince died June 21.

RICHARD II.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John de Brunham,	1377
2	The ſame,	1378
3	Jeffrey Talboth,	1379
4	John Warryn,	1380
5	Roger Paxman,	1381
6	Henry Betele,	1382
7	Thomas Curſhon, or Curſon	1383
8	John Warryn,	1384
9	—— de Brunham,	1385
10	—— Warryn,	1386
11	Thomas de Coutſhall,	1387
12	Roger Paxman,	1388
13	Thomas de Coutſhall,	1389
14	Edmund Belletere,	1390
15	John de Brunham,	1391
16	Thomas Drue,	1392
17	—— Coutſhall,	1393
18	Edmund Belletere,	1394
19	Robert Boteheſham,	1395
20	John Wace,	1396
21	Thomas Waterden,	1397
22	—— Drue,	1398

This Prince died September 29.

HENRY IV.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Edmund Belletere,	1399
2	John de Wentworth,	1400
3	The ſame,	1401
4	Thomas Brigge,	1402
5	Robert Boteheſham,	1403
6	Thomas Waterden,	1404
7	John de Wentworth,	1405
8	Robert de Brunham,	1406
9	Thomas Brigge	1407
10	John Brandon,	1408
11	The ſame,	1409
12	Robert de Boteheſham,	1410
13	Roger Gallyon,	1411
14	Bartholomew Pettipas,	1412

This Prince died March 20.

HENRY V.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Bartholomew Pettipas,	1413
2	John Lakenhithe, *obt.* Robert Brunham,	1414
3	Thomas Hunt,	1415
4	John Weaſenham,	1416
5	William Hunderpound,	1417
6	Thomas Hunt,	1418
7	John Weaſenham,	1419
8	—— Spicer,	1420
9	The ſame,	1421

This Prince died Auguſt 31.

HENRY VI.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John Spicer,	1422
2	—— Permenter,	1423
3	—— The ſame,	1424
4	John Thoriſby,	1425
5	Philip Frank,	1426
6	John Permenter,	1427
7	The ſame,	1428
8	Richard Waterden, *ob.* John Weaſenham,	1429
9	Thomas Warſtead,	1430
10	John Permenter,	1431
11	—— Breckupp, or Brighteyve,	1432
12	Thomas Boteheſham,	1433
13	—— Burgh,	1434
14	John Waryn,	1435
15	William Palmer, *ob.* John Permenter,	1436
16	Thomas Saliſbury,	1437
17	The ſame.	1438
18	Henry Thoriſby,	1439
19	John Aſhenden,	1440
20	Sim. Scotland,	1441
21	Henry Thoriſby,	1442
22	The ſame,	1443
23	William Kirton, *ob.* John Waryn,	1444
24	Thomas Saliſbury,	1445
25	John Pygot,	1446
26	Sim. Scotland,	1447
27	Thomas Talboth,	1448
28	Richard Frank,	1449
29	William Lewis,	1450
30	The ſame,	1451
31	John Gedneye,	1452
32	Walter Cony,	1453
33	Sim. Pygott,	1454
34	—— Scotland,	1455
35	Henry Thoriſby,	1456
36	Thomas Talboth,	1457
37	John Nicholſon,	1458
38	The ſame,	1459
39	Walter Cony,	1460

This Prince died March 4.

EDWARD IV.

A.R.		A.D.
1	William Pilton,	1461
2	Sim. Baxter,	1462
3	Edmund Weſthorpe,	1463
4	William Cawes.	1464
5	The ſame,	1465
6	Henry Birmingham,	1466
7	Ralph Geyton,	1467
8	William Pilton,	1468
9	Walter Coney,	1469
10	Edmund Weſthorpe,	1470
11	Henry Bermingham,	1471
12	The ſame,	1472
13	William Wales,	1473
14	Walter Coney,	1474
15	William Nicholſon,	1475
16	Thomas Leighton,	1476
17	—— Thoriſby,	1477
18	Edmund Weſthorpe,	1478
19	John Burbage,	1479
20	William Marſh,	1480
21	The ſame,	1481
22	Thomas Thoriſby	1482

This Prince died April 9.

EDWARD V.

This Prince died June 22.

RICHARD III.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Robert Pilly,	1483
2	Thomas Wright,	1484

This Prince died November 22.

HENRY VII.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John Tilly,	1485
2	Richard Goodwyn,	1486
3	Robert Pilly,	1487
4	John Tego,	1488
5	—— Gryndell,	1489
6	The ſame,	1490
7	Robert Powditch,	1491
8	Thomas Wright,	1492
9	Edward Rowſey,	1493
10	William Amflys,	1494
11	The ſame,	1495
12	John Palmer,	1496
13	Robert Trew,	1497
14	John Taylour,	1498
15	Thomas Deye,	1499
16	Andrew Wuley,	1500
17	Sim. Baxter,	1501
18	Thomas Thoriſby,	1502
19	John Palmer,	1503
20	William Trew,	1504
21	William Gervy,	1505
22	Andrew Wuley,	1506
23	Robert Gerves,	1507
24	John Burdy,	1508

This Prince died April 22.

HENRY VIII.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John Grendell,	1509
2	Thomas Wych,	1510
3	The ſame,	1511
4	John Davy,	1512
5	Richard Bewſhere,	1513
6	Robert Soame,	1514
7	John Grendell, ſen.	1515
8	Robert Amflet, ſen.	1516
9	Thomas Leighton,	1517
10	William Gerves, *alias* Caſtle,	1518
11	Robert Gerves,	1519
12	Thomas Miller or Milner,	1520
13	The ſame,	1521
14	The ſame,	1522
15	The ſame,	1523
16	John Grendell,	1524
17	Thomas Leighton,	1525
18	Chriſtopher Brokebank,	1526
19	Robert Soame,	1527
20	John Water,	1528
21	Thomas Miller,	1529
22	Richard Bewſhere,	1530
23	John Power,	1531
24	Robert Amfles,	1532
25	—— Parmytour,	1533
26	—— Seagrave,	1534
27	Thomas Water,	1535
28	—— Leighton,	1536
29	William Hall,	1537
30	Richard Bewſhere,	1538
31	William Hall,	1539
32	Edward Baker, *ob.* Edward Newton,	1540
33	Henry Duplack,	1541
34	William Kenette,	1542
35	Richard Hunſtan,	1543
36	Robert Soame,	1544
37	Jeffrey Stele, *alias* Style,	1545
38	Thomas Miller,	1546

This Prince died January 28.

EDWARD VI.

A.R.		A.D.
1	William Overend,	1547
2	John Macanter,	1548
3	Ralph Downes,	1549
4	Edward Baker,	1550
5	Thomas Waters,	1551
6	Greg. Revely,	1552

This Prince died July 6.

Q. MARY.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Robert Palmer,	1553
2	Henry Duplack,	1554
3	Robert Mowthe,	1555
4	Ralph Downes,	1556
5	Henry Bleiſby, *ob.* William Overend, *ob.* or Overton,	1557
6	William Overton, *ob.* Thomas Waters,	1558

This Princeſs dica November 17.

Q. ELIZABETH.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Robert Gervis, *ob.* Chriſtopher Graunt,	1559
2	John Pell,	1560
3	—— Makanter,	1561
4	—— Kynne,	1562
5	—— Grebby,	1563
6	Robert Hulyer,	1564
7	Richard Spence,	1565
8	Robert Gervis,	1566
9	Thomas Grave,	1567
10	Greg. Baker,	1568
11	Francis Shaxton,	1569
12	Edward Waters,	1570
13	Robert Hulyer,	1571
14	John Kynne, *ob.* John Grebby,	1572
15	Thomas Clayborne,	1573
16	—— Grave,	1574
17	Chriſtopher Graunt,	1575
18	Greg. Baker,	1576
19	John Ditchfield,	1577
20	Robert Hulyer,	1578
21	Thomas Overend,	1579
22	Francis Shaxton,	1580
23	William Killingtree,	1581
24	John Grebby,	1582
25	Richard Clarke,	1583
26	Thomas Grave,	1584
27	Robert Hulyer,	1585
28	Thomas Boſton,	1586
29	—— Sendyll,	1587
30	John Nelſon,	1588
31	Seth Hawley,	1589
32	Henry Vilett,	1590
33	Peter Cartwright,	1591
34	Thomas Clayborne,	1592
35	William Gurlyn,	1593
36	Thomas Boſton,	1594
37	William Hoo,	1595
38	John Baſſet,	1596
39	Seth Hawley,	1597
40	Thomas Baker,	1598
41	Henry Vilett,	1599
42	William Gurlyn,	1600
43	Thomas Sandill,	1601
44	Thomas Gibſon,	1602

This Princeſs died March 24.

JAMES I.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John Spence,	1603
2	—— Kercher,	1604
3	Matthew Clarke,	1605
4	John Clarke,	1606
5	—— Atkin,	1607
6	Thomas Sandyll,	1608
7	John Wallys,	1609
8	—— Baſſet,	1610
9	Thomas Soame,	1611
10	—— Gibſon,	1612
11	Matthew Clarke,	1613
12	John Spencer,	1614
13	—— Atkin,	1615
14	—— Wallis,	1616
15	Richard Stonham,	1617
16	William Doughty,	1618
17	—— Atkin,	1619
18	Thomas Soame,	1620
19	—— Gurlyn,	1621
20	Thomas Snelling, *ob.* John Wallis,	1622
21	Edward Hargrave,	1623
22	Greg. Gurnall,	1624

This Prince died March 27.

CHARLES I.

A.R.		A.D.
1	William Doughty,	1625
2	Thomas Grinnell,	1626
3	Joſhua Greene,	1627
4	Thomas Mylner,	1628
5	—— Soame,	1629
6	John Perceval,	1630
7	—— Wallis,	1631
8	Bartholomew Wormell,	1632
9	William Doughty,	1633
10	Thomas Gurlyn,	1634
11	John May,	1635
12	Thomas Grinnell,	1636
13	Joſhua Greene,	1637
14	Thomas Mylner, *ob.* John Perceval,	1638
15	Thomas Toll,	1639
16	William Doughty,	1640
17	Thomas Nelſon,	1641
18	—— Gurlyn,	1642
19	Edmund Hudſon,	1643
20	John May,	1644
21	Edward Robinſon,	1645
22	Thomas Toll,	1646
23	Elias Porter,	1647
24	Thomas Slany, *ob.* Nathaniel Maxey,	1648

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CHARLES II.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Thomas Revet,	1649
2	Bartholomew Wormell,	1650
3	Jonas Scott,	1651
4	Joſhua Greene,	1652
5	John Baſſett,	1653
6	Thomas Greene,	1654
7	—— Toll,	1655
8	Robert Thorrowgood,	1656
9	Benjamin Holly,	1657
10	Henry Bell,	1658
11	Joſhua Green,	1659
12	John Baſſet,	1660
13	Walter Kirby,	1661
14	John Bird,	1662
15	William Wharton,	1663
16	Thomas Greene,	1664
17	Benjamin Holly,	1665
18	Matthias Twells,	1666
19	Thomas Robinſon,	1667
20	Walter Kirby,	1668
21	Edmund Abbot,	1669
22	Henry Bell,	1670
23	Daniel Goodwin,	1671
24	Seth Hawley,	1672
25	John Hamond,	1673
26	Thomas Greene, *ob.* Simon Taylor,	1674
27	Edward Bromely,	1675
28	Thomas Thetford,	1676
29	Arthur Eveling,	1677
30	John Turner,	1678
31	Gyles Bridgman,	1679
32	Edmund Taſſell,	1680
33	Simon Taylor,	1681
34	Henry Chennery,	1682
35	Benjamin Keene,	1683
36	Edmund Hooke,	1684
37	Edward Bodham,	1685

This Prince died February 6.

JAMES II.

A.R.		A.D.
1	John Kidd,	1686
2	Robert Sparrow, *expelled per Mandate.* John Davy,	1687
3	Cyprian Anderſon,	1688
4	Robert Payne,	1689

This Prince abdicated.

WILLIAM III.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Henry Framingham,	1690
2	William Linſtead, *ob.* Sir John Turner,	1691
3	Henry Bell,	1692
4	William Holly,	1693
5	Charles Turner,	1694
6	Edmund Hooke,	1695
7	Robert Sparrow,	1696
8	John Kidd,	1697
9	Cyp. Anderſon,	1698
10	Robert Awborn,	1699
11	Henry Framingham,	1700

This Prince died March 1.

Q. ANNE.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Benjamin Keen,	1701
2	John Turner,	1702
3	Henry Bell,	1703
4	John Turner,	1704
5	Charles Whaits,	1705
6	—— Turner,	1706
7	William Holly, *ob.* Robert Awborn,	1707
8	Henry Chennery,	1708
9	John Greene,	1709
10	—— Berney,	1710
11	—— Bagge,	1711
12	Charles Greene,	1712
13	Edmund Rolfe,	1713

This Princeſs died Auguſt 1.

GEORGE I.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Charles Keen,	1714
2	John Turner,	1715
3	Samuel Browne,	1716
4	Jacob Boardman,	1717
5	Daniel Scarlet,	1718
6	Thomas Robotom,	1719
7	Edmund Rolfe,	1720
8	John Goodwin,	1721
9	Richard Harwick,	1722
10	William Allen,	1723
11	John Turner, jun.	1724
12	—— Weblin,	1725
13	—— Kidd,	1726

This Prince died June 11.

GEORGE II.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Thomas Allen,	1727
2	John Goodwyn,	1728
3	Andrew Taylor,	1729
4	Charles Harwick,	1730
5	John Bagg,	1731
6	—— Farthing	1732
7	Samuel Brown,	1733
8	John Turner, ſen.	1734
9	----- Exton,	1735
10	John Goodwyn, junior,	1736
11	John Turner, jun.	1737
12	John Goodwyn, ſenior,	1738
13	William Bagge,	1739
14	John Cary,	1740
15	Samuel Browne, *ob.* Benjamin Nuthall,	1741
16	Edward Everard,	1742
17	Thomas Sommerſby,	1743
18	Walter Kirby,	1744
19	Philip Caſe,	1745
20	Andrew Pigge,	1746
21	Walter Robertſon,	1747
22	Sir John Turner,	1748
23	John Goodwyn,	1749
24	—— Exton,	1750
25	William Bagge,	1751
26	—— Mixſon,	1752
27	John Wilſon,	1753
28	—— Cary,	1754
29	William Langley,	1755
30	George Patteſon,	1756
31	Benjamin Nuthall,	1757
32	Edward Everard,	1758
33	Charles Turner,	1759
34	Thomas Sommerſby,	1760

This Prince died October 25.

GEORGE III.

A.R.		A.D.
1	Walter Robertſon,	1761
2	Thomas Alderſon,	1762
3	James Robertſon,	1763
4	Philip Caſe,	1764
5	John Cary,	1765
6	William Langley,	1766
7	Charles Turner,	1767
8	Sir John Turner,	1768
9	Samuel Browne,	1769
10	George Hogg,	1770
11	Maxey Allen,	1771

entered on it, as was cuſtomary, on St. Michaelmas day, 1271. The computus or roll of his expences, from that day to St. Michaelmas following, is ſtill preſerved, and from it I have collected the moſt material occurences.

To 4 meſſengers of the king, and Prince Edward, at 4 times, whilſt the king was at Norwich, payed by the mayor, 2*s.*——To John, the clerk of William de Plumſtede, half a mark.——In bread and wine ſent to Sir William de Middleton, on the vigil of St. Faith, 3*s.* 2*d.*——In wine to Gilbert de Well, [*w*] a ſextary, 14*d.*—In bread and wine to Sir Roger de Vaux, 18*d. ob.*—To Simon de Stanle and Henry de Gernemutha, for their expences at London on the king's burial, 20*s.*—In bread and wine to Richard Urri, (the biſhop's ſteward) at Gaywode, on the vigil of St. Lucy, 18*d. ob.*—In wine to Mr. Jeffrey de Depham 14*d.*——In bread and wine to Sir William de Goldingham, 18*d. ob.*——In bread and wine to Sir William Bardolf, junior, 18*d. ob.*—and to Sir Robert Burnell, 18*d. ob.*——To Simon Sichard for a pipe (pipa) of wine for the uſe of Richard Urri, 1*l.* 15*s.*——To Humphrey the goldſmith, for a gold ring for the king's marſhal, 10*s.*—To Thomas Clerk for his fee, (*ſolido*) on the nativity of our Lord, 5*s.*—and for arrears due in the time of Andrew the mayor, 7*s.* 10*d.*——To the mayor, his fee due then, 7*s.* 10*d.*——In wine ſent to the prior, a ſextary, 16*d.*——To the mayor, a ſextary, 14*d.*— and to the Lady Nerford, 14*d.*—To the official and dean of Lenn, 2 ſextaries, 28*d*—To Sir John de St. Omer, and to John Coſton, each, two flagons, (lagen.) 14*d.*—To Sir William de Tyrington, 4 lagen. and an half, 16*d.*——To Sir R. de Wyrham a ſextary, 16*d.*—To Sir William Belet at the houſe of Robert de London, in Lenn, 2 ſextaries, 3*s.*——To 2 ſalmons and 2 caſks (cadis) of wine, to Sir Robert Tateſhale, and Sir Robert de Montalt, one mark.——In 5 ſalmons ſent to the biſhop of Norwich, at South Elmham, on Monday before the feaſt of the purification, 20*s.*——In bread and wine to the Lady Liſle at the ſteward's houſe, 24*d.*——To Thomas Clerk, his fee at Eaſter, 5*s.*—To Sir William de Pakenham a ſextary of wine, not charged.——To one ton (dolio) for the uſe of Sir John de Vaux, 50*s.*—To the ſteward of the counteſs of Gloueſter and attendants, in jewels, (jocalib;) 27*s.* 8*d.*——To the grooms, (garcionib;) 3*s.*——To the mayor his fee, 6*l.*——In 4 ſalmons to Sir Robert Burnell, at Haeſcloſe, 16*s.*——To one cade of ſturgeon ſent to the biſhop at Gaywode, 14*s.* on Saturday after the Annunciation.——To Sir Richard de Boyland, his fee, 30*s.* He was a judge itinerant.—To 100 bord for the uſe of Sir Richard, for his advice againſt the people of Lincoln, 1 mark.——To Sir William de Saham (a judge alſo) for his advice, 40*s.*——In 12 pieces *garnarii*, ſent to Sir William Middleton, and Sir Richard de Boyland, 6*s.* 8*d. ob.*——To Richard Urri for his ſervices, a tun of white wine, 3 marks and an half.——To the keeping guard in the town whilſt the juſtices of the king were there, 12*d.*—In wine to John de Hengham, 10*s.*

It appears that the mayor's ſalary at this time was 10*l. per ann.* and paid by the chamberlains.

I have alſo ſeen a remarkable deed to which this James was witneſs, whereby Brother Richard de Sulegrave, knight, maſter of the whole order of St. Lazarus of [*x*] Jeruſalem, and all the brethren of the ſaid order, dwelling at Burton, by common aſſent and council of the whole chapter, grant to Alan de Kele, burgeſs of Lenn, his heirs and aſſigns, (religious houſes, and the Jews being excepted) a certain piece of land, called Lazer Hill, lying by the common wall of the ſaid village, containing 7 perches and 7 feet in breadth, on the north ſide, and 10 perches and 14 feet on the ſouth ſide, 5 perches and an half broad on the eaſt ſide, 6 perches broad in the middle, and 7 on the weſt ſide, &c.—Witneſſes, Robert [*y*] de London, James de Belvaco, or Beaufoe, mayor of Lenn, Alexander Kellock, alderman, Richard Lambert, Joh. de Lindeſey, Edmund de Colton, &c.

Here we find Robert de London to take place before the mayor.

The ſeal is of white wax, and the impreſs a W.

This piece of land I find afterwards in the hands of Rd. Spany, and of John d Teryngton, in the reign of Richard II. It appears alſo by this deed, that the tow was walled in 1271.

St. MAR-

[*w*] A ſextary was 4 gallons, and contained 4 lagenæ or flagons.

[*x*] Burton Lazers in Leiceſterſhire.

[*y*] I meet with this Robert, ſtiled Dno. Robo.

St. MARGARET's CHURCH and PRIORY.

THIS church and priory were founded by Herbert, biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of King William II. and dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, St. Margaret and all the maiden ſaints. In the regiſter of Hoxon priory, in Suffolk, it appears by the deed and grant of this biſhop, that the ſaid church and priory were built by him at the requeſt of the men of the town of Lenn, and to perform this the better, he granted an indulgence of 40 days pardon to all who ſhould contribute to it; appointed that all tithes and eccleſiaſtical dues of the whole village, ſhould be paid to this church, which he appropriated to the priory, and had it confirmed by the pope. Moſt writers have aſſerted that he was obliged by the pope to do this, as an attonement for his ſimony, but it does not appear ſo from this.

On the foundation of the priory Herbert gave them all he had or poſſeſſed, as far as the † church of William, ſon of Stanquin, on the other ſide of Sewaldesfeld, in rents, lands and men, [a] except Seman and his land, and the ſaltwork which the mother of Seman held; he likewiſe granted the Saturday mercate and the fair on St. Margaret's day, all which he gave to his priory of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, to which convent the priory of Lenne was a cell; he alſo gave them the new mill in Gaywode marſh, with that marſh, the churches of Gaywode and Mintling, the prieſt at Mintling, the tithes of his demeans at Gaywode, with a villain called Edward, and all his land, alſo his ſaltworks in the ſaid town, except two, and that which Leofric, ſon of Limburgh, held, and the mother of Seman; alſo the church of Sedgford with the tithes, and all that Walter the archdeacon had as he held it; the church of Thornham, with the tithes and all belonging to it; his land at Freinges, with 70 acres of land in Secheford, free and quit of all ſervice, with the land of Owen of Lakeſle.

This being made a cell to the priory of Norwich that houſe appointed a monk of their body, to be prior here at Lyn, who appears to be reſponſable to the priory of Norwich, for the rents and profits he received, and ſeems to be removable at pleaſure.

Biſhop Turbe granted to this priory the church of Wigenhale, St. Germans, of the gift of William Giffard, earl of Bucks, with two parts of the tithe of North Rungton and Middleton. See there. *Reg. Norw.*

Biſhop Turbe of Norwich, confirmed to the monks of Norwich, the church of St. Margaret, and all their former grants, with the ſoc, the men, (and the fair as granted by his predeceſſor Herbert) in the reign of Henry II. *& quondam grevam*, between the 2 bridges: *greva*, a place on the ſands by the water ſide.

PRIORS.

William occurs prior in the reign of Rich. I. To this William, Henry the prior, and convent of Caſtleacre, grant *totam Hagneloſam (Hacloſe)* or what is now called [b] Haveleſs Hall, to be held of him by the rent of 20*s. per ann.* and all their land in Myntlyng, which is held of the church of St. Margaret of Lyn, for 20 years, at the rent alſo of 20*s. per ann.*

In the beginning of King John's reign, William, prior, and convent of Norwich, granted to John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, the fair of Lyn, the Saturday mercate, and all the pleas and profits whatſoever which they held, by virtue of a lay fee, with a meſſuage near the chapel of St. Nich. to the weſt, and a meſſuage near Surflete bridge, with all their [c] ſaltpits in the villages of Lyn and Geywode, and the toll which they held there, in exchange for the manor of Creſs *Magna*, and Sedgford in Norfolk.——Witneſſes, Mr. William de Lenn, Mr. Jeffrey de Derham, Mr. Robert de Tywe, &c. *ſans* date, about the 7 of King John.

This biſhop confirmed to the monks of Norwich, the church of St. Margaret, with the chapel of St. James and St. Nicholas, and the church of Mintling, and all the tithes of his demean lands at Gaywode, except thoſe that belonged to the church of [d] St. Faith of Gaywood, dated 11th Kal. April, *Anno Pontif.* 5°. witneſſes, Maſter William de Lenne, Maſter Robert de Glouceſtre, and Alan de Grey.

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† Reg. 1. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 28.

[a] Reg. priorat. Hoxon Pen. Thom. Gurdon. Armig.

[b] Reg. Caſtl.

[c] Reg. 1. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 28.

Adam de Schipdam called late prior in 1285.

1309, John de Bromholm, occurs prior: quere, if not of Norwich?

John de Stratton, prior, had a licence from the biſhop of Norwich, to take confeſſions in the town and deanry of Lynn, and to abſolve and to enjoyn penance, dated at Norwich 11th Kal. March 1325.

William, prior of Lenn, grants by deed, to William and Henry, ſon of Richard, ſon of Turuf one ſhop in the fair of St. Margaret, which was between the ſhop of Richard, ſon of Edward, and John, ſon of Peter, to be held of the church of St. Margaret freely, *&c.* paying 11*d. per ann.* ſealed with the ſeal of St. Margaret, *ſans date.*

In the 6th of Richard II. in 1382, Henry Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, aliened to the prior a piece of land in Gaywode, called Ryfield, and 50*l.* of land in Thornham, Thorney, Hilderſton, North Elmham and Blofield.

Ralph de Marham, occurs prior in 1378, and 1387.

Frater Alexander, *A°.* 4, of Richard II, quere, if not of Norwich?

John de Carleton occurs in 1397, and Walter Orneſby in the ſaid year.

Richard de Folſham occurs in 1398 and 1399, in his computus to the prior of Norwich, from the feaſt of St. Michael, in the 22d of Richard II.

1403, John Elys.

In 1426 the temporalities of this priory in St. Margaret's pariſh, in rent, were taxed at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

In 1426, the prior charged for temporalities here at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and depending, with St. Margaret's church, the chapel of St. Nicholas and St. James's, on Norwich priory, was exempt from the arch-deacon's viſitation and juriſdiction belonging to the biſhop, and for their temporalities and ſpiritualities were taxed at 7*l.* 16*s.* in 1428.

1430, Maſter John de Derham, *S. T. P.*

Thomas Heveryngham occurs in the 16th of Henry VI. 1437; quere, if not 1422?

John Fornſete, brother or fryer, 1437, in the 16th of Henry, and in the firſt year of John Heveryngland, prior; his compotus or accounts from the feaſt of St. Michael, in the 16th of Henry VI. (to the prior of Norwich, John Hevyryngland) to the ſaid feaſt in the 17th of that king ſtand thus:

In remains of the laſt year 3l. 5s. 4d.—received in rent at Lyn 4l.—in rent at Geywode 11s 11d.—in Myntlyng rents 1l. 2s. 3d.—in Hyſlington rent 4s 9d—in a pention of the church of Geywode 3l. 6s. 8d.—in a pention † of the prioreſs of Blacborgh 6s. 8d.—of a farm of lands and houſes at Lenn 7l. 19s. 4d.—of lands and houſes at Geywode 3l. 19s–of a farm of land at Wells 20 comb of oats–of a farm in Wigenhale 11s.–of the manor of Havecloſe 6l.–by *(focalibus)* fewell ſold there 1l. 9s ——of tithes in Myntlyng 12s.——in oblatia and obventions of St. Margaret's church 44l.—in ditto of St. Nicholas chapel 10l. 10s. 8d. *ob.*—ditto of St. James's chapel 13l. 9s. 6d.—in tithes 60l. 12s. 3d.——in legacies of the deed 7l. 11s. 10d. ——in mortuaries 5s. 2d.——in maſſes and de certo (fixed) 6l. 7s. 1d.——in oblation at the images in the church and the chapels 3l. 2s. *ob.*——in wax ſold 4l.—— of the monks *(de fratribus) pro quartâ parte canonica* 2s 6d—of the boarders 6l. 17s 6d——in *exit domus* 1s. 3d.———Total 190l. 7s. 1d. ¼.

In rent paid to the biſhop of Norwich, with a fine, ſuit of his courts, &c. 2l. 10s ——Ditto paid to the prior of Caſtle 1l.——Ditto the prior of Mountjoy 6s. 6d. ——rent to the lord Nevil 2l. 0s. 1d. *ob.*——ditto to the abbot of Sawtree 1s—— ditto to John Drew 1s.—to ſuit of the king's court 1s—in a pention to the chapel of Myntlyng 3l. 6s. 8d.——in ſtipends to 3 prieſts 3l. and 5s. *ex gratia*——in ſtipend to 2 clerks 5l. 6s. 8d.——in wine for the church and hoſpitalib; 2l. 14s. 3d. ——in oyl 18s. 7d.——in other expences in the church and chapels 3l. 14s. 7d.——

(d) Reg. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 36.

† Of Blacb. priory for a portion of the tithes of the lord Scales land in Midleton.

in 32 quarters and 6 buſhels of wheat 7l. 15s. 8d.——in 52 quarters of malt 7l. 2s. 9d.——in 53 doliis of beer 3l. 9s. 1d.——in fleſh and fiſh 11l. 16s. 6d. *ob.*——in ſalt and ſpices 1l. 2s. 9d.——in proviſions at market 28l. 4s. 1d. *ob.*——in focalib; and carriage 8l. 8s. 1d. *ob.*——in ſervants wages 7l. 6s. 6d.——in cloth for the ſervants livery 3l. 0s. 10d.—in the prior's expences 1l. 18s. 4d.—in a horſe that was bought 2l. 1s. 8d.——in ſhoeing the horſes 17s. 10d.——in bran, oats and bread 11s. 8d.———in repairs of the cellarer, *&c.* 3s. 11d.———in repairs of the houſes within the priory 10l. 4s. 8d.———in building a new houſe in Stongate 19l. 6s. 8d.———in repair of the pavement in town 6s. 6d.———in repairs at Havecloſe 8s. 10.———in linen for the napery 1l. 7s. 8d.———in braſs veſſells for the kitchen 1l. 10s.———in one garniſh of pewter veſſell 13s. 4d.———in an 100 of tallow candle 12s. 6d.———in the prior's penſion 3l. 6s. 8d.———in the celerer's penſion 13l. 6s. 8d.———in the chamberlain's and pitancier's penſion 1l. 6s. 8d.———in a penſion to a ſcholar 14s.———in gifts to brother John Folſham for his acts 13s. 4d.———in a moiety and fourth part of a tenth to the king 6l. 7s. 11d. *ob.*———in a contribution laid on then for the ſubſidy to the ſiege of Calais, in collecting the tenths and inſtalling of the prior 4l. 5s. 3d. *ob.*———in neceſſary expences and divers officers 1l. 3s. 11d. *ob.*———in ſmall and foreign expences, *&c.* at divers feaſts 4l. 3s. 5d.———in gifts, rewards or preſents given by the convent 1l, 9s. 10d. *ob.* in oblations for the convent on the feaſt of the Trinity 6l. 12l.——to the ſervants or ſerjeants at the ſaid feaſt 1l. 2s. 10d,———to the monks carriage 2l. 16s. 5d. *ob.*———in gifts to them 1l. 8s.———at out firſt coming to Lenn with 2 brother monks 10s. 1d. and in carriage of cloaths and books, ------- on the day of this compotus or account 3s. 4d.——Total expences 196l. 8s.

In 19th of Henry VI. offerings to the images were 52s. 3d. *A*°. 1440.

In 1447, the offerings to the image were 30s. 4d. *ob.*

In 1448, it appears here was a prior, a cellarer, a pillancier and a camerarius, or chamberlain.

Nicholas Bardeney, occurs prior *A*°. 4th of Henry VII.

In 1403, John Ellis occurs prior.

In 1509, and 1517, George Elyngham, prior.

George Elyngham in the 1ſt of Henry VIII. accounted of 24l. 10s. received of the offerings of the pariſhioners, on the principal feaſt days, maſſes of requien, churchings, weddings and holy bread—6l. 4s. in the ſame account, from St. Nicholas chapel, and 2l. 6s. 9d. for that of St. James's chapel—21l. 8s. for the perſonal tithes of the whole town—30s. for legacies—6s. 8d. taken out of the boxes at the images of Saints, in the church and chapels, including the chapel of St. Mary at the bridge—16l. 10s. for the profits and offerings of the chapel of the virgin Mary at the mount—3l. 0s. 4d. for the offerings of the good croſs in St. Margaret's church-yard—18s. for mortuaries ſold—40s. for certeyns, or annual maſſes, including the certeyn or annual ſtipend of the gild of the Holy Trinity.

Edmund Norwich occurs prior: by the compotus of his, from St. Michael 1535, to St. Michael 1536, I find received in rent of a houſe at Lynn 6l. 12s. 10d.—rent in Bawſey and Gaywode 14s.—rent of land on this ſide and beyond Geywood bridge 8l. 3s. 4d.—rent of Outwell and Wet. 5s. 6d.—for Hacloſe manor 12l.—rent in Myntling 30s. (ſaid to be detained by Tho. Thurſby)—in Wigenhale 18s.—rector of Geywode's penſion 66s. 8d.–prioreſs of Blackburgh 6s.–received of the oblations of St. Margaret's church, on the principal feaſts and maſſes for the dead, and of the guilds, with the Holy bread 14l. 5s. 4d.—of St. Nicholas's chapel for oblations, *&c.* 4l.—of St. James's chapel ditto, 3l. 4s. & for perſonal tithes of the whole village of Lenn 23l.—expended to the king's baylif for rent of land in Lenn and Gaywode and Myntlyn 48s. to the bayliff of the hundred of Freebridge 12d—to the prior of Caſtleacre 20s.—in bread and corn 8l.—in malt 9l.—in proviſion bought at the market 24l. 7s. 4d. $\frac{1}{2}$ —in two barrels of white herrings 24s.—in 3 cadis of red herrings 20s.—in candle of tallow 13s. 4d.—in bread to celebrate 10s. and in wine 30s—to barbers and laundreſſes 18s.—in wages to ſeveral 9l. 18s.—to a ſtipendiary chaplain 13l. 13s. 4d.—pention to the prior of Norwich *nothing*, on account of the poverty of the cell—to the prior of Lyn *nothing*, on the ſame account—to the treaſurer 16d.—in fuel bought 40s.—in wax bought 49s. 11d,—in repairing a tenement in Lathe ſtreet 4l.—in making a lode called Mayde lode, at the command of the king's lord chief juſtice 23l.—the king's tenths 6l. 13s. 4d.—in carriage of the monks 6s. 8d. —in the viſitation of the priory 40s.—in ſervants livery 3l.—in parchment and writing of the compotus 20d, on the day of the compotus 3s. 4d.

In Henry III's reign William de Lewis gave to this priory 12 acres of his land in Wigenhale, for his own ſoul, that of Maud his wife and Godfrey his ſon and heir, *s. d.* witneſſes, William de Sarcell, Walter de Capravill.

1509, Out of the boxes (pyxidib;) of all the Saints in the church of St. Margaret, St. Nicholas and St. James's chapel, and that of St. Mary at the bridge 6s. 4d.

In the 19th of Edward III. Sir John de Wylton, Kt. conveyed by fine the advouſon of a chauntry here to John de Munpinzoun in this church, with 2 meſſuages and lands.

John de Grey, biſhop of Oxford, in the fifth year of his conſecration, confirmed the charters of his predeceſſors to the prior and convent of Norwich: at which time they releaſed to him all their right in the profits of the fairs of Lynn and Gaywode, and the Saturday market at Lynn, and all their ſalt pans, lands, rents, houſes and lay fees, which belonged to the priory of Lynn, for which he gave them, in exchange, all his right in the manor of Sechesford, and the manor of Great Creſſingham; except the advouſon and the ſervice of the knight's fees there, reſerving to himſelf and ſucceſſors the ſame authority that they had in the other manors of the monks.

This priory [*a*] was on the ſouth ſide of St. Margaret's church (built and founded alſo by Herbert) and appointed by him as a cell to his new monaſtery, founded at Norwich, in his cathedral, of the benedictine order, and endowed by him with that church, *&c.* and the manor of this town, *&c.*

After the diſſolution of it, it was partly pulled down, to enlarge the church-yard: part of it is ſtill ſtanding, as may be obſerved, and the lane adjoyning retains the name of the Priory Lane.

The monks of Saint Margaret and the Holy Trinity growing wealthy and powerful, beyond the deſign of the founder, John Grey, biſhop of Norwich, in his fourth year, to recover the intereſt and power in this town which his predeceſſors had, made an exchange with the priory of Norwich, to whom this cell belonged, for other lands belonging to his ſee.

John de Grey biſhop of Norwich, by deed dated on the ſame day and year with the exchange of lands between him and the prior and convent of Norwich, appropriated the church of St. Margaret to the convent of Norwich, *viz.*

OMNIB; ſanctæ eceleſiæ matris filijs, Johannis Dej gratiâ Norwicenſis epiſcopus, ſalutem: Noverit univerſitas veſtra nos divinæ pietatis intuitu conceſſiſſe, et p'ſenti charta comfirmaſſe dilectis filiis noſtris Manachis Norwic. eccleſiam Stæ. Margaretæ de Lenn, cum omnib; ſpiritualib; ad eam pertinentib; tam in decimis, quam in oblationib; et allijs omnib; obventionib; ſpiritualib; cum capellis ſuis, ſcil. St. Jacobi et St. Nicolaj, in proprios uſus in perpetuum poſſidendam, &c. Et eccleſiam de Mintling, cum omnib; ad eam pertinentib; et omnes decimas de dominio noſtro de Gaywood, præter illas quæ ad eccleſiam Stæ. Fidis de Gaywood pertinent, ita ut faciant in prædictis eccleſijs et capellis miniſtrari competentèr p. capellanos ſuos, p. rationabili voluntate ſuâ amovendos et admittendos, et ita qd. nulli, niſi ſoli epiſcopo in curiâ ſuâ propriâ ſi voluerit and uſus ſuos (ſicuti in alijs manerijs ſuis habet) liceat infra parochias p'dictar. eccleſiarum de Lenn et Mintling, capellam aliquam præter authoritatem epiſcopalem, & conſenſum prioris et conventus, monachor. et ſi quæ conſtruct a fuerit in proprios uſus cedat monachorum.

The

(*a*) Monaſt. Angl. 4 545.

The church of St. Margaret was built, probably, on the ſcite of ſome old church there, but whether that old church was alſo dedicated to St. Margaret is not certain.

An order from the mayor, *&c. Aº.* 36, Henry VI. to build the bell tower of St. Margaret's church.

Biſhop Turbe enjoyned the clergy not to receive in his church, any mariners, or any who came to the port of Lyn, or to receive or demand any benefit, or gift of them, or to afford them burial, that the church of St. Margaret might ſuffer thereby, which church was founded by biſhop Herbert, of holy memory, for this end eſpecially, that all applying and coming to the port of Lyn by ſea, pay obedience to the ſaid church, and the offices and duties of chriſtianity.

In 1506, the biſhop of Norwich interdicted this church, becauſe the inhabitants were not obedient to ſome of his orders, and the quire only was permitted to have ſervice in it, and baptiſm to be performed.

By a bull of pope Innocent, all perſons drowned between St. Edmund's point, and Staplewere, were enjoyed to be buried in the church-yard of the monks of Norwich, at Lenn, that is in this church-yard.

The church was valued at 106 marks.

In the 35th of Edward III. a patent was granted to enlarge St. Margaret's church-yard.

St. Eraſmus altar was in this church.

In the 8th of Henry IV. a patent was granted to found St. Margaret's gild.

In the 19th of Henry IV. a patent for eſtabliſhing the aldermen, ſcabins, and brethren of the great gild of merchants or fraternity of the Holy Trinity in this church.

In the 16th of Richard II. licence was granted for 5 meſſuages, 1 key, 11*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* rent, and a ferry boat.

In the 26th of Henry VI. licenſe for a meſſuage and land in Lenn.

In the 9th of Henry IV. there was a patent of licence to found a chantry here: quere, if not Thoreſby.

In 1677, return of a commiſſion to place the organ–1697, an order to remove it.

In 1624, the biſhop conſecrated a piece of ground, added to the church-yard.

The impropriation of this church being purchaſed (as was ſaid before) by the corporation of Lynn, from the biſhoprick of Norwich, at the general diſſolution of the monaſteries, there is now no revenue belonging to it, ſave only ſome few annuities which are applyed to the repairs thereof, and are as follows:

	£.	S.	*D.*
An annuity granted to this church by the corporation	3.	6.	8.
Another granted out of Paradiee Garden	6.	0.	0.
Another granted out of certain houſes at the north-end of Codlin Lane	0.	6.	8.
Another granted out of certain tenements near Littleport Bridge (now demoliſhed) the gift of Mr. Kennet, to the church	0.	5.	0.

Notwithſtanding this, the dean and chapter of Norwich ſtill retain their ancient right, and privileges as formerly, of preſenting a curate or miniſter to this church, who as ſuch, is obliged to perform, or cauſe to be performed, all divine offices, both here and at the chapel, for which ſervices he is entitled to receive the ſurplice fees for chriſtenings, marriages, burials, *&c.* as alſo, all other perquiſites thereunto belonging, as herbage, doleſiſh, *&c.*

But the preachers (who are ſtyled, and accounted lecturers) are choſen and appointed by the corporation, who generouſly allow to each, a certain ſalary of 100*l.* *per ann.* which is paid them by the chamberlain for the time being, without any trouble or incumberance whatſoever: and note, they have this further advantage in it, which makes it the more valuable, that this preferment does no ways diſqualify or incapacitate them from holding other livings, with the cure of ſouls.

There are two at preſent under this denomination, viz. the Reverend Charles Bagge, D.D. curate and lecturer, and the Reverend Van Eyre, archdeacon of Carliſle, both eminent in their performances, who alternately preach twice every Lord's day, here and at the chapel of St. Nicholas.

Here was ſometime ſince, in my memory, a ſermon, or lecture, every Thurſday, for which the preacher was allowed a certain ſalary by the corporation, and at which the mayor, with the ſword and ſerjeants at mace, were generally preſent; and after the ſervice ended, the clergy and others (whom it was thought fit) were entertained by the mayor, at a plentiful dinner; the maſter, uſher, and ſcholars of the free ſchool, were alſo obliged to attend the church, &c. but this has long ſince been diſcontinued, viz. from the year 1692.——Here alſo is a ſermon on every New Year's day, for which the preacher receives 20*s.* the gift of John Stroger's, late cook of this corporation, who alſo gave yearly for ever, 14*s.* to 14 poor widows in Trinity-Hall ward, in this town, the place where he lived and died; as alſo 10*s.* to 10 poor widows in Sedgford Lane ward, and 10*s.* to 10 poor widows in Stonegate ward, &c. as by his will, dated 20 April, 1670.

Likewiſe a ſermon is preached in this church every Good Friday, for which 20*s.* is appropriated, being the gift of Mr. Edmund Robinſon, gent.

As alſo another ſermon every 4th year, in commemoration of Mr. John Crane, late apothecary in Cambridge, a good benefactor to the poor of this town.

And I find it upon record, that ſermons have formerly been preached here in this place, upon holy days, begun in the year 1616, for which the miniſter received only the voluntary benevolence and contributions of the inhabitants, and no certain ſalary, but this laſt was ſoon diſcontinued, upon the death of the preacher.

It is not beyond memory, that before the reſtoration, and for ſome time after, I obſerved the time and ſpace in preaching the ſermon, was generally conformable, and directed by the hour-glaſs, ſet up in moſt churches in England, in an iron frame for that purpoſe; accordingly a very fine one here, was had from Holland, which coſt xviii*s.* as appears in the church wardens accounts, *ao.* 1661; but this and the uſe of it, are now every where laid aſide, and I wiſh that that machine was not by ſome people more regarded and taken notice of than the miniſter's precepts and diſcourſe, according to that of the prophet Amos, 8 & 5, ſaying, "When will the "new moon be gone that we may ſell corn, and the ſabbath, that we may ſet forth "wheat, &c." as thinking the time too long e're the glaſs was run out.

Having ſaid thus much with reſpect to this great parochial church in particular, I come now to thoſe monumental inſcriptions and funeral epitaphs, which were extant in and about the quire, ſide iſles, and chapels, *no.* 1725. Notwithſtanding, I cannot but regret the loſs of ſo many beautiful, rich and coſtly portraitures in braſs fixed here upon the graves and tombſtones of our anceſtors, in order to perpetuate their memories to poſterity, which have been ſo impiouſly and ſacrilegiouſly torn away and defaced, of which, ſome few now only remain, not unworthy the obſervation of the curious, for exquiſite and rare workmanſhip of fine engraven figures, and other decorations delineated thereupon, and thoſe only but five in number.

And I cannot omit taking notice of one remarkable article which I meet with in the church wardens account for the year 1645, where it is thus inſerted, viz. "Item, to William King for defacing ſuperſtitious epitaphs, 5*s*". Too great a reward for ſo bad a ſervice.

The CHARNELL HALL.

ON the north ſide of the church-yard ſtands an antient pile, a chapel, adjoyning to the weſt end of the north iſle of the old church of St. Margaret; the upper part of this pile was a chapel, and the lower part a charnel houſe, where the bones taken out, on the digging of the many graves, were depoſited. Every abby and priory ſeems to have had one belonging to them, and a chapel over it as at Norwich, &c. the upper part or chapel was turned, at the diſſolution, into a free ſchool, and ſo continues. Quere if not St. John's chapel? probably that mentioned in Sir William Sautre, the prieſt's caſe, parſon of St. Margaret's, who was condemned in the viſitation of arch-biſhop Arundel, *A°*. 2, Henry, IV. and a ſpecial writ made for his burning, in the parliament of the 3d of that king.

On an inquiſition taken in the 3d of Elizabeth, by certain commiſſioners (ſee in Trinity Guild) the jury preſent that there was a charnel houſe in St. Margaret's church-yard, which is now a ſchool houſe; the founders thereof were Thomas Thurſbye, Walter Coney, and --- Locke, merchants of the ſaid town, but to what uſe it was founded they knew not; to which there belonged one bell, taken down by the mayor, ſince the death of Henry VIII. in what year they knew not; and that there did belong to the charnell houſe, certain lands and tenements lying and being in King's Lynn, Wigenhale St. Mary, and Gaywood, in the tenure of diverſemen, whoſe names they knew not, to the value of 10*l. per ann.*

TRINITY CHAPEL in St. MARGARET's CHURCH.

ON the north ſide of the chancel of St. Margaret's church, is the chapel of the Holy Trinity, belonging to the gild or fraternity of the Holy Trinity.

Emma, late wife of Robert Ruſſel, of Thorp, in her pure widowhood, gives and grants to Martin, ſon of Roger de Thorp, and his heirs, three ſhillings rent, which ſhe and her anceſtors uſed to have of the Gyldhalle of Lenn, with all the rights, power, and liberty, any ways due from the ſaid tenement, or tenants thereof;——witneſſes, Sir John Curpel, Sir Adam Talbot, knights, Hugh de Schuldham, Hubert Hakun, of the ſame, (&c. *ſans* date) John de Nova Aula in Fyncham, Walter Godſyl of the ſame.

In the quire of St. Margaret's on the north ſide of the moſt eaſterly window,—Heydon, impaled, with Peyton, ſable, a croſs engrailed, or.——On the windows over againſt it, on the ſouth ſide of the quire, many more coats quartered.——In the ſouth iſle, the moſt eaſterly window, argent, 2 chevronels, ſable, on a canton of 1ſt, an annulet of 2d.——In the north iſle, moſt eaſterly, a ſtone in braſs work, and portraiture of Walter Cony, and Joan his wife.——A ſtone more north of Attelath, all braſſed over.

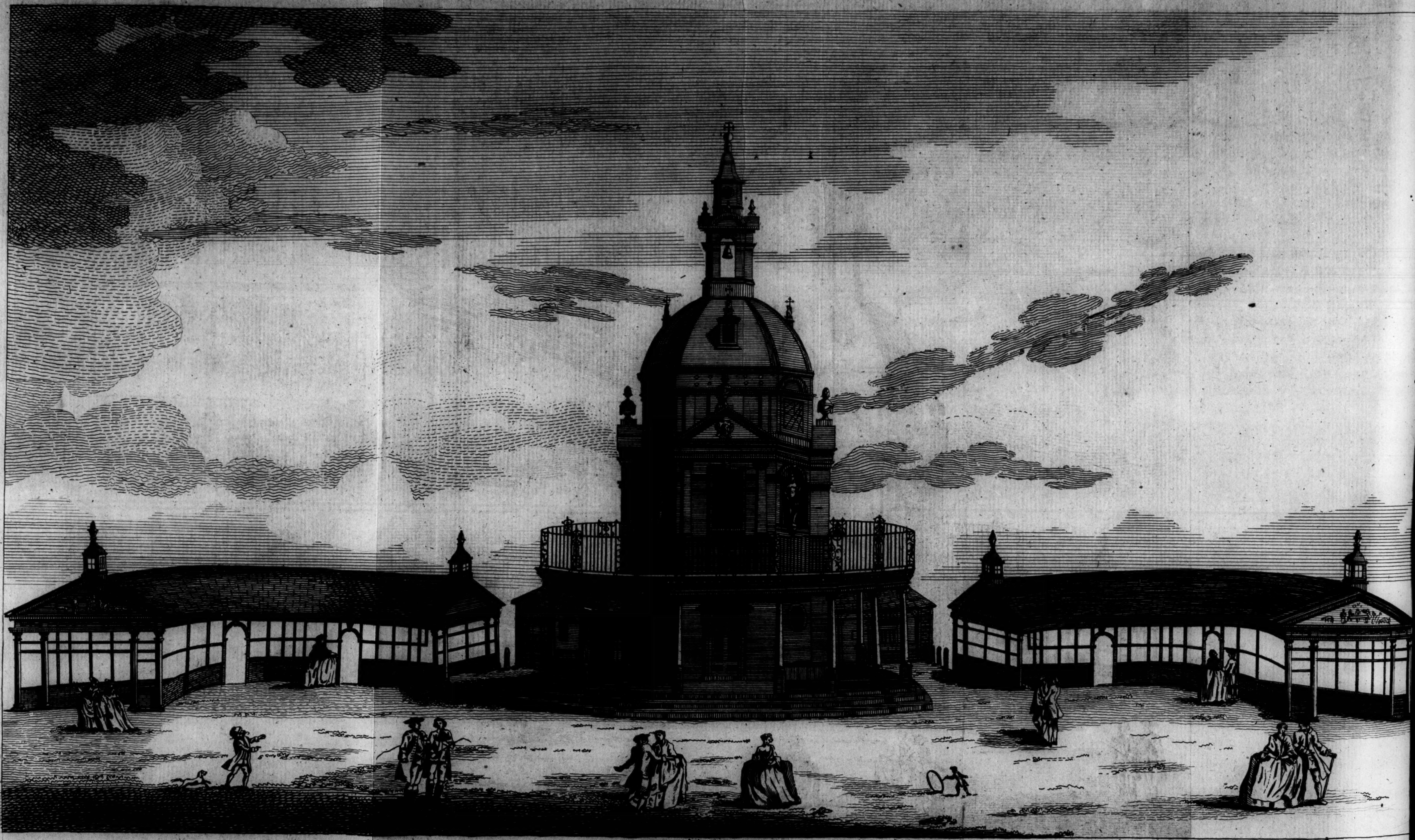
King Edward I, in his 33d year, granted this town a patent for a gild, (Trinity gild) of merchants.

In the 35 of Edward III. there was a patent for a cemitary or churchyard here. *Pat.* 3. *M.* 14.

In a plea againſt the burgeſſes of Lenn, *temp.* Edward III. for merchandiſes *imbraciandis*, the jury ſay that King John by his letters patents, gave to that burgh, divers liberties, in which is granted them a certain guild of merchants, (viz. Trinity gild) which liberties, the preſent King (Edward III.) has confirmed, and ſay that from the time of that grant and confirmation of the ſame, they have bought and ſold theſe merchandiſes, mill-ſtones and marbles, for altars and graveſtones, as often as they were brought to the ſaid village, by two men of the gild aforeſaid, called Skiveyns; and they further ſay, that every merchant, as well in the town as without, who is willing to buy any ſuch merchandiſes, may buy them freely and quietly. *Plita Paſch. Term. ao. 38 Ed. III.*

Thomas, biſhop of Ely, gives and grants licenſe to Richard Saliſbury, Robert Hamond, Henry Wright, John Smyth, and William Andrew, capellanes, that they may give and aſſign two meſſuages, with the appurtenances which were held of him, and of his fee, to Henry Thoreſby, alderman, Simon Pygot, Richard Coſyng, Thomas Benet, and William Pilton, cuſtodes or ſcabins, and to the brethren of the fraternity or gild of merchants, of the Holy Trinity of Linn Epiſcopi.—dated *die ſabbati*, before the feaſt of St. Faith the virgin, 25 Henry VI.

In the 26 of Henry VI. Henry Thoriſby, alderman, and the keepers and ſcaburnes and brethren of the fraternity or merchants gyld of the Holy Trinity of



A VIEW OF LYNN MARKET CROSS, IN NORFOLK.

Lynn Bp. purchaſed of Sir Thomas Scales and Imania his wife, and William Godend, by fine, then levied, the mill called Scales mill in South Lynn.——*Fin. Norf.* 26 *Hen. VI. L.* 2, *N.* 116.

In the 26 of Henry VI. this guild had a patent for a meſſuage and 7 acres of meadow in South Lynn.

St. NICHOLAS's CHAPEL.

THIS chapel of St. Nicholas is ſuppoſed to have been founded by Turbus or de Turbe, biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of King Stephen, who after it was built and conſecrated, gave it to the monks of the priory of Norwich cathedral, with all its profits. At its conſecration it was debarred (as a chapel to St. Margaret) of the rites of baptiſm and marriage, to witneſs its dependency on St. Margaret's, the mother church; but the pariſhioners, about 25 years after its conſecration, attempting to make it a parochial church, occaſioned the ſucceſſor of the founder, Biſhop John de Oxford, ſolemnly to decree that it ſhould be a chapel only, dependant abſolutely on the church of St. Margaret. However, the ſame humour ſtill prevailed, and one of the chaplains officiating herein, procured a licenſe from the pope, that it might enjoy the rite of baptiſm, which bull was recalled at the inſtance of the biſhop, and the prior and convent of Norwich.

In 1609, was the laſt effort to make it parochial and independent, but on an hearing in the conſiſtory court at Norwich, it appearing by depoſitions, that all the inhabitants within the limits of St. Nicholas's chapel, though they received the ſacrament or communion there, yet paid their perſonal tithes and offerings to the farmers of the rectory (or diſſolved priory) of St. Margaret, and though perſons were buried at St. Nicholas, yet none were baptiſed or married there, without ſpecial licenſe or diſpenſation, and that there was no font in the chapel, and that from its foundation, to the priory's diſſolution, it was ſerved by a monk of the priory of St. Margaret, aſſigned by the prior, and afterwards ſerved by a curate; it was overruled.

St, NICHOLAS's CHAPEL and St. GEORGE's GILD.

IN the mayoraltry of Jeffrey Talb, 1374, the pope's bull was granted to build this chapel.

In this chapel was the guild of St. George:—to this guild the jurors report in the 3d of Elizabeth, that there appertaineth a hall called St. George's Hall, with houſe and buildings thereunto annexed, with certain tenements, cellers, curtilages and gardens to the ſame belonging, lying and being in King's Lynn aforeſaid, in the tenure of the mayor and brethren of the ſaid town, to the yearly value of 40 *s* *Item*, there did belong to the ſaid guild 16 acres of paſture in Wigenhale, St. Peter's, late in the tenure of William Pers, to the yearly value of 40*s*.—*Item*, more in Wigenhale, St. Mary's, 12 acres and an half of paſture in the tenure of Thomas Fenne, to the value of 30*s*. by the year.——*Item*, there belongs to this chapel a great bell containing by eſtimation 20 hundred weight.——*Item*, there doth belong to the ſaid chapel certain houſes, lands, tenements, and paſtures lying and being in the ſaid town of King's Lynn and Gaywood, to the yearly rent of 6*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. in whoſe tenure we know not, nor to what uſe they were given.

That this chapel was an antient one, appears by King John's appropriating St. Margaret's church with this chapel, to the monks of the cathedral of Norwich.—An antient deed, *ſans* date, (perhaps before this) was executed in it, (a practice highly antient.)

Ego Lemarus de Walpole, et Beatrix uxor mea, dedimus et conceſſimus priori de Lewis t conventui ſuo, &c. et ad hanc venditionem; firmiter et inconcuſſe tenendum et contra *natos et non natos warrantizandum, primo in eccleſia St. Nicholai de Lenna in manu Herberti de Helingeat affidamus, et poſtea in camiterio St. Jacobi de Acre*, ſup. quatuor Evangelia juravimus.*

This guild of St. George was confirmed (in the firſt of Edward IV.) or founded, and had then the king's patent for it.——— *Firſt of Edw. IV. part* 5, *M.* 17. The hall is in Chequer-ſtreet.

King Henry IV. on the 3d of February, in his 7th year, gives to Thomas Lathe, Eſq; and Alice his wife, and their heirs, one meſſuage and 6 cottages, here in Lynn, formerly William Hanwyks, given by him to the fraternity of St. George, in the church of St. Nicholas, and forfeited.——*Pat.* 7. *Hen. IV. p.* 2. *M.* 3.

St. George's guild had 7 acres of land in Sadlebow, held of Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, lord of Seche, in the reign of Henry VIII. *Evid. Bedingf.*

Of St. Andrew's guild here, (quere.)

John Alcock, biſhop of Ely June 3, 1490, granted 40 days pardon or indulgence, to all the brethren and ſiſters of the guild of St. Etheldreda, in St. Nicholas's chapel of Lynn, at the altar of St. Etheldreda the moſt holy virgin, there founded, and to all who ſhould hear maſs, at the ſaid altar, and to all who ſaid *quinquies* before the ſaid altar, the Lord's prayer, and the Salutation *quinquies.*——*Reg. Alc. Ep. El.*

CURATES.

Matthias Swallow, curate, named by the dean and chapter of Norwich, under their ſeal, January 3, 1628.

Nicholas Toll, A.M. admitted curate, 1657, December 14.——Nicholas Price occurs, 1621.

William Falkener, D.D. died April 9, 1682.——Mr. Killeingbeck ſucceeded him, of St. Nicholas's chapel.

John Arrowſmith, one of the aſſembly of divines, 1643; quere if curate?

John Jaggard, S.T.B. died November 11, 1702.

Thomas Fiſh, rector of Stavely in Yorkſhire, and of Ringſtead St. Peter's, Norfolk.

William Falkener, D.D. preacher here, publiſhed *Chriſtian Loyalty*, or a diſcourſe to prove the king's ſupremacy in eccleſiaſtical affairs: printed at London, 1684.

And *A Vindication of Liturgies,* or ſet Forms of Prayer: printed at London, 1680.

Henry IV. by his letters patents, gave and granted licenſe to John Brandon, Bartholomew Siſtern, and John Snailwell of Lenne Epiſcopi, that they might make, found, and eſtabliſh to the honour of God, and the glorious martyr, St. George, a certain fraternity, brotherhood, and perpetual guild of themſelves and others, who out of their devotion were willing to be of the ſaid fraternity and guild: and that brothers and ſiſters of the fraternity and guild, for the time being, might chuſe, make and ordain one alderman, and four cuſtodes of the ſaid fraternity and guild, yearly, for the good and profit of the ſame, and out of the brethren of the ſaid fraternity and guild: and that the ſaid alderman and cuſtodes, and their ſucceſſors, by the names of the aldermen and cuſtodes of the ſaid guild, ſhould have power, and be able to take, receive and hold any lands, tenements, rents, and poſſeſſions whatſoever, or ſhould be by any ways or means granted to them, and to do in all other reſpects, &c. and to act as the reſt of his liege ſubjects, or perſons do, and have power, and are enabled to act.

And further the ſaid king, out of his abundant grace, granted and gave licence, by his ſaid letters patent, for himſelf and his heirs, to the aforeſaid alderman and cuſtodes and their ſucceſſors, for the time being, that they might receive and hold to themſelves and their ſucceſſors for ever, and purchaſe of John March all the right that Richard Waterden had therein of all that tenement, with a kay adjoyning, with all its buildings and appertenances in Lenn aforeſaid, which belonged to Robert Baylly, which tenement is in the ſtreet called Le Cheker, between the tenement formerly of John de Couteſhale and the heirs of the late William Bytering, now of William Hundredpound, and the heirs of the late John Wyntworth, on the ſouth part, the tenement formerly of Nicholas Swerdeſton, late of John Wyghton, wherein Walter Tudenham now dwells, and extends itſelf in length from the common way towards the weſt, to the tenement formerly of Dominick Baude, afterwards of Richard Denue, lately of John Grene, clerk, then of Thomas Botekeſham to the eaſt. And the aforeſaid kay lies oppoſite to the ſaid tenement, in breadth, between the kay formerly of the aforeſaid John Couteſhale, lately of the aforeſaid John Wyntworth, to the ſouth, and the common lane (venellam) called Cornelane, on the north, and extends itſelf from the common way to the eaſt, to the great bank (ripam) of Lenne to the weſt, as well for the maintenance of one or two chaplains, as to pray for the good eſtate of the king and his moſt beloved conſort Joan, Queen of England, as long as they lived, and for their ſouls after their deaths, and for the ſouls of his moſt beloved lord and father, and mother deceaſed, as alſo for the good ſtate of all and ſingular the brothers and ſiſters of the fraternity and guild aforeſaid, according to the will and ordinance of the aforeſaid alderman, the cuſtodes, and their ſucceſſors.

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* Caſtleacre;

Richard Waterden, demiſed, quitclaimed, and confirmed all the aforeſaid premiſes, to John Muryell, alderman of the aforeſaid guild, Henry Marchall, Thomas Bryan, John Adams and Simon Scotland, the cuſtodes, and to the reſt of the brethren, &c. and their ſucceſſors for ever, all the aforeſaid tenement with the kay oppoſite to it, with all the edifices and appertenances which were Robert Baylly's, and all his right, &c. which he had therein, to have and to hold the ſame, &c.

John Spicer, mayor, Thomas Hunte, alderman of the great guild of the Holy Trinity; witneſs,—Thomas Thoreſby, John Parmenter, William Spire, John Brightyeve, Phil°. Frank, burgeſſes of Lenn, &c. *Dat. apud Lenne, Ep°.* 20, June, in the 1ſt of Henry VI.

Thomas Lathe, Eſq; and Alice his wife, gave a meſſuage and 6 cottages to the guild of St. George, in St. Nicholas, which he had by a grant of King Henry IV. February 13, *A°.* 7°. formerly William Haunkeyn's.

In the 7th of Henry V. John Muriel, alderman; Henry Smith, Thomas Bryan, Henry Lombe and Thomas Creton then cuſtodes.

In the 13th of Henry VIII. William Serveys, Edward Baker, John Dowty and John Scales, ſcabini of St. George's gild.

King Edward VI. when he granted, the 21ſt of May, in his 2d year, and Thomas Leyton, alderman, to the mayor and burgeſſes, the lands, tenements, &c. belonging to the guild of the Holy Trinity, granted alſo to the mayor, &c. one capital meſſuage, or hall, called St. George's-hall, with the houſes, &c. thereto annexed; *viz.* a cellar, pantry, kitchen, alſo a tenement on the ſouth ſide of the ſaid hall in the tenure of John Fragis, one tenement, with a camera (warehouſe,) by the garden there, on the ſouth ſide, in the tenure of Thomas Taylor, one ſtorehouſe with chambers over it, in the tenure of William Mowthe, one curtilage by the port there, in the tenure of Robert Palmer, one ſtore-houſe in the tenure of Ed. Baker, one ſtorehouſe in the tenure of Thomas Waters, one in the tenure of William Baxter, one tenement called Le Lynneſhy, in the tenure of Robert Mowthe, one garden in the tenure of Richard Sanderſon, one piece of land for the laying coals on, in the tenure of Robert Mowthe, and one parcel of land, or garden, in the tenure of the ſaid R. Mowthe, lying and being in Lynn; one piece of meadow, containing 7 acres, lying at Germin's Bridge, in the pariſh of Wigenhale, in a meadow there, called Sadlebow, late in the tenure of Thomas Feryour, one parcel of land lying in Seche, in the tenure of Thomas Springold, late parcel of the lands, poſſeſſions, &c. of the gild of St. George the martyr, in Lynn; and all other lands, tenements, &c. belonging to the gild of St. George: alſo all the ſtock of mill ſtones, amounting to the value of 30*l.* late parcel of the goods of the guilds of the Holy Trinity and St. George.

Edward the VI. by the grace of God, *&c.* whereas certain lands and tenements and other hereditaments, lying in our burgh of Lenn Regis, South Lynne, Hardewyk, Gaywood, Sechehithe, Middleton, Weſtwinch, Snetiſham, Shernborn, Eaton, (or Gayton) and Ingaldeſtorp, in the county of Norfolk, and certain lands and tenements lying in Brandon Ferry, in Suffolk, which amount to the yearly value of 32*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* † beſides all repriſes, were formerly given and granted to the alderman, cuſtodes, or ſcabins, and the brethren of the merchants gild of the Holy Trinity in Lenn Regis aforeſaid, and to their ſucceſſors;—And whereas other lands and tenements lying in Lenn Regis aforeſaid, Wiggenhale St. German's and Seche, in the ſaid county of Norfolk, were formerly given and granted to the alderman, cuſtodes, and brethren of the gild of St. George the Martyr in Lenn aforeſaid, and to their ſucceſſors, which amount to the yearly value of 5*l.* 3*s..* 8*d.* all and ſingular whereof came to us and are in our keeping by virtue of an act of parliament made at Weſtminſter, 4th of November in the 1ſt year of our reign, and whereas the rents and profits of the ſame were formerly laid out in defending the breaches of the ſea, repairing of banks, walls, fletes and water courſes, *&c.* in Lenn aforeſaid, without which the ſaid village could not be kept and preſerved againſt the violence of the ſea; we therefore, conſidering and having regard to the good ſtate and defence of the ſaid village, out of our good will, and by the advice, *&c.* of our moſt beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerſet, *&c.* and our other counſellors, have given and granted to the mayor and burgeſſes of Lenn aforeſaid, out of the aforeſaid lands, tenements, *&c.* two meſſuages, one water mill, 241 acres and 2 roods of arable land, 6 acres and 1 rood of meadow incloſed, and 46 acres of paſture incloſed, lying and being in the villages and fields of Snetiſham, Ingaldeſtorp, Eaton, and Shernborn, now, or late in the tenure of William Overend, one meſſuage, called the Chequer, with 2 acres of land thereto belonging, and another meſſuage called Pepers, with 2 acres thereunto adjoyning, 120 acres of arable land, 3 acres of paſture, and the liberty of a fold for 340 ſheep, and the rent of 21*d.* *per ann.* in Brandon Ferry aforeſaid, in the tenure of John Atmere. Alſo one tenement now, or lately in the tenure of William Bolton, two tenements in the tenure of John Salter, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of Thomas Wyer, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of Thomas Wilde, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of John Standfaſt, one tenement, *&c.* in the tenure of John Shomaker, one tenement, *&c.* in the tenure of James Mayner, one paſture in the tenure of John Waters, one meſſuage, or inn, called the White Harte, *&c.* in the tenure of Thomas Meſe, one tenement in the tenure of Edward Baker, one tenement in the teneure of Richard Norman, one tenement in the tenure of Richard Newgate, one tenement in the tenure of Beatrice Iſloppe, one tenement in the tenure of Joan Wilſon, diverſe tenements in the tenure of George Felton, two tenements in the tenure of James ---------, one tenement in the tenure of Robert Bleiſby, one tenement in the tenure of Edward Newton, one tenement in the tenure of Edward Iriſhman, one tenement in the tenure of the mayor and burgeſſes, 2 tenements in the tenure of William Mauderſon, one tenement in the tenure of ----- Jareth, one tenement in the tenure of Alan Newton, one tenement in the tenure of ---- Coke, one tenement in the tenure of John Harte, one tenement in the tenure of Nicholas Ferier, one tenement in the tenure of Franc. Bolden, one tenement in the tenure of John Cragge, one garden in the tenure of John Wrenche, one tenement in the tenure of Cornelius Andrianſon, one meſſuage, called Le Guild-Hall, in the tenure of the mayor and burgeſſes, one tenement in the tenure of ----- Wilſon, 7 houſes, called warehouſes, and 6 chambers over them, on the north ſide of the port called the Common Stath, 9 houſes, called the warehouſes, with chambers over them, on the ſouth ſide of the Common Stath, one tenement in the tenure of Thomas Courte, one tenement in the tenure of Robert Smith, one tenement in the tenure of Cath. Atkynſon, one tenement in the tenure of Robert Rowſe, 2 tenements in the tenure of William Clayborne, one curtilage in the tenure of John Wilſon, one curtilage in the tenure of Thomas Lockwood, one curtilage in the tenure of Robert Parke; one curtilage in the tenure of Sim. Newell, one tenement in the tenure of John Curſon, one tenement in the tenure of John Eldred, one tenement in the tenure of John Sharpe, one tenement in the tenure of Thomas Furnes, one tenement in the tenure of Thomas Ackers, one tenement in the tenure of And. Skite, one tenement in the tenure of Thomas Maltward, one tenement in the tenure of Reg. Tayler, one tenement in the tenure of Robert Weyman, one capital meſſuage, late Braſum, now, or lately in the tenure of the guild of the Holy Trinity, one meſſuage, called Newhall, in the tenure of the mayor and burgeſſes, one garden in the tenure of Thomas Miller, and one paſſage over the port of Lenn, late in the tenure of Oliver Braikett, all and every part of which are and lye in the village of Lenn aforeſaid.. And alſo 15 acres of land in Iſlyngton, in the tenure of Robert Balding, 15 acres of land in Sechehithe in the tenure of Thomas Springold, one incloſure in Middleton, in the tenure of John Barvell, 3 acres of land in Weſt Wynch, in the tenure of Malachy Cogley, 3 acres of land in Seche, in the tenure of Thomas Baker, one paſture in Gaywood in the tenure of Barnard Water, and one meſſuage, 46 acres of land, an 100 acres of paſture, 45 acres of meadow, and 50 acres of marſh, with the appertenances lying in South Lenn, in the tenure of Henry Bleiſby, alſo a certain yearly rent of 8*d.* iſſuing out of tenements called Barrett's, in Lenn aforeſaid, and another of 6*s.* 8*d.* iſſuing out of tenements late Richard Humfrey's, in Lenn, a yearly rent of 8*d.* iſſuing out of the tenements of W. Pipers, the yearly rent of 12*d.* iſſuing out of tenements, late Wilſon's, the yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* iſſuing out of tenements of Thomas Dawſon, the yearly rent of 4*d.* iſſuing out of tenements late John Alexander's, the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* iſſuing out of the tenements of John Parmyter, the yearly rent of 12*d.* iſſuing out of the tenements late of Robert Amflet, lately belonging to the mayor and burgeſſes of Lenn, the yearly rent of 12*d.* iſſuing out of a curtilage late of John Baxter's and William Hall, the yearly rent of 4*d.* iſſuing out of the tenure of Robert Gervys, the yearly rent of 4*d.* iſſuing out of the tenements belonging to the warden of the chapel of St. James's in Lenn, the yearly rent of 3*d.* iſſuing out of a paſture called Paradiſe in Lenn, a yearly rent of 4*d.* iſſuing out of tenements late John Power's, a yearly rent of 4*d.* iſſuing out of the tenements of Hen. Duplack called the White Horſe in Lenn, which were lately parcel of the lands, poſſeſſions and revenues belonging to the merchants gild of the Holy Trinity in Lenn, aforeſaid, together with all the wood-timber, trees, underwood, &c. liberties of foldage, and all other lands, tenements, &c. lying in Lynn Regis, Snetiſham, Ingaldeſthorp, Eaton, Shernborne, South Lynn, Hardwyk, Gaywood, Sechehithe, Middleton, Seche, and Weſt Winche in Norfolk, and Brandon Ferry in Suffolk, belonging to the guild of the Holy Trinity, to be held of the king and his heirs, paying 13*l.* 16s. yearly, at the feaſts of St. Michael and the Annunciation, by equal portions, at the court of augmentation. And we further grant to the ſaid mayor and burgeſſes, all the ſtock of mill-ſtones, amounting to the value of 40*l.* late parcel of the goods and chattels of the guild of the Holy Trinity: and we further grant to the ſaid mayor and burgeſſes and their ſucceſſors, that they may purchaſe and acquire to themſelves and ſucceſſors, lands and tenements to the value of 100*l.* *per ann.* or any other ſum there, without any fine to us, or to our uſe, and that theſe letters patent ſhould be granted them, without any fee to be paid, or given. Dated at Wanſted. 21, May, *A*°. 2°.

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† It is to be noted that all the lands, tenements, &c. belonging alſo to the guild of St. George, granted alſo in the ſame grant, are here included in this ſum.

St. FABIAN's and SEBASTIAN's GUILD.

AT a colloquium, or general meeting (in the reign of Hen. VII.) of this guild, held in St. George's Hall, on Sunday next after the feaſt of St. Fabian and St. Sebaſtian, September 2, John Nicholl was choſen alderman;——John Johnſon, William Manning, Robert Bachelor, William Whithed, ſcabins;——clerk of the guild, Thomas Haw,——dean, John Gyles. The chattels of the guild in the ſcabins keeping.

It was then ordained, That the ſkevinths ſhal bere all as they have done beforetyme;——alſo the ſaid ſkevens ſhall have of every brother on the general day, as many as dine there, 2*d*. and the morſpech 1*d*.——Alſo ordained, that Thomas Rudwell and John Lowyn, ſhall bere the ded money; and Thomas Rudwell received 9*s*. the ſaid John Lowyn received 9*s*.—Alſo that the ſaid Thomas and John, ſhall give for occupying of the ded mony, by yere, 11*s*. 8*d*.——Alſo ordained, the electioners † ſhall find to the encreſſe of the company, and in the worchep of God and the ſeynt, the furſt morſpech; the alderman ſhall find the ſecond with the help of the feloſhep, that he may have to the profits of the ſeynt.——Alſo that the ſkevens ſhall bere the 3 morſpechs, beſide the general day, accordyng to the beforeſeid.

I find at this time ſeveral men and women admitted brethren and ſiſters, the men paying 2*s*. admiſſion, and the women 1*s*. among them Domps. Robs. Metford, *monachus*, and paid 2*s*. and Prior William Lobbis or Cobbis, 2*s*. It was a mean guild. At one colloquium I find expended in lerviſ. 9*d*. in pane 3*d*. in caſu et carn. 3*d*.

Colloq. tent. in aula Hen. Bretenham, Die Dominic. prox. poſt feſt. Sce. Cather. A°. Hen. VII. 3°.

Colloq. Gen. on the feaſt of St. Fabian & St. Sebaſtian, *A°*. 3, of Hen. VII. John Nichol choſe alderman, *&c*. when it was ordered that there ſhall be kept 2 morſpech in the yere, beſides the general, and that the ſkevens ſhall have of every brother and ſiſter of the general day, as many as dine and ſup, 2*d*. and the morſpech-pence.

Colloq. Gen. in St. George's Hall, on Sunday next after the feaſt of St. Fabian and St. Sebaſtian, Hen. VII. 4°.

Robert Johnſon, choſe alderman; Ordered that there be but one morſpech in the year, beſides the general day, this morſpech to be kept the Sunday before St. Margaret's day——Ordered that the brethren and ſiſters dyne and ſup together, and pay every brother and ſiſter that dine and ſup 1*d*. and the morſpech 1*d*. when it appeared that they had goods and chattels belonging to them—Ordered that the clerk's wages ſhall be 12*d*. and the dean's 10*d*. *per ann*. and we will that John Sturmyn ſhall bere the perk money, for to find the perk lights.

Dna. Alice Belle, a recluſe, entered and paid 1*s*.——1492, Adam Mylke, then alderman——Henry Bretenham, choſe alderman, 1492, after Mylke, when I find children entered brothers and ſiſters, under age.

Dompn. Geor. ------, prior of Lyn, entered brother 1495.

Mem. that the alderman gave a drinking the firſt Sunday in May, and 3*s*. 4*d*. was gathered and delivered to the alderman, to be delivered the next general day to the brethren again, with his good devotion to God and to the good Holy Seynt, and in encreſſin of the gyld.

At a drinking on Sunday next before All-hallows maſs, at John Bevies Smith, gathered 2*s*. 4*d*. for the perk money.

Dnus. Nicholas Berdeney, intrat. *A°*. 4, Hen. VII.

The Morſpech held on Relick Sunday 1490, Robert Johnſon, alderman.

In the 7th of Henry VII. Ad. Mylke, choſe alderman;——ordered that every brother, on the next morrow after the general, ſhall wait on the alderman for the time being, at our lady of the mount, ‡ at 9 of the clock, and there every brother to offer then, and what brother come not, without a lawful excuſe, ſhall pay at the next morſpech following after the general, half a pound of wax, without any grace, and he that come not, to ſend his offering, and every brother having a wife, or ſiſter, they to offer betwixt them, a half-penny—This general held Sunday 22d of January.

In 1492, Adam Mylke, occurs alderman, choſe on Sunday after St. Fab. and the feaſt in St. George's Hall.

Adam Mylke, alderman, 1493.

In 1493, there ſeems to be 38 of this guild, the morſpech pence being 3*s*. 2*d*.

In 1493 the ſecond paid at their dinner and ſupper, by every brother 1*d*. to the gild and 1*d*. to the ſcevyns, a brother and his wife 3*d*.—1*d*. to the gyld, and 2*d*. to the ſchevens.

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† The Electioners, this year, who choſe the alderman and ſcabins were 8 perſons deputed.

‡ There to play an anteme of our lady.

In the 10th of Henry VI. Henry Bretenham choſe alderman, on Sunday next after St. Fabian and Sebaſtian, and occurs 1495. Ordered that the ſkyvens on the day of St. Fabian and St. Sebaſtian, or one of them, come to the church, and do ring none, and ſee that the candles about and afore the awter be light, at evening and at ſervice, on the day, on pain of dim. lib. of wax, each of them to the lightward; and I find 4 minſtrells belong to them and brethren.

In the 13 of Henry VII. Bretenham occurs alderman.——The altar light, perk, &c. kept by the guild, and that of the baſon, and the dead.

In 1500, H. Bretenham, Mayor, and 1501, H. Bretenham, alderman, and 1502, and 1503.

In the 2d of Henry VIII. Thomas Trunch, late alderman, died.

In the 4 of Henry VIII. Robert Baker, choſe alderman.

Concerning the Antiquity of St. NICHOLAS's CHAPEL.

WHETHER the dedication of this chapel was intended to the memory of that St. Nicholas mentioned Acts 6 and 5, a proſelyte of Antioch, and one of the 7 deacons there, choſen and appointed by the holy apoſtles, to diſtribute the alms and oblations of the new converts to Chriſtianity, amongſt the poor widows of the Greeks and Hebrews, who had then likewiſe embraced the Chriſtian religion, or elſe to one of the ſame name, who was alſo canonized a ſaint, and ſome time biſhop of Myra, a great city in Lycia, (which is a province in the Leſſer Aſia) who lived about the beginning of the fourth century, as both the Greek and Roman legendaries do inform us, and whom we find regiſtered in our church calendar on the 6 of December, I will not preſume here to determine, as not ſo material to our purpoſe, though I rather incline to the former.

We can neither ſpeak poſitively as to the founder of this chapel, nor the preciſe time of its foundation and building, as is much to be wiſhed, but thus far we may reaſonably conclude, that without all doubt, it muſt be above 400 years ſtanding and upwards, if the following evidences may be allowed of.

Firſt, it is very remarkable that upon the front, on the top of the porch, which is the only one, but that very neat, adjoyning to this ſacred ſtructure, are placed the figures of a lion and an eagle, cut in ſtone, and fixed on pedeſtals, the two ſupporters of the arms of King Edward III. which, if I may be permitted to conjecture, gives ſome reaſon to believe, that this chapel was firſt founded before, or at leaſtwiſe finiſhed in ſome part of that king's reign, which began in 1326, and continued above 50 years.

Secondly, again we find here the ſepulture and interment of one William de Bittering, (who was divers times mayor of this corporation, in that king's reign) together with his wife Julian, to be both in this chapel, in the ſouth iſle towards the eaſt, under a very large fair ſtone, 10 feet long, and 6 broad, all covered over with braſs, having their effigies cut in the middle upon the ſame, neatly engraven and embelliſhed with fine decorations round the verge, which is ſtill to be ſeen almoſt entire, and whoſe mark or ſymbole (which we find in divers places on the plate of his tombſtone) is alſo ſtill remaining, fairly depicted or ſtained, in a ſouth window near his grave.

Thirdly, Moreover tis recorded (as I before intimated) that in the year 1379, Pope Urban VI. ſent his bull hither (which was received with great veneration) to authoriſe and allow the baptiſing of infants, and other adult perſons in this chapel, which doubtleſs before were always initiated in the pariſh church of St. Margaret: that part of the old font called the baſon, then made uſe of in this holy place, (before the erecting that now ſtanding, granted and conſecrated by S. Harſnell, D.D. and biſhop of Norwich, in the year 1627, and which reſembles that at St. Margaret's) I am prone to believe is the ſame which I obſerved to lie upon the ground (with the pedeſtal at ſome diſtance from it) among the rubbiſh and lumber, in a certain place on the north ſide of the quire, perhaps formerly ſome oratory, chapel, or chantry.

It is of free-ſtone, 164 inches in diameter, upon the ſuperficies within the verge, and 9 inches deep perpendicular from the bottom, carved on the outſide.

Laſtly, the fourth and laſt evidence which offers itſelf to our obſervation, concerning the antiquity of this elegant chapel, though of much later date, is that ſometime ſince, in a window next to the north door, I found there the year of our Lord, fairly depicted or ſtained in the glaſs, in very beautiful and yellow characters, but it is now demoliſhed and gone, notwithſtanding having taken care to preſerve a tranſcript of it, we have endeavoured to imitate it, as near as we could, and given you as follows,

Anno Dom. m. cccc. Xm.

St. JAMES's CHAPEL.

IN the certificate and preſentment of William Butts, Chriſtopher Walpole, gent. &c. taken 29 September, in the 3d year of Queen Elizabeth, before Sir Nicholas Le Strange, knight, Thomas Guybon, Henry Mynn, and Henry Spilman, Eſq; commiſſioners to the queen, the jurors find that there was a chapel dedicated to St. James, then defaced by the mayor and his brethren, ſaving one croſs iſle, which was then re-edifying & repairing by the mayor of the ſaid town, which chapel contained in length five ſcore feet, and in breadth 24 feet, the cemitary or church yard of the ſaid chapel, containeth 3 acres, and is uſed to bury the dead: it was a chapel of eaſe, and the founder thereof was biſhop of Norwich, whoſe name we know not; there did belong to it 4 bells, taken down by the mayor of the town ſince the death of Henry VIII. but in what year we know not, which were worth by eſtimation, with the bell of the charnel houſe, cc*l.*

Item, we ſay that there did belong to the ſaid chapel and charnel houſe, ſtone, iron and glaſs, to the value of one hundred marks. *Item*, timber and lead to the value of 300*l.* *Item*, plate, jewels and ſtock, to the value of 200*l.* but where they are beſtowed we know not. *Item*, there do belong to this chapel certain lands and tenements in King's Lynn, to the yearly value of 5*l.* in whoſe tenure we know not, nor to what uſe. *Item*, we ſay that the evidences concerning the lands and tenements belonging to this chapel, which were in the cuſtody of one John Parkynne, and John Hall, were taken away from them by the mayor; and as to the writings of all other lands, &c. who hath the cuſtody, we know not.

Item, there were other chapels, as St. John's, Our Lady on the bridge, which are defaced; St. Catharine, Our Lady on the Mount, St. Laurence, but who were the founders we know not. *Item*, a houſe called Trinity College, Thomas Thoreſby, late of the ſaid town, merchant, founder, to what uſe we know not, which college was ſold by the mayor of the ſaid town, to one —— Houghton, now owner, before that a brewhouſe. *Item*, a charnel houſe in St. Margaret's churchyard, now uſed for a ſchoolhouſe, the founders of it Thomas Thoreſby, Walter Coneye, and —— Lock, merchant, to what uſe founded we know not.

There was a chapel called Trinity chapel, in the chapel of St. James's at Lynn, in 1535.——*Regr. Godſalve, fol.* 82.

It was ordered on Friday before the feaſt of St. Tiburtius and Valerian, in the 35 of Edward III. by the commonalty aſſembled in the guild hall, that the clerks of St. James's in Lynn, for the future, ſhall carry the holy water from the eaſt gate of Lynn, through all the ſouth part of Damgate, and through the whole ſtreet called Webſter Row, and that the clergy or clerks of St. Nicholas ſhall likewiſe carry from the aforeſaid gate, through all the north part of the aforeſaid ſtreet of Damgate.

That this was a chapel in the beginning of Henry II's time, appears from the charter of Biſhop Turb, biſhop of Norwich, of this chapel, that of St. Nicholas, and that of Myntling:

Witneſſes, William and Roger, archdeacons of Norwich, Maſter Itanu. Mr. Nicholas Magis, Godewyn, Ernold Lupell, Mr. Walter de Colne, Mr. Alan, capellan; Ralph, capellan; Roger, clerk; Lambert, clerk; Joel, dean; and Staner, pecert of Lenn; Robert Pincerna, Roger de Scoles, William de Jernemuta, Ralph Coche, Turgetell and Syric, David de Bylney, &c.——*Regiſt.* 1 *p. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol.* 27.

This chapel was converted to a town houſe for the manufacturing of ſtuffs and lace, but without ſucceſs, as Spilman mentions in his Hiſtory of Sacrilege, page 249.

In St. James's chapel was our Saviour's image, in the eaſt end.

Saint James's chapel was founded by Biſhop William Turbe, at the ſame time with the chapel of St. Nicholas, and on the ſame terms and conditions, and appropriated to St. Margaret's. *Reg. Norw. prior.* 4, *fol.* 21.

OUR LADY's CHAPEL on the BRIDGE.

THIS chapel was defaced before Queen Elizabeth's reign, as appears by an inquiſition taken in the 3d of Elizabeth.

Iſti ſunt fratres et ſorores gild. tigulat. fundat honor. Pur. Be. Mariæ ao. r. Rſ. Edw. III. poſt conqueſt 3.——*Tho. de Langham et Chriſtiana uxor ejus*——*Carolus de Secheford et Alicia uxor ejus, Robt. de Derby & Margar. uxor ejus, Wills. filius ejuſd. Robti, &c.* admitted, as I take it, this year.

St. CATHARINE's CHAPEL.

WHERE it ſtood is not certain. It was defaced before the 3d of Elizabeth, as appears by an inquiſition then taken.

In the 5 of Richard II. Henry le Deſpencer, biſhop of Norwich, wrote a letter to Roger Paxman, mayor, and to the burgeſſes of Lynn, wherein he deſires that they would, for the love they bear to the biſhop, grant their part of the houſe of St. Catharine, to one John Conſolif, late ſervant to the Lord le Deſpenſer, brother to the biſhop, there to live a ſolitary life, upon the alms of the good people; the other part of the houſe belonging to the archdeacon of Norwich, being before granted to the ſaid John Conſolyf, archdeacon of Lynn.

The chapel of St. Catherine is mentioned 1497, and the charity gyld of the town of Lenn; quere, if not the houſes of Lepers at Gaywood, Mawdelyn, and Setchyth. *Regiſt. Seyve.*

OUR LADY on the MOUNT or WALL, and GILD.

THIS chapel was defaced before the 3d of Elizabeth, as appears from an inquiſition then taken.

In Doctor Edward Brown's Travels, *Fol. Editio, p.* 43, is a cut of a Greek monaſtery, very much of the ſame form with this chapel, of 4 ſtories in height, one leſs than the other, the three loweſt ſquare, the uppermoſt ſtory an octagon, like a ſteeple.

Theſe are the brethren and ſiſters of the guild *Tigulat.* founded to the honour and purification of the bleſſed Virgin Mary, *ao.* 3. Edward III.

Thomas de Langham and Chriſtian his wife.

Charles de Secheford and Alice his wife.

Robert de Derby and Margery his wife, William, ſon of the ſaid Robert, &c.

Robert ſeems to be alderman of the guild.

Theſe are the four morweſpeches of the ſaid guild: the firſt morweſpeche is on the Sunday *(le Dymeynge prochein)* after the purification of the bleſſed Virgin, the ſecond on the day of the annunciation of our Lady, the third on the day of the aſſumption of our Lady, the fourth on the day of the conception of our Lady.

It is ordained that if any of the brethren be ſummoned on any of the four morwespeches, and are in the ſaid town, and make default, they ſhall pay 1*d.* to the honour of our Lady.

Here is a chimney, now ſtanding in it, erected during the plague, when it was made a peſt houſe.

In 1509, it was in uſe, when in the *compotus* of the prior of St. Margaret, we find

De pixidib; omnium ſanctor. in eccles. St. Margaret. et capellis St. Nicholai et St. Jacobi una cum capella beate Marie ad pontem——*6s. 4d.*—*De capella beate Marie de Monte 16s.* 10*d.* which ſhews how great the *madona* here was held.

St. ANN's FORT.

QUERE if there was not antiently a chapel near this fort, called St. Ann's, by St. Nicholas's chapel, there being a gild called St. Ann's gild, as appears by the inquiſition taken in the 3d of Elizabeth.

HERMITAGE or LYNN CROUC.

THE mayor and commonalty petition William (Bateman) biſhop of Norwich, begging his favour towards John Puttock, to admit him as a hermit, who had, in the biſhop's marſh by Lenn, on the ſea ſhore, in a certain place called Lenne Crouch, made a cave there till he could build himſelf a proper manſion, purpoſing as he declares, to ſpend all his time, by your permiſſion and licenſe, in the ſervice of God there; and the ſaid John Puttock has there erected a certain remarkable croſs, of great ſervice for all ſhipping coming that way, of the height of 110 feet, at his own great coſt and charge. *Dat.* 8 *Cal. Dec.* 1349.

TRINITY GUILD.

JOHN DE GREY, biſhop of Norwich, perſuaded King John to found the guild of the Holy Trinity, at Lynn, the brethren of which were bound under the penalty of a gallon of wine, to have maſs celebrated every Trinity Sunday, in St. Margaret's church, for the ſouls of the ſaid king and biſhop.

It was called the Great Guild of the Holy Trinity in Lenn, in reſpect to other leſs guilds in the ſaid town. The head or chief perſon of this guild was ſtiled the alderman or cuſtos, and was choſe by the commonalty of the ſaid town, and continued ſo on that choice for life, unleſs upon account of ſome very great infirmity or inability, or ſome other reaſonable cauſe, he was ſet aſide and removed.

This guild is ſaid to have its riſe and beginning before the reign of King John, as appears from the anſwer or certificate of Thomas Boteſham, alderman of it, † *(temp.* Richard II.) and his brethren, to a writ of enquiry of that king, relating to its foundation, authority, &c. that its original was not known; that King John, conſidering the great concourſe of merchants to this town, granted the alderman that then was, and the commonalty and their ſucceſſors, by letters patents, bearing date in his ſixth year, that they might have a guild of merchants in the ſaid town; and Henry III. ſon of the ſaid K. John, by his letters patents, granted one of their own body and community to be mayor of the ſaid town, which ſaid mayor and alderman, for the time being, ſhould always have the rule and government of it, and which ſaid alderman in the vacancy of a mayor, or in the abſence of the mayor from the ſaid town, ſhould have the rule and goverment of the ſaid community, as the alderman, and his predeceſſors, the aldermen of the ſaid town, had and enjoyed.

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† In King Richard's time a ſtatute was made by the king, on the ſtatute *de Religioſis*, (7 Ed. 1.) for certificates to be made, and returned up to London of the lands, &c. of religious places, guilds, and fraternities. —*Ao.* 15, Richard II. Ch. 5.

As to their poſſeſſions, *&c.* they are thus returned to the aforeſaid enquiry.

That they had a place, called the Common-Stath, with its appertenances, valued at 42*l* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* clear, beſides all repriſes.

That the goods and chattels of the aforeſaid gild amount in the whole to 260*l.* 13*s.* *viz.* in ready money 60*l.* 13*s.* in diverſe merchandiſe 200*l.* and that in many books, veſtments, chalices, and other ornaments for the chaplains of the ſaid guild performing divine ſervice as well in the pariſh church, as in the chapels annexed to the ſaid church; and that in wax for lights in the ſaid church and chapels, to the honour and laud of the Holy Trinity yearly found, and for torches at the funerals of poor brethren, *&c.* of the ſaid guild, and that out of the profits of the Common Stathe, and out of the goods and chattels aforeſaid, together with diverſe goods and chattels bequeathed and left to the ſaid guild; the alderman, *&c.* ſuſtain and find thirteen chaplains dayly and yearly, to pray as well for the king, his anceſtors, and for the peace and welfare of his kingdom, as for the ſouls of all the aldermen, brethren and benefactors of the ſaid gild, alſo for the ſouls of all the faithful deceaſed, ſix of which officiated in the church of St. Margaret aforeſaid, four in the chapel of St. Nicholas, and three in the chapel of St. James in Lenne, who all day, as they are ſtated and appointed in the church and chapels aforeſaid, celebrate high maſs by note, and on Sundays and other feſtival days, celebrate maſs at Mattins, and at Veſpers by note. And if any of the aforeſaid chaplains neglects his duty and office, or is not of an honeſt life and converſation, when he has been admoniſhed by the alderman, and does not amend, he is removed from the ſervice, and the ſaid alderman appoints another able and honeſt one in his place. And further, that out of the profits of the ſaid Common-Stath, goods and chattels aforeſaid, many alms, deeds, and works of charity, were yearly given, which one year with another are computed at 30*l.* *viz.* towards the ſupport of the poor brethren of the ſaid guild, to the blind, lame, and other diſtreſſed perſons, to poor clerks keeping ſchool, and to poor religious houſes, as well of men as women, to the lepers near and about Lenne, and in the repairs, *&c.* of the pariſh church and chapels aforeſaid, and in the ornaments of the ſame, together with the alms given to the four orders of friers in Lenne, and to the maintaining of ſeveral aquæducts for the uſe of the ſaid town; all the goods and chattels aforeſaid are in the hands of the ſaid alderman and of four men of the ſaid gild, called † Skyveyns, who yearly diſtribute the ſaid goods as aforeſaid, and further that the brethren of the ſaid gild never had, or uſed any one ſuit of livery either in their veſtments, or hoods.

[*a*] Theſe are the [*b*] ORDINANCES of the MERCHANTS GILD, at LENNE.

1. IF any ſtranger is willing to enter into the fraternity, he ought to pledge into the hands of the alderman, 100*s.* *et jus p'dict. domus*; *ſcil.* to the alderman 4*d.* to the clerk 2*d.* to the dean 2*d.* and afterwards out of the 100*s.* pledged with the alderman and his brethren, *ad melius* -------- *poterit*, and ſhall immediately give one [*c*] ſextary of wine, *viz.* 10*d.*

2. If any brother has a ſon, or ſons legitimate, who are willing to enter into the ſaid fraternity, each one ought to pay for his entrance 4*s.* the aforeſaid right being excepted.

3. Whoever will enter into the ſaid fraternity, ought on the firſt day of his admiſſion to wait and ſerve before the alderman and the brethren honourably, in neat cloaths, [*d*] and ------ of gold, or ſilver.

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† Skyvini, or Scabini, were the cuſtodes, guardians, governors, or ſtewards.

(*a*) In Edward I's. reign.

(*b*) Aſſiſe.

(*c*) Sextary, was an ancient meaſure, ſaid to be a pint and an half, but it appears here from the price, &c. to be much more, and was four gallons.

(*d*) Cum pulchris pannis et Co aureo vel argenteo; the word obliterated, probably, Serto, a coronet.

4. The alderman is to have on the day of pentecoſt, one ſextary of wine, and the dean half a ſextary, the clerk half, and each of the † ſkivins the ſame day half a ſextary, and every day after as long as the [e] drinking ſhall continue, the alderman ſhall have half a ſextary, the dean, clerk, and each of the ſkivins, one gallon, and each of the attendants half a gallon, at evening.

5. If any of the brethren ſhall diſcloſe to any ſtranger, the counſels of the ſaid guild, to their detriment, without the aſſent of the alderman, and his brethren, he ſhall forfeit the ſum of 32 pence.

6. If any of the brethren ſhall fall into poverty, or miſery, all the brethren are to aſſiſt him by common conſent out of the chattels of the houſe, fraternity, or of their proper own.

7. If any brother ſhould be impleaded, either within Lenne, or without, the brethren there preſent ought to aſſiſt him in their counſil, if they are called, to ſtand with, and councel him without any coſts, and if they do not, they are to forfeit 32*d*.

8. None of the brethren is to come into the guild before the alderman, and his brethren, with his [*f*] cap, or hood on, or barefoot, or in any ruſtick manner, if he does he is to be amerced, 4*d*.

9. If any one ſhould ſleep at the guild, either at the general meeting, [*g*] or their feaſts and drinking, he is to forfeit 4*d*.

10. If any one turns him rudely to his brother, or calls him by any rude name, to be amerced 4*d*.

11. If any one is called and cited at a prime, (or general meeting) and does not come before the iſſue of the firſt conſult, he is to pay 1*d*. by order of the dean, and if he refuſes, and ſits down, he is to be amerced 4*s*.

12. If any one ſhall be cited to the prime, and ſhall be found in the town, or ſhall come late to the drinking, and the dean ſhall ſay to him to be there at the next prime, and he does not come, before they begin to take judgement of defaults, he ſhall either make ſome reaſonable excuſe, or pay 12*d*. and if he comes before the defaults are adjudged, and ſhall depart without leave, ſhall pay 12*d*.

13. If any one of this houſe ſhall buy any thing, and a brother ſhall come in unexpectedly, before the [*h*] agreement, or at it, he ought to be a partner with him that buys, and if the buyer refuſes it, he is to be amerced half a mark.

14. If any ſervant of the brethren comes at the drinking, or the prime, he is to lay down the cap and cloak, and give it to the janitor to keep whilſt he enters, and ſpeaks to his maſter, and then he is to depart forthwith; if it is at the drinking, let him drink once or twice, provided he does not ſit, and then he is to depart, and if he does not, his maſter is to be amerced.

15. If any one refuſe to obey the precept of the alderman, or dean, for the honour and profit of the houſe, he is to be amerced 12*s*.

16. If any poor brother ſhall dye, the alderman and brethren ſhall ſee that his body be honourably buried, of the goods, or chattels of the houſe, or out of alms, if he has not wherewith to bury himſelf.

17. If the alderman ſhall die, none belonging to him, neither ſon, or other can act in any thing as alderman, but the brethren may chooſe a new alderman whom they pleaſe.

18. If any brother ſhall die, the dean is to ſummons all the brethren to make their offerings for the ſoul of the deceaſed, and if any one is abſent, he is to give one half-penny at the next prime following, for the ſoul of the defunct, and the dean is to have 4*d*. of the alms collected for citing the brethren.

19. If any brother, or alderman, ſhall act contrary to the ordinances of the houſe, he is either to forfeit his brotherhood, or to pay half a mark, for the good of the houſe.

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† The Skivines were in number 4, as appears from a deed of Thomas, biſhop of Ely, in the 25th of Henry VI. Simon Pigot, Richard Coſyn, Thomas Benet, and William Pilton, then called therein, Cuſtodes ſive Scabini, &c. they ſerved as I take it, in all two years, the ſeniors going of yearly, when two others were choſe, &c. they had the charge (as appears) of the goods and effects, &c. of the guild.

(*e*) Potus duraverit.

(*f*) Capitiatus nec nudipes.

(*g*) Ad primam ſive ad potum.

(*h*) Ante Palmata; from hence we may perceive the old cuſtom of ſhaking hands at an agreement, or bargain.

20. No one ſhall intrude himſelf, whilſt the drinking continues.

21. If any brother ſhall offend another brother in word, or deed, he ſhall make no complaint, but to the alderman firſt, and the mayor, if he does not, he is to be amerced half a mark.

22. If the ſkyvins ſhall merchandiſe with the chattels of the houſe, no brother ſhall have any part therein, but the whole profit to go to the uſe of the gild.

23. The ſkyvins are to ſwear, when they receive the chattels of the houſe, that they will employ the ſame faithfully, to the good of the guild, and will fully account and anſwer for the profit.

CORPUS CHRISTI GUILD.

LICENCE was granted that John de Brumham, and John Waryn, of Lenn, might give one meſſuage, 75*s*. 7*d*. *ob*. rent, with the appertenances in Lenn, and that Richard Dun might give the rent of 12*d*. and the profit of one paſſage boat beyond the port of the village of Lenne, with the appertenances, to Thomas de Couteſhale, maſter of the ſaid guild, (as I take it) and the aforeſaid John and Richard might give to Thomas de Couteſhale, one ſhop and one ſolar. with the appertenance in the ſaid village, which Thomas de Couteſhale holds.

John de Brunham, John de Penteneye, and Adam Skert, burgeſſes of Lyn, grant, *&c.* to Jeffrey Talboth, Thomas Botekyſham, John de Dockyng, *&c.* 2*s*. which they uſed to receive of the heirs of John de Syſſewell of Weſt Lenne, for the liberty of a ferry, a paſſage boat over the water.—Dated at Lenn Biſhop on Sunday after the feaſt of the purification of the bleſſed virgin in the 3d of Richard II.—Jeff. Talboth then mayor:—witneſſes John de Tyteleſhale, Roger Paxam, *&c.*

St. JOHN's CHAPEL.

THE chapel on the ſouth ſide of the chancel of St. Margaret's church is called St. John's chapel.

St. MARY MAGDALEN's HOSPITAL,
on the CAUSEWAY, between GAYWOOD and LYNN.

THE hiſtory of St. Mary Magdalen is recorded in the holy Evangeliſts, and her anniverſary obſerved on the 21ſt of July, and tis much to be wondered at that none of our Engliſh hiſtorians (that I can meet with) have taken notice of this ſo noble and ancient a foundation.

In a fair manuſcript vellum book, among the archives of the town's repoſitory, there is a full account of its antient and preſent ſituation, which begins thus:

In die Decollationis St. JOHANNIS BAPTISTÆ, *A°*. Rni. Regis
JACOBI ANGLIÆ, *&c.* Annoq; Dni. 1617.

COMPOSITUS *eſt iſte liber mandatum Joh'is Wallis, majoris, majoratus ſui tempore ſecundo, Thoma Oxburgh, Armig; recordatore conſulente, Ricò Stonham in proximi anni majorem electo; Thoma Baker, Thoma Gibſon, Johanne Spence, Matheo Clerk, Joh. Atkyn, Thoma Soame, Joh. Wormell, Thoma Leighton, Will'mo Doughty, Will'mo Atkyn, et Thoma Gurlyn, aldermannis modernis annuentibus et approbantibus,*

Magdalena

Magdalená tuis tandem renovata reſurgunt,
Pauperibus domus ac prædia rapta diù.
Hoc opus effecit celebris tibj proxima Lenna,
Protegat omnipotens, Hanc, inopeſq; tuos.

Fra. Parlett.

This book briefly expreſſes the original foundation of the ancient hoſpital of St. Mary Magdalen, upon the cauſey between Lenn and Gaywood, long ſince diſſolved, the lands and poſſeſſions whereof have been long concealed from the crown, and turned to the gain of private men, and how the mayor and burgeſſes of King's Lynn, at their great charge and expences, have lately purchaſed the king's letters patents, of grant of the ſcite of the ſaid hoſpital, and the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, for relief and maintenance of poor people, unto the mayor and aldermen of the ſame town, who by the ſame letters patents, are incorporated by the name of the mayor and aldermen of the burgh of Lenn Regis, in the county of Norfolk, governers, *&c.* of the hoſpital of St. Mary Magdalen, *&c.* ---- of the foundation of James, King of England, *&c.* together with a true relation of the proceeding of the ſaid mayor and aldermen, (ſince the ſaid letters patent to them granted) for the eſtabliſhing of the poſſeſſion of the ſaid lands and tenements in them, the ſaid governour and their ſucceſſors, for ever; and in what ſtate the poſſeſſion and revenues of the ſaid new founded hoſpital now ſtands.

This ancient hoſpital was founded by one Petrus Capellanus in the reign of King Stephen, in honour of St. Mary Magdalen, and conſiſted of a prior, 12 brethren and ſiſters, in all 13; of whom 10 (the prior being one) were ſound, and 3 unſound, or leprous, ſome eccleſiaſtical and ſome ſecular, bound to perform ſuperſtitious rites, and prayers for the ſouls of men departed this life, *viz.* for the ſoul of Petrus Capellanus their founder, the ſouls of popes, biſhops, abbots, priors, kings, queens, and others, their benefactors, as appears by their antient book of *Obits* and *Oriſons*, and by the antient inſtrument of articles which the brethren and ſiſters were bound to obſerve. And all, or moſt of the lands given to the ſaid hoſpital, were for the maintaining of prayers for the dead, as appears by diverſe deeds and charters without date, of the firſt donations of the ſaid lands.

Petrus Capellanus, their founder, died upon St. Paul's day being the 25th of January, *A. D.* 1174, in the 20th of Henry II. as appears from the ſaid Obit book.

PRIORS.

By an indenture made the 8th of March, *A°.* 12, of Elizabeth, between Thomas Haſket, prior of this hoſpital, and the brethren and ſiſters of the ſaid hoſpital as well whole as ſick, on the one part, and John Pell of King's Lynn, on the other, let to John Pell, 4 acres of paſture, belonging to the ſaid hoſpital at Geywode.

Haſket was buried the 16th of January, in the church of Geywode, *A°.* 1585.

Robert Hullier, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, merchant, grants to Peter Cartwright, mayor of Lynn, *&c.* all that fraternity, or hoſpital of St. Mary Magdalen; all lands, tenements, *&c.* whatſoever, which he the ſaid Robert and Thomas Grave, Gent. lately deceaſed, had to them and their heirs of the gift of Theoph. Adams of London, Gent. (in the 24th of Eliz.) dated in the 36th of Elizabeth.—An enfeoffent to the mayor and corporation.

John Dixon, governour and keeper of this hoſpital, *A°.* 6°. Edw. VI. and *A°.* 9°.

King James, in regard of the ſervice done heretofore in the wars, by Thomas Battie, and of his maymes ſuſteyned therein, gives and grants to him, the room and place of governour, or guyder of this hoſpital for life, June 4, *A°.* 5.

Richard Leke occurs prior of the hoſpital of Lazars *A°.* 15, Henry V.

Robert Wilſon, maſter, then.——Wilſon married Iſabell, widow of Thomas Haſket.

Richard Leke prior: the brethren and ſiſters, as well the ſeke as the hole, by conſent, took in to their fraternity Catharine Jurdan, the wife of Humphrey Jurdan, and grant to her a chamber, with a garden, late in the tenure of Frere John Goldeſburgh, doctor, for the time of her life; the ſaid Catharine to repair, ſuſteyn, and uphold the ſame, at her own coſts and expences; and the ſaid Catharine to have her part and portion of all rents, ferms, almeſſes, legacies, gifts, offerings, &c. as any brother or ſiſter ſhall receive;—dated July 22, 12 of Henry VIII.

Several other like admiſſions of men and women, prieſts and laymen, I have ſeen.

Sir James Baſtard, parſon of Maſſingham *Parva*, admitted 14 Henry VIII.—at his admiſſion, covenanted that he ſhould be preſent among the ſaid brethren and ſiſters, in the ſaid hoſpital, 4 times in the year, and at any other time of nede, when he ſhall be deſired by the prior, brethren, &c. and he was to have a ſtanding for his horſe, as often as he come, and for them that come with him.

Thomas Haſket, prior, in the 12th of Elizabeth.

Nicholas Brygs, prior, *ao.* 18 Henry VIII. and occurs 21.

Roger Adams, prior, *ao.* 26 Henry VIII.

John Dalman, prior, *ao.* 8 Edward IV.

Richard Bull, prior *ao.* 3 Henry VII.

Nicholas Portland, prior, *ao.* 22 Edward IV.——22d Edward IV. Henry Burgh, prior.

William, ſon of William de Congham, grants to God and St. Mary Magdalen, and the brethren there ſerving God, 5 acres of land in the fields of Congham;—witneſſes, Sir William Ruſteing, &c. *ſans* date.

Roger, ſon of Alexander Arſick, of Dunham *Magna*, grants and confirms all the lands which his father gave, with liberty of a fold; and Margery Arſick and her heirs, confirm and warrant the ſame, *ſans* date.

Thomas, ſon of Aumaricius de Babingle, gives to this houſe, lands at Geywode, belonging to the biſhop of Norwich's fee, *ſans* date; Robert the mayor, Michael de Belvaco, &c. witneſſes.

Nicholas Portland, who occurs prior on Saturday before the feaſt of St. Simon and Jude, in the 22d year of Edward IV. and William Baſſet, capellane, ſurrendered then at a court, with the lete, held at Geywode, a meſſuage and half an acre of land, to the uſe of John Heriſon, and Alice his wife, for their lives then to remain to the ſaid prior and his ſucceſſors.

Mr. Cheyney prior.——Humphrey Jordan ſucceeded prior, who married Cheyney's widow.

Robert Wylſon prior.——John Dyxon his ſon, ſucceeded prior.——Mr. Knoles prior.——Jeffrey, prior.

Humphrey Dene, prior——William Collyſon, prior.——Robert Dyxon made maſter or prior in right of Iſabel his wife, who ſuffered all the decay and injury of this hoſpital lately.

Robert Wylſon, maſter of this houſe, married Iſabel, late wife of Thomas Heſket, late maſter, and after Collyſon's own houſe, there lately built, now fallen into great decay;——hath 6 acres joyning to the ſaid houſe, now in their own hands, which is all that they have in occupation in their own hands.——Alſo Mr. Thurſbye occupies one marſh, lying in Geywode and Myntlyn, the old rent thereof was 20*s. per ann.* which is well worth 4*l. per ann.* at the leaſt, and he is to have of the houſe for rents belonging to the manor of Geywode, 42*s.* 3d. *per ann.*——Mr. Spence occupies one cloſe, lying in Gannock, which is called 10 acres, but in truth is 14 acres at the leaſt, and he pays but 33*s.* and 4*d. per ann.*——Park of Holme, holdeth 11 acres at Sechyth, and pays but 33*s.* and 4*d. per ann.* well worth 4*l.* 13*s.* and 4*d. per ann.*——Alſo Mr. Straunge hath a foldcourſe and lands in Lexham, which wont to pay to the ſaid houſe, 23*s. per ann.* and by the ſpace of 30 years hath unpaid, and by the report of them that know it, it is well worth 4*l. per ann.*——Other lands in Congham and Creake Abby, the value whereof is not yet made.——Alſo Wrothes of Geywode holdeth one pightle, worth 6*s. per ann.* and pays nothing.——*Item,* one cloſe or pightle lying in Geywode by

South Wotton, has been let for 8*s. per ann.* but now none will give above 3*s.* or 2*s.* 8*d. per ann.*——*Item*, one rede dole in Geywode, containing 8 acres, the old rent is 8*s.*——*Item*, Mr. Pell occupieth 3 acres by the houſe; the old rent was 10*s.* and now 20*s.*——*Item*, Thomas Gybſon of Lynne occupies one cloſe of 3 acres, by the houſe; the old rent was 20*s.* and now 40*s.*——*Item*, he occupies —— acres lying by Maudelyn Bank, and pays 24*s. per ann.* and it is worth 50*s.*——*Item*, 2 acres by Derſingham Lane, worth 20*s. per ann.* the old rent 10*s.* ——*Item*, in Geywode fen, 3 acres; the old rent 6*s.* now 15*s. per ann.*—— Roger Lauſon has an acre and an half; old rent 10*s.* now 26*s.* and 8*d. per ann.*—— Six acres lying by Salter's Load; the old rent 10*s.* now 20*s. per ann.*——*Item*, a whole piece there, and pays 4*s.* 6*d. per ann.*——*Item*, 5 acres in Narford, rent 9*d.* now 3*s.*——*Item*, 5 acres in Hockold, let for 2*s.* 6*d. per ann.* worth 5*s.*

This I have taken from a little piece of paper, wrote (as I take it) in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

The ſeal of this hoſpital was large and oblong, of red wax, and very curious. in the middle of it was the effigies of St. Mary Magdalen, in her right hand a box, [†] and in her left a palm branch, on the right ſide of this, a ſhield, with 2 keys in ſaltyr; on the left, the triangular emblem of the Trinity; the legend,—*Sigillum commune —— Marie Magdalen.*

LYNN MONASTERIES.

1. FRIARS CARMELITES, or White Friars in South Lynn.
2. Friars Minorites, or Grey Friars.
3. Friars Preachers, or Black Friars.
4. Auguſtine Friars.
5. A cell or college of prieſts belonging to Norwich.

The four firſt were purchaſed of Hen. VIII. by John Eyre, Eſq; one of the king's auditors or receivers, who in his lifetime conveyed the ſame to a prieſt, from whom the corporation of Lynn purchaſed the Carmelites and Minorites, (both which are now in their poſſeſſion) as alſo the impropriation of the church of St, Margaret; the other two, viz. Friars Preachers and Auguſtin Friars, came to two private families in town, in whoſe hands they now remain, but never continued in any deſcent.

The cell of prieſts was near the guild hall, and the prior's houſe was ſomewhat remote from it by St. Margaret's church; the ſcite of the prior's houſe was lately conſecrated and annexed to S. Margaret's church-yard, for a burial place.—Priory Lane has its name from hence.

There remains now nothing to be ſeen of theſe frieries and religious houſes, but ruins and rubbiſh, being long ſince utterly demoliſhed; notwithſtanding the places of their ſituation are ſtill apparent in town, all of them being ſeparately walled round, and commonly known at this day, by their ſeveral denominations aforeſaid.

The former of theſe, the Carmelites ſteeple, having continued upwards of 360 years, being at length fallen to decay, and become very ruinous for want of timely reparation, fell down ſuddenly of itſelf, and which is the more remarkable, on a very ſtill and calm day, the 9th of April, 1631, as it is mentioned on record, and aſſerted to me for truth, by ſeveral ancient inhabitants that knew it, and were then alive.

The Grey Friars had undergone the ſame fate of deſolation, had it not been mended and repaired 30 Henry VIII. (as the following inſcription on the weſt ſide denotes; *John Perceval mayor*, 1631,) by the ſtones (as tis ſaid, and not improbably) at the pulling down of ſome part of a ruined and diſuſed chapel, of which as follows:

"This conſecrated fabric was dedicated to the memory of St. James the apoſtle, and ſtands very near the Grey Friars in an incloſed ground or cemitary, walled round, where many perſons are ſtill interred, and tis very remarkable, that no leſs than 220 were buried in this place in the year 1591, during the time of the great ſickneſs,

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[†] Alluding to the ointment brought to Jeſus.

neſs, then in town; a great part of this chapel was pulled down, *an.* 1549, ten years after the general diſſolution of abbies, &c. but upon what occaſion I know not; and in 1587, the pinnacle of the ſame was likewiſe taken down, and the ſteeple builded flat."

"In 1581, it was at a great expence of the corporation prepared and made a place for the manufacturing of bays, &c. but ſoon came to nothing.——About an hundred years after, 1682, it was again at a great charge fitted up by the corporation, and other inhabitants, to be a receptacle for poor children, to learn to ſpin wool, where they are well provided for, and taught to read, &c."

"It bears this inſcription, on a marble ſtone ſet over the door."

"*E. Ruinis Capellæ St. Jacobi Orphanotrophium hoc erexit S. P. Q. L. An. Dni.* M. D. C. LXXXII. *Simone Taylor Prætore.*"

	£.	s.	d.
"The firſt collection among the inhabitants towards this charitable deſign, and preparing this ruinous chapel for an hoſpital, came to the ſum of	406	1	6
The corporation likewiſe made an order among themſelves, that every alderman new elected, ſhould pay at his admittance, 10*l.* and every common councilman 20 nobles, which being ever ſince duly performed, has to this year, ending at Lady Day, 1724, amounted to the ſum of — — — . — —	726	13	4
The legacies of perſons deceaſed, (beſides other benefactions) given to the ſame, — — — —	90	0	0
	£. 1222	14	10"

"They have alſo endowed it with 20*l. per ann.* and it is ſince, by act of parliament, *ao.* 1701, and 12 William III. for erecting hoſpitals and workhouſes, in King's Lynn, &c. ſettled and veſted in the guardians of the poor, as by the following clauſe, amongſt others in the ſaid act, more fully appears,——" The workhouſe founded by the mayor and burgeſſes, called St. James's workhouſe, and all lands, tenements, rents, revenues, goods, and chattels belonging to the ſame, are (by this act) veſted and ſettled in the guardians of the poor, and their ſucceſſors".——There is alſo appropriated a farther addition to the revenue and maintenance of this houſe, 4*d.* per chaldron on all coals imported into this town, by ſtrangers, which (*communibus annis*) amounts to 200*l. per ann.* and upwards."

But leaving this decayed fabrick, I ſhall only remark, that the arms of the famous Queen Elizabeth, finely cut in ſtone, quarterly, France and England, ſupported by a lion and dragon, was taken from this demoliſhed chapel, and ſet over the guild hall, where they now ſtand, as I was well informed by antient inhabitants.

A little diſtant from the town, and near the walls thereof, ſtands another ruinous fabrick, called the Lady's Mount, (alias the Red Mount) in which (no doubt) by ſome remains of architecture, it appears there has been a chapel dedicated (as the aforeſaid title imports) to the Bleſſed Virgin; this religious place (ſay the antient inhabitants) was a receptacle for the pilgrims, who took it in their way to ſay their oriſons at, as they travelled along, towards that ſometime famous and celebrated priory or convent of our Lady at Walſingham: a village ſo much renowned all over England, for pilgrimages to the Virgin Mary, that he who had not in that former age viſited, and preſented with offerings, was accounted irreligious.

The chapel there, ſays Eraſmus, (who was an eye witneſs of it, amongſt other obſervations which he relates,) *Vide Weaver's Fun. Mon. p.* 860, had little or no light in it, but by the tapers and wax candles, which yielded a pleaſant and odoriferous ſmell; nay, if you would look into it, you would ſay it were the habitation of ſome heavenly ſaints indeed, ſo bright ſhining it is all over, with pretious ſtones, with gold and ſilver, &c. Thus far he.

It was ſuppreſt the firſt of Auguſt, 30 of Henry VIII. and valued after the rate of thoſe times, at 446*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* ¼. *per ann.*

To this lady of Walſingham (to make but one remark more) the aforeſaid Sir Henry Spelman tells us, when he was a child, there was a common ſtory, that King

Henry VIII. went barefoot from Barſham, a town lying about 2 miles ſouth weſt from Walſingham, and there offered a necklace (*monile*) of great value to the Virgin Mary. (*Icenia, p.* 149.)

But in the 30th year of the ſame king, Cromwell carried her image from hence to Chelſea, where he took care to have it burnt. *Holinſh. p.* 971.

Mr. Fox, our famous Engliſh martyrologiſt, and hiſtorian, mentions another church here in Lynn, belonging to St. John's hoſpital but no remains of either are now to be ſeen; the ſtory is this:

Sir William Chatris, alias Sautre, (it being uſual in former days to give the title of Sir to the the clergy) pariſh prieſt of the church of St. Margaret, in the town of Lynn, being convened before Henry Spencer, biſhop of Norwich, recanted and renounced diverſe concluſions, which he formerly held and publiſhed, and alſo promiſed he renounce publickly as the ſaid biſhop ſhould appoint, the aforeſaid concluſions to be erroneous and hereſies, in the pariſh church of Lynn, and Tilney, and in other places as the biſhop ſhould then direct and appoint.

Then, next after this, upon the 25th of May, in the year 1399, in the churchyard of the chapel, of St. James, within the town of Lynn, the aforeſaid William, in the preſence of the aforeſaid biſhop and clergy, and the people of the ſaid town of Lynn, ſtanding round about, publickly declared the aforeſaid concluſions to be erroneous and hereſies.

And after that, on the 26th of May, in the year aforeſaid, in the church of the hoſpital of St. John of the ſaid town, the ſaid Sir William, before the ſaid biſhop, ſitting as judge, ſwore and took his oath upon the Holy Evangeliſts, that he would never after that time, preach openly or publickly, the aforeſaid concluſions, &c. in the preſence of Frier John Smerman, Maſter John Rickynghale, Dr. of Divinity, William Carlton, Dr. of both Laws, and Thomas Bulton, officer of the liberty of Lynn aforeſaid, with divers others.

He was afterwards burnt, for holding again the ſame concluſions, which before he had renounced.

WHITE FRIERS or CARMES.

In the *Lane* called SOUTH-LANE, alias WHITE-FRYERS, dedicated to St. MARY.

THIS monaſtery ſtood near the ſouth, a little ſouth of Allhallow's church, cloſe to the river Lynn; great part of the old brick wall, and a gatehouſe, are ſtill ſtanding, though in an old map this is falſly called the Grey Friers. It was founded by the Lord Bardolph, about the year 1269; though others ſay it was founded by Thomas de Feltſham; the Lord Bardolph, the Lord Scales, and Sir John Wigenhale, were alſo conſiderable benefactors to it.

In the 45 of Henry III. William le Breton was a conſiderable benefactor to it, and gave them lands in South Lynn, and in Burgh Green, Dillingham, Brinckley, Willingham, and Carlton in Cambridgeſhire.——*Eſch.* 45 *Hen. III. Nr.* 18.

In the 13 of Edward I. they had a patent *de Venella*.

In the 9 of Richard II. William Lord Bardolph died, and was buried amongſt the Carmes here.

In the 12th of Richard II. they had a patent for the rent of 10 quarters of *frumenti*, and 10 quarters of barley, to receive them annually of the manor of Stow Bardolph, granted by John, Lord Bardolph.

In 1379, April 13, Sir Hamon Felton of Litcham, wills his body to be buried in the church of the Carmes, at Lenne.——His will dated at Gloſthorp, proved the firſt of Auguſt following.—*Regr. Heydon.*

It ſeems by the depoſition of Frier Peter of Lyn, ſub prior of the Carmes, that the family of Haſtings were conſiderable benefactors to this houſe; for in the 9th of Henry IV. he ſwore (on a trial then commenced) that the arms of Haſtings were painted for 40 years paſt in their houſe, and they had a banner of the arms 38 before, to his knowledge, and fryer Aleyn, the Gaywode reader in divinity there, aged 59 years, depoſed the ſame. MS. Le Neve.

An anchorage belonged to it, and was near it.

The ſcite of this priory was purchaſed by John Eyre, Eſq; February 20th in the 36th of Henry VIII. who was one of that king's auditors, or receivers, and he conveyed it to a prieſt, from whom the corporation of Lynn purchaſed it, and is leaſed out by them at this time.

The ſteeple of the Carmes' church is ſaid to have fallen down for want of due repair, on April 9, 1631, having ſtood upwards of 360 years.

This houſe was ſurrendered by the prior and 10 brethren, the 30th of September 1539, in the 30th of Henry VIII. Willis Hiſt. Abb. v. 2.

Thomas de Lenna, prior of this houſe. S. T. D. occurs prior, the 20th of July, 1400. MS. Le Neve.

Alan de Lyn, a native of this town, *D. D.* and prior of this houſe, was a learned man, and turned the hiſtory of the bible into allegories, and compiled indexes to above 50 authors and books which he wrote, (ſee Bale, p. 551, & 552) he flouriſhed in 1420, bred at Cambridge, and buried here, 1421, and was the fryer Aleyn abovementioned, as I take it.

This houſe was valued at 1*l.* 15. 8*d.* at the diſſolution at 35*s.* 10*d.*

GREY FRIERS, *alias*

FRIERS MINORS, FRANGISCANS.

IN *vino miſs. fratribus Mironib; die Sti. Franciſci, VI. lagen.* xviiid. *Rot. Joh. St. Omer,* 13, *Ed. I.*

This monaſtery ſtood in Fuller's Row, and was founded by Thomas Feltham, of de Folſham.

In the 7th of Edward II. they had a patent for bringing the water to this houſe, from a ſpring in North Rungton, called Buken-Well. Pat. 2. Ed. II. pt 2.

In the 38th of Edward III. they had a patent for 2 meſſuages, to enlarge their manſe. B. 38. Ed. III. pt. M. 8. & 16.

The houſe was ſurrendered by the warden and 9 brethren, October 1, 1539, in the 30th of Henry VIII. Willis. Hiſt. Abb. v. 2.

The ſcite of it was granted to John Eyre, Eſq; the 20th of February in the 36th of Henry VIII. who ſold it to a prieſt, who conveyed it to the corporation, who are the preſent owners of it. Pat. 26.

The tower of this monaſtery is ſtill ſtanding in Fuller's Row, tho' called falſely in an old map, the monaſtery of the Carmes.

The Grey Friers ſettled here about the 52d of Henry III. and built this convent near Synolf's fleet, on which the mills, formerly called Swagg's mill, afterwards the common mill, or town watermill ſtands.

John Tynmouth, a Grey frier of Lynn. Ath. Ox. v. 1. p. 662.

Richard Peverel, of Tilney, Eſq; by will dated March 15, 1423, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of the Friers Minors, of Lynn Biſhop, appoints Mr. John Spencer, vicar of Tilney, his executor, proved May 15, 1424, Reg. Hurning. fol. 122. I take him to have been deſcended from Rob. Peverell, Eſq; brother of Walter de Langton, biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry, and to the Lord of Coldham Hall in the Fens, near Wiſbeach.

This Richard left a horſe of 10*l.* value to the duke of Exeter, to be ſuperviſor of his will, of whom he held lands.

In 1287, Bernard le Eſtree, purchaſed of William de Lindeſey in St. James's ſtreet, a certain area, and gave it to enlarge the Friers Minors area.

In 1287, on Monday Auguſt 7, in the court at Lenn, Ad. de St. Omer, being then mayor, and Richard de Walſingham, Steward, Richard Seſull gave by deed

2*d.* rent *per ann.* which his anceſtors uſed to receive out of a certain area, by the hurch-yard of St. James's to the weſt, which the ſaid Adam de St. Omer purchaced of Adam Silveſter, for the enlarging of the area, where the Friers Minors now nhabit.

BLACK FRIERS, or

FRIERS PREACHERS, DOMINICANS.

THIS monaſtery ſtood in Clow Lane, in the eaſtern part of the town, and was founded by Thomas Gedney, valued at 18*l. per ann.*

In vino miſſo fratrib; p'dicatorib; die Beati Dominici confeſſoris—11*s.* *Rot. Joh. de St. Omer.*

Thomas Thorndon aliened to theſe friers preachers a piece of land 18 feet long, and 21 broad, in Lenn Epiſcopi in the 3d of Edward III.

In the 3d of Edward III. the friers preachers had a patent to enlarge their houſe here.

Simon Parche, *alias* Tyler, of Watlyngton, Norfolk, wills in 1442, to be buried in the chancel of the friers preachers, or black friers, of Lyn, and gives to the fabrick, de la ſtalles in the ſaid chancel, to be new made, 16*l.* Reg. Doke, Norw:

In 1488, John Braynes occurs prior.

The chapel of St. Catharine, in the church of the Friers preachers, mentioned in 1497. Reg. Sayve Norw.

The image of our lady in the body of the church.

The convent of Dominicans ſurrendered by the prior and 11 brethren, on the 30th of September 1539, in the 30th of Henry VIII.—Willis Hiſt. Mon. v. 2: valued at 18*s.* 1*d.* *ob.*

The ſcite of the friers preachers granted the 20th of February in the 36th of Henry VIII. to John Eyre, Eſq; with land there in the tenure of John Kemp.—pat. 26.

This John Eyre, on the diſſolution, had 37 meſſuages, 9 gardens, in the tenure of divers perſons given by King Henry VIII. in his 36th year, and meſſuages and tenements called Biſhop's Stath, and an houſe, called the Steward's Hall, with other meſſuages and lands here, belonging to the ſee of Norwich. Pat. 36, Hen. VIII. pt. 26, 20 Feb.

John Eyre, Eſq; conveyed it to a prieſt, from whom it came to Thomas Waters, of --------, who had Edward Waters, and a daughter married to George Baker. Edward dyed without male iſſue, and left it to Elizabeth his daughter, who married firſt Nicholas Killingtree; 2d Edward Bacon, and 3d Sir John Bolls of Scampton, in Lincolnſhire, Bt. who ſold it to Killingtree, whoſe ſon William enjoyed it, and he ſold it to Henry Barkenham, miller, who ſold it to John Rivet, about 1646.

This houſe of the Friers Preachers was in the patronage of Thomas, Earl of Rutland, as Leland, vol. 1, p. 102, as lord, perhaps, of Wrongey.

An anchorage belonged to it.

The Black friers ſettled here about the time that the Grey friers did, as appears from a writ, *Ad quod damnum*, for a fountain, or ſpring granted them in Middleton, by Lenn, by William, Lord Bardolf, called Brokewell, and a certain aquaduct coming from that ſpring, or well, to their convent at Lynn. Eſch. in Turri Lond. *A*°. 21: Ed. I. *N*°. 71.

The Friers preachers were here in 1272.

FRIERS de PENITENTIA JESU,

perhaps the ſame with GREY FRIERS.

IN 1307, Roger de Flegg, was vicar general of the order of Friers de Penitentia Jeſu in England at Lenne.

A chapel out of the EaſtGates of Lenn, in 1467.

A Grammar ſchool maintained time out of mind, in the charnell houſe at Lynn, adjoyning to St. Margaret's church, by the mayor and burgeſſes: the maſter had a good houſe belonging to it and a ſtipend of 10*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and the uſher a ſtipend of 7*l.* *per ann.* in 1562. See Margaret's church.

LEPARS HOUSES.

STEPHEN GUYBON of North Lynne, by his will, gave to every houſe of Lepars about Lenn, *viz.* Weſt Lynne, Cowgate, Herdwyk, Setche-Hithe, Mawdelyn and Geywode, 12*d.* dated in 1432. Stephen was ſon of Laurence Guybon: Agnes, his daughter, was wife of Stephen Grey; John and William his ſons. Reg, Surflete, Norw.

AUGUSTIN FRYERS of LYNN.

THE Auguſtin friers ſettled here in the beginning of Edward I's reign, as appears by a writ, *Ad qd. damnum*, for a meſſuage in Lynn, granted by Margaret de Southmere, to them. Inquiſ. 22, Ed. I. in turri Lond. N. 112.

This monaſtery ſtood in the northern part of the town, in Hogman's Lane. *alias* Hopman's Way.

Theſe friers had a patent granted them by king Edward II. in his 4th year, for the purchaſing of Thomas Lexham, one meſſuage, contiguous and adjoyning, for the enlargement of their manſe, or houſe.—Pat. 4th Ed. II. pt. 2, m. 14.

Licence was granted by king Edward III. to Thomas Drew, William Bitering, John de Conteſhale and John Drew of Lenn Biſhop, that they might give and aſſign five meſſuages in Lenne, adjoyning to the manſe of the prior and brethren of hermits, of the order of St. Auguſtine of Lenn, to the ſaid prior, &c. for the enlargement of their manſe, on condition that the reverend father, Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, of whom the ſaid meſſuages are held, (as appears from the inquiſition of William de Middleton, late eſchaetor of Norfolk) will grant his licence to the ſaid prior, &c. and the ſaid king gave licence to Robert de Cokesford, Agnes his wiſe, and to Richard de Houton and Alice his wife, that they may give one meſſuage in Lynn, (not held of us, as appears by the inquiſition of Roger de Wolfreton, eſchaetor of Norfolk) to the biſhop and his ſucceſſors, on the ſame condition of granting licence to the prior, &c. of receiving the aforeſaid 5 meſſuages of Thomas Drew, &c. Teſte Rege, dated at Weſtminſter the 6th of May in the 38th Edward III.

Trin. Term; 38, of Ed. III. Roll 336 in dorſo.

Sciant p'ſentes et futuri qd. Nos Tho. p'miſs. divina, N. epi. de conſenſu capit. nri N. conceſſimus et conf. priori. et frat. heremitar. de ordine S. Aug. ville nre. Lenne quod ten. cum p'tin. ubi ecclia cum manſo eor. ſcituat. in villa nra. p'dca qd. totaliter eſt de feodo nro. p'ut jacet i't. tenem. qd. quond. fuit Tho. de Rigges et commun. fletam. E prate Auſtr. e dict. frat. ib. et ten. Margar. Folkard et Margeriæ ſororis ej. et ten. qd. a Joh'is Coſtyn et ten. Ric. de Dokkyng ex Auſtr. et commun. viam vocat. Hopeman's gate, ex ag. cuj. caput oriental. abut. ſup. ten. Hamonis de Cokysford et ten. Adæ de Eggemer et caput occid. ſup. commun. viam quæ ducit de Greſmarket uſq. ad eccl. S. Nich. dict. ville, hab. et tenend. p'dict. prior. et frat. et ſucceſs. de Nobis et ſucceſs. n'ris p. ſervitium dim. libre pip's ballivo noſt. et ſucceſs. noſt. de ville annuat. in p'petuum. Dat. 28. July 1364, conſecrat. n're 9°. 38, Ed. III.

In the 6th of Richard II. they had a patent for a certain aquæduct, to be made by them from Gaywode. Pat. 2. M. 23.

In the 7th of Henry IV. they had a patent to enlarge their manſe. Pat. 2. M. 36.

And in the 1ſt of Henry V. a patent for certain meſſuages granted to them. Pat. 1. M. 17.

Margaret de Suthmere, aliened a meſſuage in Lynn to this monaſtery. MSS. le Neve.

Hæc indentura facta 12 die menſis Junij An. Dni. 1461, *int. priorem conventus Lenne ord. fratrum heremitar. Sci Auguſti. et totum conventum ex una parte, et Aliciam relictam Rici. Coſyn ac Will. Pilton executores dicti Rici. ex parte altera teſtat. qd. cum p'dci Alicia et Will. conceſſerent eisd. fratribus totum proventum de quibuſdam tenementis quorum numerus et ſcitus expreſſi ſunt in quad. carta amicis d'cor. fratrum inde confeſtu.*

Nos d'cus. prior & convent. partim obligati tali dono et partim condeſcentes illor. voto conceſſimus pro nobis et ſucceſs. noſtris miſſam de Benedicto nomine Jebu celebrandam, omni ſexta feria niſi quande impedimentum nobis acciderit tunc eam differemus miſſam uſq; in craſtinum tota autem vita dictæ Aliciæ erit miſſa illa cum nota et poſt deceſſum ejus ſine nota quam ſic ſervar. perpetuis temporibus p'mittimus. Inſuper concedimus quod obitus ejuſd. Rici. tenebitur in eccles. noſtra Dominica in albis cum exequiis in ſabbato an. illam Dominicam, atq; p. majore ſecuntate, et ut hæc cautius obſervetur, annotabimus hanc conceſſionem noſtram in kalendarijs noſtris ad futuror. memoriam. Inſuper qd. calix inſcriptis nominibus dictor. Rici. et Aliciæ aſſignabitur dicto altari de nomine Jeſu in p'petuum principalit. qd. et ſi neceſſe fuerit ad alia altaria deſerviet. ----- quor. omn. ----- et robur huic parti penes nos remanenti ſigilla dictor. Alicie et Will. appendent et alteri parti penes ipſos manent. ſigill. venerabilis prioris provincial. et ſigill. commune dicti conv. append.—Eſch. n. 112.

In the reign of Henry V. William Wellys, or Wallys, was a monk here, a learned man and general of his order; he dyed in 1421, and wrote many books.—Bale 558. Holinſhed, Chron. p. 584.

In the 23d of Edward I. they were here; a patent being then granted to them; *R. fratrib; Sci Auguſtini*, and in the 34th of Edward I.

On the 20th, of February, in the 36th of Henry VIII. it was granted to John Eyre, who conveyed it to a prieſt, who ſold it to Shavington, a baſtard, who by will gave it to ------ Waters, who dying without iſſue, it reverted to Shavington's heir; John Ditefeld afterwards had it, and his ſon John gave it in marriage to Thomaſine, his ſiſter, married to Chriſtopher Puckering, brother to the lord keeper of that name, and they ſold it to John Leaſe who pulled it down, and ſold the ſtones and the ground to diverſe perſons: ſee Spelman Sacr. p. 250.

This houſe was ſurrendered the 30th of September 1539, in the 30th of Henry VIII. by the prior and 4 brethren.—Willis Hiſt. Abb. v. 2.

The ſcite of it was granted to John Eyre, (as above mentioned) the 20th of February in the 36th of Henry VIII. (Pat. 26.) then in the tenure of Thomas Cotes, *&c.* valued at 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

LYNN DEANRY.

THIS was in the patronage of the biſhop of Norwich, and was taxed at 5 marks; it paid to the arch-deacon of Norwich, for ſynodals at St. Michaelmas 58*s.* and at Eaſter the ſame ſum, and Peter-pence 25*s.*

In 1315, Mr. Roger de Sneteſham, prieſt, collated by the biſhop.—1324, William Culpho, ditto.——1324, Edmund le Straunge, ditto.——1335, William Ode, ditto.——1349, Henry de Winterton, ditto.——1382, William de Bylingham, ditto.——1383, ditto.——1385, Roger de Elmham, by the king; the temporalities of the ſee then in him.——1391, Mr. William Oxeburgh, (exchanged for the free chapel of St. Radegunds, in St. Paul's cathedral) by the biſhop.——1392, John Staunford, ditto.—— ----. John Burton.

1421, John Walker.——1444, Richard Haynow.——1458, Thomas Elleſmer. ——1471, John Ayſhfield.——1472, Thomas Ayſhfield.——1478, John Aphowell, *A. M.*——1493, William Goldwell.

In 1543, William, Biſhop of Norwich, granted the next advouſon of this deanry, with the liberty of the peculiar juriſdiction of Lynn town, to George Deyners, but in 1547, it was granted by the biſhop, to the arch-deacon of Norwich.

The BISHOP's HOUSE in LYNN.

JOHN, biſhop of Norwich, grants to the altar of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, 3 marks of ſilver yearly, to be paid out of his ſtone houſe at Lynn, which he had built on the bank of the ſea, near the chapel of St. Nicholas, to the weſt; and Peter, ſon of Jeffrey, ſon of Durand of Oxford, (and his heirs) to whom he had granted the ſaid houſe, were tied to pay the ſaid rent, and likewiſe 12*d.* yearly, to the biſhop, and his ſucceſſors, and then were to reſerve to the biſhop and his ſucceſſors, a great warehouſe free, which was in the front of the ſaid houſe, to put wine in.——Dated 1187.——*Regr. Sacriſt, Ec. Cath. Norw. f.* 14.

Will. prior, and the convent of Norwich, grant to John de Grey, the fair at Lenn or Gaiwode, and the Saturday market, the pleas, all perquiſites which they hold in the ſaid village, on account of their lay fee, and a meſſuage to the weſt of the chapel of St. Nicholas, and a meſſuage by the bridge of Purflet, and all the ſalt pits in the aforeſaid towns, and the toll which they had there, in exchange for the manors of Secheford, and Creſſingham, excepting the knights in the ſaid towns of Secheford and Creſsingham;—witneſſes, Maſter William de Lenne, Mr. Jeffrey de Derham, Mr. Robert de Tywa.———*Regiſ.* 1. *Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol.* 226.

It appears that the biſhop had a houſe here. *Plita Coron. apd. Lenne*, 41 *Hen. III. R.* 24.

It was found that John Wentworth, mayor of Lenn Epiſcopi, and the commonalty, had unjuſtly diſſeized Henry, biſhop of Norwich, of his free tenement here, 100 acres of land, and 20 acres of paſture, he being ſeiſed of it in right of his church of the Holy Trinity, of Norwich, except the tenements. *Plita. Aſſis. Norw.* 4 *Hen. IV.*

In the 16 of Richard II. Henry, biſhop of Norwich, &c. aliened to the priory of Lenn, a piece of land called Ryfeld, in Geywood, with 50*l.* land in Thornham, Thorneyge, Hilderſton, North Elmham, and Blofield. *Eſh. Nr.* 138.

The BISHOP's HIGH STEWARD

WAS an office of the biſhop, granted by patent: in the Saxon age he was called *Capitalis Seneſcallus Epiſcopi*, and as ſuch received all the revenues of the biſhop, held all the courts belonging to his lordſhips, and paſſed the accounts of the inferior officers, as bayliffs, &c. He often ſate in court with the mayor, on trials, and grants of places, and officers in the town, &c. who was often ſworn by him, &c. and it was held by the biſhop till Henry VIII's. charter to the town, when it was granted to the corporation. The like office at Yarmouth, and Norwich; and other corporations have the ſaid office.

SENESCALLI de LENN,

Or the BISHOP's STEWARDS.

Magiſter Toly, *ſans* date.

Reginald de Hemington, 1275.—1281, Elias de Midleton: quere if not Biſhop Midleton.

Jeffrey de Bryſeyard, 1336; ſee in Watlington.——1312, John, brother to Lambert de St. Omer.———Ralph Urri, clerk, 1362, *ao.* 37 Edward III.———Alan de Blenceſtre, ſteward about the 46 of Henry III.——1372, Richard Urri, 56 Henry III. ſee the rot. of James de Belvaco, mayor.———Richard de Norwich, *temp.* Henry III. ſee the rot. of Alexander Kellock, mayor.————Richard de Walſingham, 1280; ſee Ad. de St. Edmo. Mayor.——Laurence de Burnell, 1322, *ao.* 16 Edward II.——*Ao.* 5 Edward III. William de Whetacre ſteward of the liberties of the town of Lynn, and had return of writs and execution of them; quere if Biſhop of Norwich or Ely's ſteward.

Letters Patent.

William, biſhop of Norwich, by letters patent, conſtituted John Mannyng his ſeneſchal of all his lands and letes in Norfolk and Suffolk, and enjoyned all his bayliffs, &c. to aid and aſſiſt him in his ſaid office; and to enjoy and take all fees due and cuſtomary, for the ſaid office, given under his ſeal at his houſe *(hoſpitio)* at London, on Monday before the feaſt of the tranſlation of St. Thomas the Martyr, in the 9 of Henry VI.

1422, The biſhop granted the office of bayliff of the town of Lyn, and collector of his rents of aſſiſe, rents of his lete, and the court kept every Monday, and of the high ſteward's hall or courts with a pention of 4 marks *per ann.* to William Payton, for life. *Lib. Inſt. vol.* 5. *fol.* 140.

1823, William Paſton, the biſhop's ſteward then, (after the judge, as I take it:) the prior of Walſingham, having withdrawn one yearly ſuit of court, which he owed to the biſhop's court at Lynn, the biſhop directed his mandate to this ſteward and bayliffs of his liberty of Lyn, to proſecute and ſeize his lands for ſo doing, but being tried in the Monday Hall at Lyn, it was found that the prior owed no ſuit to the court or huſtings held there.

The huſtings court and pleas held every Monday at Lyn by the biſhop's ſteward.

In 1425 the biſhop conſtituted a new ſteward, John——— by letters patent, dated at his *hoſpitium* at London, under his ſeal, on Monday before the feaſt of the tranſlation of St. Thomas the Martyr, in the 4 of Henry VI. This was *ad noſtrum beneplacitum duratus*.

LYNN CHARTERS.

I. THE firſt charter of liberties granted to the town, was by King John, at Lutegareſhall, 14 September, *ao. reg. ſui* 6, 1204.

II. The ſecond was that of King Henry III. his ſon, dated at Weſtminſter, the 6th of February, *ao. reg. ſui* 17, which fully confirms what his father had granted: this was 1233.

III. The third was that of the aforeſaid King Henry III. dated at Weſtminſter, the 26th of March, *ao. regni ſui* 52, wherein he not only confirms all former grants, but further, for the laudible and faithful ſervice and valliant aſſiſtance, (as the words are) which the burgeſſes of Lynn had done for him in his troubles and civil wars, granted them by this charter, to chuſe themſelves a mayor inſtead of their *præpoſitus*, which was *ao. Dom.* 1268.

This charter was firſt founded upon Biſhop John de Grey, and the dean and chapter's charter of Norwich, for a mayor and was confirmed by King Henry III. aforeſaid.

The firſt mayor, by this charter, was elected into that office on St. Michael's day, *ao. Dom.* 1268, aforeſaid.

And the firſt that has any date that I can find, was Johannes de Hiſpania, 9 Ed. I. but of courſe he muſt have been elected at Michaelmas, 1281, which was the Michaelmas in that year, and but two months before the expiration of that king's ninth year.

I reckon from Michaelmas, in every year, fall it in as it will with the king's reign, which vary as their predeceſſors die, and they ſucceed, and the firſt mayor in every king's reign, is accounted from the St. Michaelmas after the beginning of this reign.

But I find mayors mentioned in the teſt of old deeds, without any date, which I cannot apply to any year; and there being no more than 13 years from the firſt mayor to that time, I ſhall (in the ſubjoyned liſt) inſert them firſt, as by their names, and by the deeds not bearing date, they muſt of courſe be the eldeſt.

WEST LYNN.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS's manor of Tilney and Iſlington, extended into this hamlet, as I find it ſometimes called; and by the ſurvey we find, [a] he had invaded or ſeized on the property of two free men, who held in K. Edward's time, 25 acres of land and a ſaltwork, valued at 4*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* of which his predeceſſors had only the ſoc.

Soon after this, it came to the family of Bardolphs, barons of Wirmegey, and was part of that barony

In the 3d of Edward III. Philip de Virley was found to hold here, in Euſton, Eaſt Herling, Field-Dalling, &c. 2 fees of the Lord Bardolf: this came afterwards to the Rookwodes, and John Rokwode held it of Thomas Beaufort, duke of Exeter, lord of the ſaid honor in the 5th of Henry VI.

The Earl Warren's manor of Kenwick in Tilney, extended here. Hameline Plantagenet, Earl Warren and Surry, as lord, was patron of the rectory, in the reign of Henry II. and gave it to the priory of Lewes in Suſſex; the priory of Caſtleacre had alſo conſiderable lands by the gift of the ſaid earls; and their temporalities were taxed in 1428, at 2*l.* 9*s.*

William, ſon of Godfrey de Tilney, &c. gave to the monks of Caſtleacre, the homage of Robert, ſon of Richard de Sneteſham, with all his tenement, which he held of them in the [b] pariſh of St. Peter's of Lenn, with all his ſervice: witneſſes, Alexander de Ingaldeſthorp, William de Dunham, Walter de Sculham, &c. *ſans* date.

It has been an idle tradition, that this was, in ancient days, the grand port or chief town; and on that account is frequently called Old Lynn. I have obſerved that in the book of *Domeſday*, Lena was the name of what is now called the Burgh of Lynn, of South Lenn, and of Weſt and North Lenn; and that the chief port was then at the Burgh, is certain, from the cuſtoms and laſtage of that port, which then belonged to the bp. of Ely, and the lord of Riſing, and which continued ſo for many centuries, and ſtill belong to the ſaid burgh; this place was only an hamlet belonging to the ſaid burgh; the firſt mention that I find of it by the name of Lyn St. Peter's, is in the deed *ſans* date, abovementioned.

In a pleading, *ao.* 41 of Henry III. it occurs by the name of Weſt Lenne, and in the year 1300, Alan de Lindeſey, burgeſs of Lenn, gave by deed, to William de Gouſele, farrier of Lenn, the liberty of a paſſage or ferry boat, over the water of Lenn, which he had bought of Alan, ſon of John Codling of Weſt Lenn, to the ſaid William and his heirs, &c. paying to the capital lord of the liberty, the ſervice of right due and cuſtomary, for which the ſaid William gave to him a certain ſum of ſilver in hand, paid; witneſſes John de Merlace, then mayor, Peter de Thundreyn, John de St. Omer, &c. burgeſſes, dated at Lenn, *ao.* 1300.

The caſe is the ſame with Lynn in this reſpect, as it was with Wigenhale, under which name the 4 townſhips of Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen, St Mary's, St. German's, and St. Peter's, were all included, and the firſt mention that I find of them, thus diſtinguiſhed, was (as I have there obſerved) in or about 1130.

In the firſt of Henry IV. Robert Digges, rector of Clenchwarton, &c. confirmed to John Outlaw, ſenior, of Weſt Lenne, Edmund Beleſet, burgeſs of Lenne, a meſſuage and lands here; dated at Weſt Lenn, on the feaſt of St. Peter in Cathedra; ——witneſſes, Richard de Bellous, Richard de Well, &c. and in the 14 of Henry VI. a fine was levied of meſſuages and lands, conveyed by Robert Popynge and his wife, to Sir Ralph Cromwell.

In the 14 of Edward IV. the family of Broughton had a conſiderable intereſt in this town, when I find it called Old Lenn, and the burgh called New Lenne, (but through ignorance) when the abbot of Bury's lordſhip of Iſlington extended into this town, as may be there ſeen; and Catharine Broughton, one of the ſiſters and coheirs of John Broughton, had livery of it on July 7, *ao.* 21 of Henry VIII.

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[a] Invaſio Hermeri de Ferrarijs——In Lena ten. Hermerus lib. ho'es quos ht. ſuus antec. com'doe tantu' de xxv acr. 7 i ſalin.

[b] Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 143

Richard Nicholl in the 14 of Elizabeth, had a *præcipe* to deliver to George Nicholl, the manor of Broughton, alias Stonham's, with meſſuages and lands here, and in Clenchwarton, with a ferry boat; and in the 27 of that queen, George Nichols had a *præcipe* to deliver it to John Nicholls, and likewiſe to Thomas Nightingale, gent.

The church is dedicated to St. Peter, and was formerly valued at 12 marks, Peter-pence, 1*d.* The preſent valor is 9*l.* and is a rectory.

It is covered with lead, the chancel with reed, and has a ſquare tower with 3 bells.

There are graveſtones——*In memory of Robert Henſon, rector, who died in* 1663. ——*Richard Tayler rector, who died in May,* 1695.——*Anne, wife of Seth Hawley clerk,* 1686.——*Alice, wife of Richard Tayler, rector, April* 23, 1681——*Mrs. Jane Hainſworth, daughter of Luke Skippon, late rector of Wiſſingſet in Norfolk, who died September* 17, 1688.——*Jane Whall, Feb.* 13, 1700.

In the church were theſe arms,—Bendy of 6,——and argent, a bendlet over all, gules, two croſs keys, or; St. Peter's arms.——Gules, 2 ſwords in ſaltire; St. Paul's arms.——Ermin, on a chief, ſable, 3 croſſes pattee; Wichingham.

RECTORS.

Humphrey de Suthacre, rector, *ſans* date.——William de Pakenham occurs rector in 1270.——He was preſented by the prior, &c. of Lewes: there was a vicarage about that time alſo, but it was then conſolidated in 1252, by reaſon of the meanneſs of the rectory.

In the time of this rector, about the 55 of Henry III. it appears by a deed of his, wherein he calls himſelf rector of the church of St. Peter's, of Lenne, that the church was deſtroyed by an inundation from the ſea, together with the church yard, and that he had procured a certain piece of ground, wherein [c] to erect and build a new church, and therein to avoid all diſputes, grants to the priory the ſoil or ground, and allows their right of patronage: this was in 1271, and Sir William de Terrington was a witneſs to it; and Alan, ſon of Robert de Creik, of Clenchwarton, who ſold the land, with Robert de Scales, who was lord of the fee, in right of his manor in Iſlington that extended here, releaſed their right to the prior, in the preſence of Sir William de Terington.

In 1294, Richard de Keſton, occurs rector.

1314, John Bakewell inſtituted rector, preſented by the prior, &c. of Lewes.——1314. Richard le Grey.——1329, Walter de Elyngham, by Peter the prior, &c. ——In 1323, John Wace ſettled a houſe, with the king's licenſe, for a parſonage houſe; and Thomas de Acres and Muriel his wife, founded a chantrey here, and John Palmer, &c. feoffees, obtained licenſe to ſettle a meſſuage, 57 acres of land, 106 of marſh, then valued at 10*l. per ann.* here and in Clenchwarton, &c. to found a chauntrey in the church.

Some ſay licenſe for it was not obtained till the 16 of Richard II.

1349, Fulco de Flete rector, inſtituted.——1352, Thomas Clement.——1353, John Sherre, on an exchange for the free chapel of St. James de Melton, in Frampton, Lincoln dioceſe.——1376, William, ſon of Peter Albald.—1395, John Maymond, alias Walton.——1399, John Atte Streteſend.

1403, George Bolour, on an exchange for Whelnetham *Magna*, in Suffolk.——1418, John Hinſtock.——John Kacche, rector.——1451, Peter Froſt.——1454, Mr. John Wylton, L.L.B.——1462, Ralph Full-of-Love.——1465, William Conyngſton.—1472, John Cannock, on an exchange for Walpole vicarage.—1489, Robert Bronde.

Sir Adam Outlawe of Weſt Lenn, St. Peter's, prieſt, by his will, dated 1501, bequeaths "to Mr. Thomas Tyard, after my deceaſe, my chauntrey, with all my lands, and tenements thereto belonging, if he pleaſes to have it, and if not, I be-

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[c] Ledger book of Lewes priory.

queath to him a tenement and 2 ſerry-rights, one at Cowgate, the other at Purflete, during life, and after his deceaſe, to remain to the chauntry of our Lady, in the church of St. Peter; the prieſt of it to pray [d] for the good ſtate of the aldermen, brethren, and ſiſtern, lyvyng, and for the ſouls of the ſame, viz. Thomas of Acre, and Muriel his wife, for the benefactors of the ſame, viz. Robert Malle, and Agnes his wyfe, and of my ſoul, my fader, &c. the ſecond Sunday of Lent."—He alſo bequeaths to the pariſh clerk for the time being, 3 acres of land in North Lenn, and a tenement, ſo that he do ring in pele, on the vigil of the aforeſaid yereday.

The chauntrey was dedicated to St. Mary, St. Peter and St. Paul, and he was here buried in the church, before the image of our Lady, in her chapel; the tenement he alſo gave to the Bell town of this town, for the time being, called Buncheſham, at Cowgate, and an acre of land called Veſtyll's Acre, that he, on the vigil of his yere day, pray for the ſouls of Thomas of Acre, and Muriel, his wife, his ſoul, and the ſouls of his benefactors, with his bell going about the town, the evidences to remain in a black cheſt in the church, with 3 locks.

Thomas of Acre and Muriel his wife, were the founders of this chauntrey, and he died, as it ſeems, patron of it, and left the patronage in the gift of the pariſhioners; the rector or curate not to be feoffees of it, and was himſelf chauntrey prieſt of it.

Sir Will. Hodge of Weſt Lenn, chantrey prieſt of this chantrey, by his will, in 1510, was buried at the eaſt end of our Lady's chapel, in this church, and gives to Agnes Hode his ſiſter, all the houſes which he bought of Robert Outlaw, with the garden, for her life; and after her [e] deceaſe, gives them to this chantrey, on this condition, that they ſhall ſet him in the book with their benefactors, if the king's laws will ſuffer it, elſe to be ſold by his or their executors.

1510, John Burdalle inſtituted rector.——1530, Chriſtopher Brandon, the laſt that was preſented by the prior. In the 29 of Henry VIII. Robert, prior, and the convent, granted the patronage to that king, and in the ſaid year, or 31, the king granted it December 22, to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.

On July 23, *ao.* 3 of Edw. VI. this chantrey of our Lady, &c. abovementioned, ſurrendered to that king, with all its lands, tenements, &c. and granted then to Sir Nicholas L'Eſtrange, knight, of Hunſtanton.——Richard Ladſtock was the laſt incumbent of it, and had a pention paid him of 6*l. per ann.* on its diſſolution, which he enjoyed in 1553, and in 1554, was inſtituted rector of this church, on the preſentation of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1558, Henry Symonds, preſented by the duke.——Richard Gatefeld, rector.——1593, Alexander Roberts, S.T.B. by William Dix, the duke's aſſignee.

1620, Robert Henſon, by Sir Henry Montague, knight, and the Lady Margaret his wife.——1663, Henry Colman, by Hugh, Lord Colrain.——1664, Richard Tayler, by Hugh, Lord Colrayn.——1695, Henry Whall, by Charles Turner, Eſq; Thomas Whall, &c.

1762, —— Smith, by the lord chancellor, on the death of Thomas Colburn.

The temporalities of Shouldham priory in a ſaltwork, &c. were 17*s.* 6*d.*

Thoſe of Weſtacre priory, 5*s.*——Of Weſt Derham abby, 18*s.* 11*d. ob.*——Of Pentney priory, 3*s.*——Of Caſtleacre, 49*s.*

NORTH LYNN.

THE principal lordſhip of this hamlet or town, was in the Confeſſor's reign in the [a] abbot of Bury, his lordſhip of Iſlington extending into it, and at the ſurvey it was found that he had 6 ſocmen, who held here of the ſaid manor, 26 acres of land, alſo a carucate and a ſaltwork, valued at 40*s. per ann.*

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[d] Reg. Popy, Norw.

[e] Reg. Spyltimer Norw. fol. 338.

[a] Terra Abbat de S'co. Edmundo——Huic manerio (Iſlingetuna) jacent vi ſoc. in Lena xxvi ac. t're. ſep. i car. ⁊ i ſal. val. xl ſol.

The patronage of the church was in the abby of Bury as lords, and Hubert, [*b*] ſon of Brixi, of North Len, granted to Sampſon, abbot of Bury, by deed, *ſans* date, about the reign of Henry II. all the right he had in the patronage.

In the 10 of Richard I. a fine was levied, whereby Laurence, ſon of Toke, conveyed to Alan, ſon of William de Wigenhale, 10 acres of land, a toft and a ſaltwork; [*c*] the ſaid Laurence alſo conveyed in the ſaid year, to Robert, ſon of Thomas, and to Henry his brother, 5 acres of land in Nordlenn; with 5 acres of ſalt marſh in Waldhog, a ſaltwork, and a toft.

Beſides the lordſhip of Bury abby, the biſhop of Ely of Lord Scales, &c. had lordſhips that extended herein, as I have ſhewn in South Lynn.

William, ſon of Peter, enfeoffed John his brother, of lands here, and in Clenchwarton, in the 9 of King John; this ſeems to have [*d*] come to Robert de London, by the marriage of Maud, daughter of William; and in the 17 of Henry III. the ſaid Robert and Maud, conveyed by fine, to Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, 80 acres of ſaltmarſh, viz. the whole marſh called Eye, to be held of Maud and her heirs, by the yearly rent of 17*s.* and 6*d.*

And in the ſaid year, William de Sculham had conveyed to him, by the ſaid Robert and Maud, ſeveral lands, with a mill, to be held of them.

In the 43 of Henry III. Giles de Vernon and Joan his wife, conveyed by fine, to William de Wendling, clerk, 40*s.* *per ann.* rent in this town, Tilney, Clenchwarton, and Wigenhale.

In the 14 of Edward I. Alice, late wife of Walter Fenne, ſued William de Lindeſley, for the moiety of a meſſuage, and 60 acres of land; and Roger, ſon of Philip de Bek, paſſed by fine to Herlewyn de le Suthſoken, (that is South Lynn, which proves South Lynn, as well as North and Weſt Lynn, to be hamlets, and then ſo accounted, to Lynn Epiſcopi, or Biſhop's Lynn,) lands in North Lenne, and North Clenchwarton, in the 2d year of Edward II.

In the 14 year of the ſaid king, William de Fenne ſold to John de Fitton, by fine, 2 meſſuages with lands in this village, and North Clenchwarton.

Catherine, daughter of Symon, ſon of Theobald de Aſkeby, of Lincolnſhire, ſurrendered by fine, to Nicholas, ſon of John Page, of Norwich, ſeveral great parcels of land in North and South Lenn, and Lenne Biſhop, in the 13 of Edward III. and in his 33d year, Sir Robert de Cauſton, knight, and Cecilia his wife, were querents in a fine, and Robert Lovell and Etheldreda his wife, deforciant, of lands here, and ſeveral adjoyning towns, viz. 140 acres of land, 63 of meadow, 17 of marſh, and 30*s.* rent, *per ann.* conveyed to Sir Robert from the heirs of Etheldreda; and John de Tydd of Feltwell, and Margaret his wife, conveyed in the 41 of the ſaid king, two meſſuages, and 39*s.* rent in this town, and Lenne Epiſcopi, with the ferry over the water.

King Edward IV. in his 19 year, February 14, granted to Anne, late wife of Sir William Bourchier, knight, and ſiſter of Elizabeth, Queen conſort, and the heirs male of their body, to be held in ſoccage, one capital meſſuage, 8*s.* and 3*d.* rent *per ann.* 80 acres of marſh, and 140 acres of paſture, with meſſuages, paſture lands and marſhes in Clenchwarton, a ferry-right in Len Biſhop's, a meſſuage, and two gardens in South Len, parcel of the poſſeſſions of Robert Gibbon, attainted. Sir William died before his father, Henry, Earl of Eſſex, and left by Ann his wife, Henry his ſon and heir, earl of Eſſex. The lady remarried George, earl of Kent, and after Sir Edward Wingfeld.

The Guybons were a family of good eſtate in this town, and derive their pedigree from John Guybon, father of Walter; this John was living here, and Margaret his wife, as appears by a fine in the 14 of Edward II. and Walter their ſon.

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[*b*] Regiſt. Bur. Lib. Nig. p. 151.

(*c*) Fin. N. 125, 133.

(*d*) Plita 9 Joh. Term. Mich. Fin. *ao.* 12. L. 2. N. 54 & 84, 48 & 49.

GUYBON's PEDIGREE.

Walter Guybon of North Lynn.—Margery, daughter of Piers Elmham, of Lynn Biſhop's.

Laurence Guybon,—Margaret, daughter of George Seaſoul of Waterden, Eſq;

(e) Stephen Guybon, Eſq; his will dated 1432, of North Lynn.—Alice, or Agnes, daughter of John Bozun, of Wiſſenſet, Eſq;

Gregory Guybon, Eſq;—Alice, daughter of Thomas Peirſon of Ely. William.

2d, Agnes, daughter of Walter Baſpole.—Thomas Guybon, Eſq; (f) living *ao.* 4 of Elizabeth.—1ſt, Eleanor, daughter of Richard Colvile of Newton, of the Iſle of Ely. 3d Ela, relict of Thomas Derham, Eſq; 4th, Agnes, relict of Roger Appleton of Eſſex.

William Guybon, Eſq; of Watlington.

Humphrey Guybon, of Lynn, and Stradſet, Eſq;—Alice, daughter of Thomas Derham, Eſq;

2d, Audrey, daughter and coheir of ——— Clipſby, of Clipſby, Eſq;—Thomas Guybon, Eſq;—Anne, daughter of Henry Berney, Eſq; of Reedham.—2d, Edmund. 3d, Jeffrey. 4th, Walter.

John Guybon, Eſq; of Oby. Humphrey Guybon, Eſq; waſted the antient patrimony.—daughter of Sir Philip Woodhouſe.

William Guybon, eldeſt ſon of Thomas, by Agnes his 2d wife, was of Watlington, and from him the Guybons of Thurſford deſcend.

The temporalities of Weſt Derham abby, were in North Lenne, 1428, 11*s.* 6*d.* of Wirmegey priory, 11*s.* 6*d.*———Of Weſtacre abby, 20*s.* 9*d.*——Of Norwich priory, 3*s.*——Of Wendling abby, 3*s.* 4*d.*——Bury Abby, 16*s.* 9*d.*

The church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Edmund.

The antient valor was 15 marks, Peter-pence, 1*d.* the preſent valor is 30*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* and pays firſt fruits, &c.

The church has for many years paſt been deſtroyed by the waters, and is now a ſine cure.

RECTORS.

Mr. John de Snoring was rector, and on his death, John de Carleton was inſtituted in 1305, preſented by the abbot, &c. of Bury.———1308, Ralph de Wykes.———1308, John de Carlton.———1332.———William de Lenn, by the king, in the vacancy of the abby.———1332, Martin de Fincham, alias Godſep.———1344, William de Lilleford———1347, Walter de Baketon.———1352, Thomas Straunge.———John Muriel, rector.———1376, Ralph de Friſkeneye.

1478, Robert Franceys.———1405, Thomas de Watlington.———1420, John Brocklee.——1420, Thomas Criſhale.———1426, Thomas Ledlady.———1446, John Brampton.———1451, Thomas Eyton.———1464, Mr. William Wode, licentiate in the decrees.———1475, Mr. Alexander Kyng.———1482, Mr. Richard Furneys, heys, A.M.——1487, Thomas Style.——1489, John Byrd: by his will, dated in 1505, he calls himſelf parſon of Old Lynn, and wills to be buried in the chancel, and bequeaths to his ſucceſſors, parſons of this pariſh, all the lands he purchaſed and bought of this townſhip, to the intent, "that they and every one ſhall ſpecially have my ſoul in remembrance, in the beed roll of the ſaid church, every Sunday for ever more, if they do not, then the lands to the townſhip, that they ſhall have my ſoul prayed for in the bede roll, every Sunday.——*Item*, I give to the ſaid church 6*s*. 8*d*. and a rede dole in Geywode, to the BlackFriers of Lyn."

(e) By his will, dated in 1432, he gives 12*d.* to every houſe of lepars about Lynn, viz. to Weſt Lynn, Cowgate, Herdwyke, Sechelrithe, Mawdelyne, and Geywode.——*Reg. Surflete.*—His ſons Gregory, John and William, mentioned in it.

(f) To this Thomas, and William Mynn, conſiderable lands of the diſſolved religious houſes were granted, September 13, *ao.* 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary.

1505, Mr. William Cliff inſtituted.——1509, John Waleys.——1539, John Jakes.——1546, Richard Gaytfold, preſented by the king, on the ſuppreſſion of Bury abby.

On the 18 of December, in the 6 of Edward VI. the patronage was granted to Edward, Lord Clynton, and William Hereſon.——1593, Alexander Roberts, S.T.B.

1621, Thomas Scot.——1626, William Scot, preſented by Charles Scot, gent. aſſignee of —— Guybon.——1648, Brian Smith, by Thomas Hammond, Eſq; ——1649, Robert Henſon, by Henry Box, and Mary his wife.——1663, John Henſon, by the king, a lapſe.

1711, Mark Foſter, by Henry Box, Eſq;——17 , Peter Bateſon.——1729, Thomas Jenkins.——1756, Mr. Philip Pyle.

SOUTH LYNN.

THE chief [a] lordſhip of this hamlet or village, was held by Herold, in the reign of King Edward the Confeſſor, who was then earl of Norfolk, and afterwards King of England; after his death, at the battle of Haſtings, it was granted by the Conqueror, to Ralph de Tony, (of whom ſee in Necton.)

Five ſocmen held under Herold, 80 acres of land; there were alſo 3 borderers, 5 ſaltworks, with 2 carucates, all which was valued with Necton by Swaffham, a capital manor belonging to him.

This Ralph, Lord Tony, on his founding the priory of Weſtacre, endowed it with this lordſhip and advouſon.

GODSCROFT or WESTACRE MANOR.

SEVERAL perſons were benefactors to this priory. In the 4 of Henry III. Will. de Dunham, gave by life, 18*d*. rent, and one comb of ſalt, *per ann*. out of lands here. Richard de Brandon, and Agnes his wife, gave to Hubert, prior of Weſtacre, lands in South Lenn, in the 12th of Edward I.

In the 6 of Edward II. Jeffrey Sutton aliened a meſſuage with 60 acres of land, in South Lenn, Lenn Epiſcopi, Tylney, &c. and in the 17 of that king, William de Wigenhale aliened lands and tenements here, and in Walpole, &c. and the prior had a patent for 2 meſſuages, the ſcite of a mill, 1 acre of meadow, 100*s*. rent, and 8 quarters of ſalt in South Lenn, Lenn Biſhop's, Iſlington, Hardwick, Sechy, &c.

In the 38 of Henry III. the jury preſent, that there was a common way from this village to Lenn Biſhop's, beyond the bridge called Suth Bridge, which bridge wanted to be repaired, and they ſay that the men of the burgh always, from time immemorial, uſed to repair and build anew, that part of the bridge called the draught, and that they ought not to repair any other part.

The temporalities of the priory were taxed in 1428, at 3*l*. 12*s*. *per ann*.

At the diſſolution it came to the crown.

John Pell farmed the manor of Godſcroft of the crown, at 30*l*. 4*s*. 3*d*. *per ann*. At

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(a) Terr. Radi. de Toenio——Huic ter. (viz. de Necton) jacent in Lena v ſoc. lxxx. acr. t're, 7 iii bor. 7 5 ſal. 7 ii car, in p'tio. de Nechetuna.

At the ſurvey, Hugh de Montfort's lordſhip of Iſlington extended into this, and the other townſhips or hamlets of Lyn.

SCALES-HOW.

IN the 43 of Henry III. a fine was levied, whereby Robert, Lord Scales, granted to John Soyer for life, the manor of Scales How, on condition of his paying 120*l.* ſterling; and Robert, Lord Scales, held here, in Iſlington, &c. one fee and a quarter, *ao.* 1 Edward I. and had the aſſiſe. In the 9 of Edward II. Iſabel de Scales held it in joynture, and by fine ſurrendered it to the Lord Robert de Scales, [*b*] and the lady Egellina his wife, with the manor of Iſlington.

Richard Riggs with Emma his wife, held here and in Iſlington, &c. 2 carucates of land, of the Lord Scales, in the 12 of that king; about this time, the biſhop of Ely, Lord Scales, and John de Fitton, were found to have lordſhips in the hamlets of South, Weſt and North Lenn.

Sir Edmund Thorp was lord in the 3d of Henry IV. in right of the Lady Joan, his wife, relict of the Lord Scales; in this family it continued, till Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas, Lord Scales, brought it by marriage to Anthony Woodvile, Lord Scales; and on her death, the families of Howard and Tindale, were her heirs.

On a diviſion of the eſtate of the Scales's, on the acceſſion of King Henry VII. to the crown, this manor, &c. (as may be ſeen in Middleton) came to the earl of Oxford, as one of the heirs; and on the death of John de Vere, earl of Oxford, without iſſue, to his ſiſters and coheirs.

And John Nevill, Lord Latimer, had an intereſt herein, in right of Dorothy, one of the ſiſters and coheirs, as Sir Anthony Wingfield had alſo in right of Elizabeth, another of the ſiſters and coheirs.

Sir Robert Wingfield was lord, and it remained in that family till the 4 of James I.—George Allington, Eſq; afterwards poſſeſſed it.

After this, Thomas Lilly, Eſq; was lord of Scales-How, and Etheldreda his daughter and heir, brought it by marriage, to Sir William Hovell, of Hillington, and by the marriage of his ſecond daughter and coheir, it came to Martin Folkes, Eſq; of Greys, who left it to his brother.

The Lord Bainard's manor of Tilney extended into this hamlet, and the reſt at the ſurvey: he had alſo in Lena here, 58 acres of meadow, with 3 acres of land, and 2 ſaltworks, and a freeman held of him 3 acres, and 8 acres of meadow, with the moiety of a ſaltwork, by way of exchange, and Stigand had the ſoc.

William, Lord Baynard, forfeited it on his rebellion againſt King Henry II. who granted it to Richard Fitz Gilbert, earl of Brion, in Normandy, anceſtor of the earls of Clare.

Rainald, ſon of Ivo, had alſo at the ſurvey, in Lynn, 14 acres with a ſalt pit, held by a freeman, which he had invaded, or ſeized on, valued at 4*s.* *per ann.* It was held before by the abbot of Ely, and Stigand had the ſoc; and his manor of Weſt Winch extended here.

This alſo came to the earls of Clare.

The Lord Bardolf, and James de Belvaco, held in South Lenne and Weſt Winch, in the reign of King Henry III. one fee of Richard Fitz-Simon, of the earl of Clare.

Richard, ſon of William de Reynham, held in the ſame reign, lands alſo, and John de Reynham in that of Edward I. William de Reynham was witneſs to a deed in the firſt of Edward III. and Sir Edmund was living in 1379.——He was brother and heir of John de Reynham, and held lands here, of the earls of Clare, and the Lord Scales.

[*b*] Terr. Radi. Bainardi——In Lun lviii acr. p'ti. 7 iii ac. t're 7 ii ſaline 7 i libu' h'em de iii ac. 7 viii ac. p'ti. 7 d. ſalin. p. eſcan. 7 ſup. hunc hab. Stigand. ſoca.

Invaſio Rainaldi fil. Ivonis——In Lena i lib. ho. 14 ac. 7 i ſal. val. iiii ſol. hoc tenuit abb. de Eli 7 erat in ſoc. Stigandi.

In the 53 of Henry III. Margaret, widow of Adam de Watlington, granted a meſſuage in the pariſh of all Saints, South Lenn, on the ſouth ſide of the flete of the Lord William Bardolf, and the land called Grenehyll, to the eaſt, to Herlewin, ſon of Paulinus de Suth Lenn;—witneſs, James de Belvaco.

Thomas de Warblington held lands of the honour of Clare, in the 8th of Edward II.

Edmund Mortimer, earl of March, &c. was capital lord of this manor in the 3d of Henry VI.

SECHE *PARVA*

WAS an hamlet in the pariſh of South Lyn: in this Seche *Parva*, on the banks of the river, and near the Ouſe river, was

HALL-PLACE or MANOR.

In the 11 year of King Edward III. Matthew Herlewine conveyed by fine and truſt, to Thomas Duraunt, parſon of Clench Warton, William Duraunt of South Lenn, and John Kervyle of Wygenhale, 7 meſſuages, a ſaltwork, 75 acres of land, 29 of meadow, a turbary, 40*s.* rent, a fiſhery at Seche Hithe, with appertenances in South Lenn, Weſt Winch, Wygenhale, and North Rungton, and the advouſon of the hoſpital of St. Laurence at Herdwyk Dam, together with the rents, homamages, ſervices, &c. of the maſter of the ſaid hoſpital, of the prior of Wirmegey, the prior of Weſtacre, and of John de Lenn.

To this William Doraunt, Margery, late wife of Sir Roger Watervile, granted lands at Sechey, in the 10 of the aforeſaid king, and ſealed with the arms of Watervile,——Argent, 3 chevronels, gules, in a bordure ingrailed, impaling, a feſs, between 6 billets, (but obſcure) probably her own arms.

William Douraunt, in the 35 of Edward III. grants to John his ſon, and Elizabeth his wife, and their heirs, his capital meſſuage in Seche, with all his lands, tenements, and rents in South Lenn, Yſlyngton, Wigenhale, &c. which deſcended to him on the death of John Doraunt his father.

This John married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Matthias Herlewin.

Alice, another daughter and coheir, married Jeffrey Bourghard, as appears from the following deed:

William Doraunt, of South Lenn, John, ſon of Bartholomew de Watlyngton, and John, ſon of William de Watlyngton, grant, &c. to Alice, relict of Jeffrey Burghard, daughter of Matthias Herlewin, of South Len, and her heirs, 7 meſſuages with their appertenances, and 28 acres of plowed land, 60 of meadow, &c. in South Lenn village, and fields, North Lenn, Weſt Winch, Hardwick, &c. all which were late Matthias Herlewin's, father of Alice:

Witneſſes Sir John Howard, Sir John de Wilton, Sir John de Tilney, knights, John Seafoul, Richard Frere, William de Rongeton;—dated at South Lynn, on Sunday before the feaſt of the exaltation of the Holy Croſs, *ao.* 26 of Edward III. To this were 3 ſeals, the firſt of red wax, with a chevron between 3 eſcallops, Dorant's ſeal; though afterwards they ſealed otherwiſe; the other two ſeals deſtroyed by time.

By a deed, dated July 20, in the 9 of Henry VI. John Duraunt and Thomas Lovell, Eſq; appoint Tho. Pokedyk, &c. to deliver ſeiſen, &c. of a meſſuage called Herlewin's in South Lenn, and 140 acres of land lying eaſt of Seche Hithe, with the advouſon of the hoſpital of St. Laurence at Hardwyk Dam, to Sir Henry Rocheford, knight, Ralph de Middleton, and John de Bekyſwell.

William Duraunt, Eſq; was lord of Hall Place in Seche, and ſealed quarterly, in the firſt and 4th quarter, barry of 6, a bend over all, and in the 2d and 3d, three cinqfoils, in the 16 of Henry VI.

Sir Edmund de Reynham granted to John Duraunt, father of this William, in the 2d year of Henry IV. all his meſſuage in Seche, which he formerly purchaſed of William de Wynch, with all the lands, meadows, paſture, foldage, wards, reliefs, eſcheats, rents and ſervices, in the town and village of Seche, excepting Reynham Dole.

His ſeal to this deed was ſable, 3 mallets, argent; creſt, on an helmet, a large hat, on which were 2 mallets, one before, and one behind.

John Durant, brother of William, who died *ſ. p.* releaſes to William Walton and Catherine his wife, (his ſiſter) and their heirs male, all his right and title in Hall Place, in Seche, with all the lands, rents, ſervices, &c. late William Durant's his brother, with the advouſon of St. Laurence's hoſpital, and the fiſhery of Sechithe and Reynham-Dole, in South Lenn; witneſſes, Thomas, Lord Scales, Thomas Lovell of Barton, &c.

The ſaid John Durant, Eſq; granted to Robert Synkclere and Agnes his wife, the hoſpital, or houſe of lepars, with the chapel of St. Laurence, ſituate on the cauſey of Hardwyke, by Lenne, with the appertenances for their lives, from the feaſt of St. Michael, in the 27 of Henry VI. paying to him, his heirs and aſſigns, for every brother and ſiſter entering into the ſaid hoſpital, and made by the ſaid Robert and Agnes, 20*d.* and it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid John, his heirs, &c. to put in or out, any brother or ſiſter during the lives of the aforeſaid Robert and Agnes.

Soon after this, William Walton. Eſq; and † Catherine his wife, convey by fine, in Hillary term, *ao.* 36 of Henry VI. to Sir Thomas Tudenham, knight, this manor of Hall Place, in Seche, with a meſſuage, 200 acres of land, 50 of paſture, free fiſhery of Sechyth water, and Reynham Dole in South Lynn, and 20*ſ. per ann.* in Seche, Sechyth, Hardwyk, South Lyn, &c. with the advouſon of the chapel of St. Laurence.

Sir Thomas Tudenham was, on the acceſſion of King Edward IV. beheaded with the earl of Oxford, for rebellion againſt that king, and ſo it was forfeited to the crown; but John Walton, gent. ſon of William Walton, Eſq, and Catherine his wife, couſin and heir of John Durant, Eſq; late of Seche, quitting all his right herein, to Anthony, Lord Scales, who was lord of Middleton, and capital lord of this fee, (as I take it) and had at that time, great power and authority, his ſiſter being King Edward's queen conſort.

The ſaid Anthony, on October 30, in the eleventh year of the ſaid king, granted it to Margaret Bedingfeld, widow of Edmund Bedingfeld, Eſq; and only ſiſter of Sir Thomas Tudenham. This lord had a grant of the cuſtody of it, May 27, *ao.* 2 of Edward IV.

In the 17 of Edward IV. Edmund Bedingfeld was lord; and in a court held of this manor, grants to John Norris, vicar of South Lynn, the ſcite of the hoſpital of St. Laurence (which was then burnt) till it was rebuilt.

In the family of the Bedingfelds of Oxburgh, it remained, till Sir Henry Bedingfeld, baronet, ſold it in the reign of King George I. to the Lord Fitz-Williams, in which family it remains.

This village of South Lynn ways alwas a diſtinct and ſeparate place from King's Lynn, till in the 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary, it was granted to be annexed as a member of that burgh for ever, under the ſame government, and to enjoy the the ſame privileges, and to be exempt from any power or authority of the ſheriff of Norfolk.

Several religious houſes had poſſeſſions here.

On May 30, *ao.* 1 of Queen Mary, Gilbert Potter had a grant of ſeveral meſſuages, lands, &c. formerly in the tenure of Thomas Winter, and belonging to Blackburgh priory, to be held by knight's ſervice; Porter had licenſe to alienate them to George and Thomas Eden; and George Eden to John Knapp, of South Lynn, in the firſt and 2d of Philip and Mary, with 22 acres of land called Colton Dale, in Wigenhale, late in the tenure of John Reynham, Gilbert Potter, &c. belonging to the ſaid priory, and Knapp conveyed it, 29 of Elizabeth, to Hugh Pratt and Edmund Houghton.

In the 17 of Elizabeth, John Herbert and Andrew Palmer had a grant of 16 acres and an half of concealed land, belonging formerly to this priory, and 19 acres of land and marſh here, and in Weſt Winch, granted November 16, *ao.* 5 Edward VI. granted to Edward, Lord Clynton.

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† Catherine was daughter and heir of John Durant, Eſq;

In the 5 and 6 of Philip and Mary, July 9, Sir George Howard had a grant of 17 acres of land in the tenure of Robert Miller, lately belonging to the priory of Shouldham.

Robert de Brandon and Agnes his wife, gave to the prior of Shouldham lands, by fine, in the 12 of Edward II. and their temporalities were valued at 10*s.*

Temporalities of Ely priory were taxed in 1428, at 10*s.*——Of Wirmegey, 10*s.* ——Of Shouldham, 10*s.*

The prior of Binham's at 24*s.* 11*d.*

Here was a capital meſſuage called Gayneslands, belonging formerly to the college of St. Stephen's, in Weſtminſter.———Queen Elizabeth on February 18, *ao.* 27, demiſed to Leonard Mapes, gent. this meſſuage, with 48 acres of land, 50 of meadow, and 110 of paſture, for 21 years, paying 24*l. per ann.*——Richard Candler held it in the 18 of James I.

Here was alſo a houſe called the White Houſe, or the Dairy, with 173 acres of paſture and meadow, held by Sir George Kemp, knight, of Pentlow Hall in Eſſex, in the 9 of Charles I.

The tenths of this village were 16*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and is a vicarage, antiently valued at 12 marks. The preſent valor is 18*l.* 6*d.* 8*d.* The valor of the rectory was 10 marks, and Peter-pence 1*d.* and the priory of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithe valued at 1*l.*10*s.*

It is a regular pile, built in form of a croſs, with 3 iſles and a chancel, covered with lead, the whole being about 140 feet long, and the breadth of the iſles 48 feet, the croſs iſle 83 feet long; at the weſt end was a ſtrong tower, fourſquare, with battlements of ſtone, and thereon a ſhaft, with the weather-cock, the tower being about 82 feet high, and the ſhaft 30; and 5 tuneable bells.

The tower fell down in 1763, and part of the end of the church, which is now repaired with a ſtrong brick wall; on the top of which is a kind of cupola, of wood, &c. in which hangs one ſmall bell.

In the chancel lies a marble graveſtone with the arms of Baron; in chief, a creſcent, and decreſcent, and in baſe, a mullet.

Juxta patris tumulum chariſſimi et medicinæ doctoris eximii, hic ſitus eſt Andr. Baron, M. A. collegium Petrenſe apud Cantabrig. utroſq; alumnos fovebat, utroſq; ſociorum titulo merito adornavit, mater ſumma cum amore filios amplexa eſt, et filij matrem. Virtutes modeſtia ſemper vetuit reſonari, ſilet itaq; monumentum. Patris obitum proximus indicat lapis, hic filij qui quicquid fuit mortale depoſuit Aug. 14, *A. D.* 1719, *ætat.* 74. *Utriq; hic juxta pace requieſcant, utriq; ad gloriam juxta reſurgant.*——*Hic jacet Sam. Baron, M. D. qui poſt hanc vitam quam bonis operibus, et verâ pietate ornaverat, cælo donatus eſt* 29 *Apr. A.D.* 1673.

Hic jacet Franciſca Pretyman, filia Sam. Baron, M.D. uxor Petri Pretyman, obt. 22 *Decr.* 1666.

Sub hoc marmore dormit Franciſca Baron, filia unica Tho. Goddard, armig. et uxor chariſſima Sam. Baron, M.D. obt. 9 *Junii* 1667.———A ſtone *In memory of Lidia, wife of Mr. John Sims, merchant and alderman, daughter of Mr. Jenkinſon, merchant, died* 1654.

In the croſs iſle, on a marble graveſtone, *Here lies Thomas Spenſly, gent. who died October* 2, 1673, *aged* 73.

A ſtone *In memory of Mary, wife of Richard Beckham of Gaywood, gent. late wife of Andrew Pell, of South Lynn, gent. died January* 26, 1626.

† One *In memory of Rachel, wife of Jacob Wragg, gent. who died* 1685.

On a marble in the ſouth iſle——*Jacet hoc ſub lapide corpus Tho. Lilly, gen. qui obt.* 21, *Aug.* 1662, *ætat.* 56. *corpus Clementiæ uxoris, quæ obt.* 27 *Sept.* 1663, *ætat.* 59.

In the north iſle, near the door, a graveſtone——*In memory of Ann, one of the daughters of Luke Skippon, D.D. rector of Wiſſingſet, who died — of January,* 1694, *and ſometime vicar of this pariſh.*

The plate belonging to the communion is conſiderable, in the whole 154 ounces 10 penny weights; about 130 ounces of it was the gift of the Lady Etheldreda Hovell, relict of Sir William Hovell, of Hillington, ſole daughter and heir of Thomas Lilly, gent. abovementioned.

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† On this graveſtone is ——on a chevron ingrailed, a bear's paw, between 3 bulls heads, caboſhed, impaling, a chevron, between 3 griffins, ſegreant.

At the diſſolution this impropriate rectory being in the crown, was aſſigned to the Lady Mary, before ſhe came to the crown, and was valued at 11*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.* *per ann.*

In the 20th of James I. it was poſſeſſed by Sir John Jolleys.

VICARS.

Peter de Wendy occurs vicar in 1302.——1307, Bartholomew de Runhale inſtituted, preſented by the prior, *&c.* of Weſtacre.——1312, John de Godewick.——1321, Richard de Godewick.——1346, Henry Baſſet.——1352, William Aungier.——13--, ----- de Barlings, vicar.——1369, John de Acre.—— ----, Robert Flood occurs vicar, in the 17th of Richard II. and *A*°. 5, of Henry IV.

1412, Thomas Ledlady.——1417, John Candeler.——1428, John Mundeford,——1438, Hugh Acton.——1442, Mr. John Halle.——1444, John Norys: by his will in 1503, he deſires to be buried in the middle of the high qwere (the chancel) before the ſacrament, and gives to find a prieſt at the altar of the bleſſed Trinity in this church, and for the better ſuſtentation of that guild, his meadow and houſe, with the appertenances, lying without the eaſt gates of Lynn, called the Oyl-houſe, and the profits of 7 acres of land and meadows in Sechy, called Berton's yards, and 5 acres in Rungton field, 3 half acres in Weſt Winche merſhe, to find a lamp burning day and night before the ſacrament in the hey quere, by the overſight of the church reves, and his portous of paper rial to be chayned in the chapel of our lady in this church. This vicar alſo built the vicarage houſe, as appears by an inſcription carved on the wood of the door caſe; his chantry prieſt was to pray dayly for his ſoul, and Jeffrey his father's, and the alderman and his brethren of Trinity gild, to keep yere day on Monday in Eaſter week, in Trinity chapel, and of Tueſday the maſs of requiem.

1504, Richard Gotts.——1535, Mr. Thomas Alblaſter, S.T.B.——1543, Mr. John Clerk, preſented by Thomas Legh, Dr. aſſignee of the prior.——1556, Nicholas Myller, by the king and queen.——1569, Henry Thompſon, by the queen.

1601, William Guybon, *S.T.B.* by the biſhop of Ely, on an exchange of the lands of that ſee, with the queen.—1605, John May, by the biſhop of Ely.—John Horn, vicar.——1662, Luke Skippon, *D.D.*——1668, Mordant Webſter.——1689, John Marſhall.——1689, Henry Waſtell.

1718, Thomas Pyle, by the biſhop of Ely.—— ----, Mr. Charles Phelpes, by ditto.

A meſſuage was granted to the vicar and pariſhioners to find a light in the church, *A*°. 16, of Richard II.

In this church was the fraternity, or gild of the Holy Trinity, a patent for it in 1414: the guild hall, with meſſuages and lands, *&c.* in the tenure of diverſe perſons granted in the 2d of Edward VI. to Thomas Woodhouſe of Waxham, with ſeveral lamplands.

MASSINGHAM MAGNA, or DERTFORD'S.

AT the ſurvey no diſtinction is made of the townſhips of Great and Little Maſſingham, ſo that it ſeems at that time to be undivided, and occurs under the name of [a] Maſincham, and Marſincham, being ſeated on a wet, or

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(*a*) Terr. Regis.——Maſingham, ten. Herold. t. r. e. iii car. tre. tnc. iiii vill. quando Rog. recep. iii et m°. ſimil. ſemp. i bor. tnc. iiii ſerv. p' 7 m°. i 7 un. ac. pti. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p' 7 m°. i ſilv. x porc. hic jacent xxv ſoc. iii car. tre. 7 xx acr. tnc. 7 p' vi car. 7 dim. m°. dim. ſemp. vii por. 7 LXiiii ov. tc. 7 p' val. XL. ſol. m°. x lib. De hoc manerio deſunt xx ſoc. qui aderant, t. r. e. cum omi conſuetumarſhy meadow or common. The principal manor was then in King William the Conqueror.

Herold was lord of it in the time of the Confeſſor, (and when he was king, and ſlain at the battle of Haſtings) when there were 3 carucates of land and 4 villains; and when Roger (Bigot) farmed it under the king, one borderer, 4 ſervi, and an acre of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, paunage for 10 ſwine, and 25 ſocmen belonged to it, with 3 carucates and 20 acres of land; there were alſo 6 carucates and an half, *&c.* valued then at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 10*l.* *per ann.* but of the 25 ſocmen in King Edward's time with all their cuſtomary duties belonging to this manor, Wido Angevin has 20, who held 2 carucates of land, with 58 acres and the fourth part of an acre. William de Warren has alſo 3 of them, who hold 120 acres and an half, and Roger Bigot has one with 15 acres; and William de Sores one, with 10 acres. Ralf Baynard had alſo taken poſſeſſion of the lands of 14 free-men, with 12 villains. The whole was one mile long, and half a mile broad, and paid 20*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

Beſides this lordſhip, the Conqueror had in the hundred of Docking, Southmere, Titchwell and Stanho;—in Weyland hundred, Saham, Girſton, Caſton, and Breccles;—in Fourhow hundred, Hingham;—in Mitford hundred, Flockthorp;—in Galgou hundred, Fakenham, Althorp, Thorpland, Creik, Stiberd and Kettleſton;—in Brodercroſs hundred, Dunton, and Norton;—in Holt hundred, Holt, Cley, Sniterley, Hempſtede, Bathely, Burſton, Hunworth, Stodey, Bayfield, Glanford, Gunthorp, Scarnton, and Merſton;—in North Greenhow, Wighton, Houghton, Holcham, Quarles, Egmere, Well, Warham, Stukey, Hindringham, Walſingham, and Dalling;—in Walſham hundred, Motheton, and Baſtwick;—in Weſt Flegg hundred, Martham, and Clipſby;—in Heinſted hundred, Framingham;—in Diſs hundred, Watlingſete, and Burſton;—in Eynsford hundred, Folſham, Whitwell, and Branteſton;—in Taverham hundred, Taverham, and Felthorp;—in South Erpingham hundred, Caſton, Oldton, Stratton Colby, and Wickmer;—in Tunſted hundred, Felmingham;—in Eaſt Flegg hundred, Ormeſby, and Runham;—in Clavering hundred, Rildincham: alſo poſſeſſions and lordſhips in Norwich, Yarmouth, and Thetford; there were alſo many other lordſhips which Godric (his bayliff) took care of, and alſo William de Noiers (as we ſhall ſhow) for the Conqueror.

This lordſhip remained in the crown, 'till King Henry I. gave it to Robert, ſon of Erniſius, whoſe ſon Eudo enjoyed it; but Robert, Eudo's ſon, rebelling againſt King John, it was granted September 15, by that king's letters patents dated at Wincheſter in his 18th year, to Jeffrey Fitz-Peter, Earl of Eſſex, whoſe ſons, Jeffrey and William de Mandevile, Earls of Eſſex, by Beatrice his firſt wife, daughter of William de Say, inherited it, and dying without iſſue it came to John Fitz John, who was ſon of John Fitz Jeffrey, ſon of Jeffrey Fitz-Peter, the aforeſaid earl of Eſſex, by his ſecond wife, Aveline.

William de Maundevile, Earl of Eſſex, and lord, gave to Elias de Chenduit 100*s.* rent *per ann.* out of this lordſhip, and enfeoft Geffrey, ſon of John Le Syre, in 18 acres and an half of land, and in ſervice due to him in harveſt, with his part of the heath, and one mark *per ann.* rent, to be paid out of the ſame to the nuns of Shouldham.

John, Lord Fitz John, in the 3d of Edward I. granted Roger, Biſhop of Norwich, and to the church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich, the advouſon of the church of St. Mary of Maſſingham, belonging to this lordſhip: on his death it came to his brother, Richard Fitz John, *A°.* 4°. of Edward I. a baron of the realm, who granted it by his deed, dated at London on the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the 6th of the ſaid king, to Sir Thomas de Weyland, the judge. Stow calls him the king's chief juſtice; he was in the 17th of the ſaid reign, found guilty of notorious bribery

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dine, xx hor. tenet Wido Angevin, 7 hab. ii car. tre. 7 Lviii ac. 7 quarta' partem unius acr. et W. de Warenna iii qui h'nt. cxx ac. 7 dim. et Rog. Bigot qui ht. xv acr. 7 W. de Sores i de x acr. S'nt. 7 hoc manerio ablati xiiii lib. ho'es. 7' xii vill. quos. ten. Rad. Baignard. hoc totu. ht. i mill. in long. 7 dim. in lato. 7 de xx ſol. reddit xx*d.* in gelt.

bery and corruption, his whole eſtate and his goods were confiſcated, and he was baniſhed the kingdom. The aforeſaid hiſtorian relates, "that being convicted, "and fearing to yield himſelf to the king's mercy, he went to the Friers-minors, "at Babwell in Suffolk, took on him the habit of a grey frier, but being diſco-"vered by ſome of his ſervants, he was watched and guarded, and after two "months ſiege, went out, forſaking his frier's coole, and was taken and ſent to "the tower."

After this, King Edward II. on November 22, in his eleventh year granted it to Sir Walter de Norwich in fee farm, paying 8 marks *per ann.* into the exchequer, who died ſeiſed of it in the 3d of Edward III. and the ſaid king, at the requeſt of his mother, Queen Iſabel, gave the ſaid 8 marks *per ann.* to the nuns of Brodholm in Nottinghamſhire.

In the 8th of Edward III. Sir John de Norwich was lord, and had a grant of a weekly mercate, on Friday, and of a fair for 3 days yearly, on the vigil, day, and day after St. Simon and Jude, dated June 10, at Newcaſtle on Tyne; witneſſes, William, Arch-biſhop of York, Richard, Biſhop of Durham, treaſurer, John de Eltham, Earl of Cornwall, the king's brother, John de Warren, Earl of Surrey, Henry de Percy, William de Montacute, Ralph de Nevill, ſteward of the houſehold, *&c.* and in the 31ſt of the ſaid reign, Sir John had a grant of free-warren here, *&c.* on November 10; in the ſame year on June 16, licence was granted to the prioreſs, *&c.* of Brodholm to releaſe to him the rent of the 8 marks *per ann.* he occurs lord in the 36th of that king, and to have the lete.

On the death of Sir John de Norwich, *s. p.* it deſcended to Catherine Brewſe, who was daughter and heir of Sir Thomas, brother of Sir John de Norwich, (father of Sir Walter, who was father of the late Sir John) and a nun at Dertford in Kent, and appears to be poſſeſſed of it in the 1ſt of Richard II. On September 3, in the 8th of that king, licenſe was granted to John Daventre, parſon of Broom, Walter Berkley, vicar of Kimberley, John Cranehouſe, Edmund Lakenheath, *&c.* (truſtees of the aforeſaid lady) to amortiſe this manor, with its appertenances, fairs, mercates, *&c.* to the prioreſs of Dertford, to find a chaplain to celebrate in the infirmary of that houſe, to take care of (and for the relief of) the ſick, and the ſiſters therein.

At the diſſolution it was farmed by Henry Bedingfeld, Eſq; and on January 21, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, granted with the advouſon of the church by the name of Maſſingham *Magna*, *alias* Dertford, *alias* Lady manor, to Thomas Greſham, Eſq; afterwards a knight, and founder of the Royal Exchange in London, who died lord of it.

On the death of the lady Anne Greſham, his relict, at Oſterley houſe, in Middleſex, November 23, in the 39th of Elizabeth, ſhe was found to die ſeiſed of it, held by the 20th part of a fee; and Sir William Read was her ſon and heir, aged 50: ſhe was a daughter of William Fernley, Gent: of Weſt Creeting in Suffolk, and had to her firſt huſband, William Read, a merchant of London, of the family of the Reads of Beccles in Suffolk, and was father of Sir William who kept a court here as lord, July 21, in the 9th of James I.

After the Reads, it was in the family of the Barkham of Southacre and Weſtacre.

READ's

READ's PEDIGREE.

John Read, mayor of Norwich——Joan, daughter of -----
in 1496, buried in Beccles | Ludlow, died 1507, buried
church 1502. | in Beccles church.

William Read of——Margaret, daughter of
Beccles, Gent: | ----- Towley of Norwich,
| died 1545.

1ſt William Read,——Anne, daughter of William——2d Sir Thomas
merchant of London: 2d ſon. | Fernley, by Agnes, daughter of Robert Deſney of Ipſwich. | Greſham.

† Sir William Read.——1ſt Gertrude, daughter of——2d Mary, his widow, in
| Eraſmus Paſton, Eſq; | the 15th of James I. remarried Sir Edward Spencer, living 1634.

Sir Thomas Read.——Mildreda, 2d daughter of
s. p | Thomas Cecil, Earl of
| Saliſbury.

Read bore azure, on a bend wavy, or, 3 ſhovellers, ſable, in a bordure ingrailed argent, of 8 toxteaux.

Sir Thomas Greſham bore argent, a chevron, erminé between 3 mullets, pierced ſable.

Fernley, or, on a bend, vert, 3 bucks heads caboſhed, argent.

In 1595, William Lawrence, the Lady Ann Greſham's bayliff, accounted for the revenues of this lordſhip for one whole year.—Rent of Aſſiſe of the free and bond tenants 10*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* for the farm and ſcite of the manor, with 2 fold courſes, and demean lands, 206*l.* for a tenement and land 20*s.* profits of a court with a lete 8*s.* 3*d.*—Total 217*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*—Paid 4*s.* for 4 ſuits to the ſheriff's turn, to the bayliff of the hundred.

This lordſhip came to Charles Yallop, Eſq; (only ſon of Sir Robert Yallop, Kt. of Bowthorp by Norwich, and Dorothy his wife, daughter of Clement Spelman, Eſq; of Grays Inn, London, a baron of the exchequer) on his marriage with Hellen, only daughter and heir of Sir Edward Barkham, Bt. of Weſtacre; whoſe ſon and heir Edward Yallop, *alias* Spelman, Eſq; conveyed it to Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, and in that family it remains.

MONKS, or CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

ROBERT, ſon of Erniſius, lord of Maſſingham *Magna*, gave by the advice of his wife, *&c.* to the monks of Acre, in pure alms, 10 acres of his demean land, and [c] all the land which his men had given and ſold to the monks, *viz.* of William, ſon of Scule, 2 curtilages, with an herbergate, *&c.* and 22 acres in the fields, 12 acres, part of the heath thereto belonging, and 9 acres, *s. d.*

Robert confirmed the gifts of his grandfather Robert, and that of Eudo his uncle, who gave 5 acres: in this deed he mentions the gift of his grandfather to be where the ſcite of their houſes were: the ſaid Eudo alſo gave 4 acres in Maſſingham, at Rainham-Gate with many liberties, *&c.*

Philip, ſon of Erniſius, was alſo a benefactor;—witneſſes, Robert, abbot of Fonteney, Eudo, ſon of Erniſius, *&c.*

Robert, ſon of Ralph de Maſſingham, for the health of his wife, Claricia, gave them 10 acres at Reynham-Gate and Blackhoe-Hill.

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† Two fairs, one on St. Simon and Jude, the other on Good-Friday, were held by Sir William Read, lord of this manor.

(*c*) Reg. Caſtleacre, fol. 14, 15.

Hugh, ſon of Eudo, confirmed the lands of Torald, *viz.* 60 acres.

Robert, ſon of Hugh, ſon of Eudo, confirmed the ſame, with a curtilage and part of the heath.

Herbert, ſon of Richard de Maſſingham and Leſled his wife, with Yvo and William his brothers, gave 60*s.* in charity;—witneſſes, Yvo, the prieſt of Maſſingham, Bond, the provoſt of the monks, William, ſon of Torald, Warine de Maſſingham, *&c.* which deed was offered up on the altar of St. Mary at Acre (Caſtleacre priory church) in the ſight of the witneſſes to it, and of many others.

William, ſon of Herbert of Maſſingham, gave them a foldcourſe here and on the heath, with part of the heath;—witneſſes, Alan, and Alexander de Ingaldeſthorp, Henry, ſon of Hugh de Geyton, Adam de Wulferton, John le Syre, Ralph his brother, Phil. de Brecham, *&c.*

Gilbert, ſon of Richard, gave them lands here;—witneſſes, Alan, prieſt of Oſwick, Roger de Herlings, Ro. de Grimſton, Ralph de Neketon, *&c.*

Ralph de Roſeto gave them lands in Maſſingham, of the fee of Earl Hugh, (Bigot) held by Ralph de Gar, and 5*s.* in Rochelund;—witneſſes, William de Spineville, *&c.*

Jeffrey de Maſſingham and his brethren, Ivo, Adam, Philip, Thomas, *&c.* granted to them 40 acres of land here and all teſtifyed and ſwore to it, on the holy goſpel, in the chapter of the monks at Acra, and every one of them (that this grant might be more confirmed) made an impreſſion with their teeth on wax, that was placed on the chirograph, inſtead of a ſeal; and for this grant the monks gave them 10*s.*—witneſſes, Maſter Steph. de Burham, Yvo, the preſbyter, *&c.*

Adelicia de Claromonte confirmed to them the gift of Geffrey de Favarches (called in the ſchedule Le Fanniard, and Le Fannard, and was founder of Walſingham abby) of lands in Maſſingham *Magna*, paying 4*s.* *per ann.* for all ſervices;—witneſſes, Her. de Montemorentino, (Mountmorency) Peter de Sengham, the ſewer, William de Timerword, (Timworth) William de Wigreham, Richard de Montfitchet, Margaret de Montfitchet, *&c.*

Robert de Briencourt confirmed the ſaid lands, to be held of him, paying 3*s.* rent *per ann.* ſaving the ſervice due to the king;—witneſſes, John de Briencourt, Bartholomew, dean of Walſingham, Geffry, dean of Fincham, Maurice de Barſham, Robert de Dive, Adam, ſon of Roger de Suldham, *&c.*

Maſter Robert de Bilney gave them a moiety of a mill in Maſſingham, and one rood of land, they paying 3*d.* *per ann.* and alſo releaſed the ſuit or cuſtom due from the monks tenants in Maſſingham thereto, ſo long as Alexander, bayliff of the monks, who farmed it, held the ſame.

Alan, ſon of Richer of Maſſingham, confirmed lands given them here by Jeff. ſon of William de Maſſingham, at Paynes Wong, 5 acres at Galtreſhill, Medue Croft, *&c.*—witneſſes, Sir Geff. le Syre, Maſter Edmund de Maſſingham.

Alan de Ingoldeſtorp confirmed to them the lands which Hugh de Cailli gave them; *viz.* 12 acres.

Richard, ſon of Edward de Maſſingham, gave them 3*d.* rent and land here;—witneſſes, Nicholas le Sire of Maſſingham, Reg. de Gayton, Codfrey de Acra.

Robert de Frevill quit claimed to them all that he held of his fee in Maſſingham freely, in men, land, cuſtoms, *&c.* as it was given to him, with 2 parts of the tithe in all things;—witneſſes, Robert, his father, Ralph de Baliol, William de Ernevill, William de Sarcell, Ralph de Capravill. William the 3d Earl (Warren) confirmed this gift, and 5*s.* rent in Maſſingham, of the gift of Ralph, ſon of Alveric, in Maſſingham.

Hugh, ſon of Robert de Maſſingham (Lord of Maſſingham *Parva*) confirmed to them 5 acres, and all the donations of his father and predeceſſors;—witneſſes, Ralph de Pateſle, Hugh de Bukeham, Jeffrey de Congham, Maſter Sim. de Acra; Robert, father of Hugh, ſon of Ralph, gave them 10 acres, *&c.*

Ralph, ſon of Bladwin, gave them one acre in Maſſingham *Parva*.

Ordinarius, ſon of Toche, 2 acres in Maſſingham *Parva*, at Holdich.

Hervey, ſon of Richer de Docking, 3 acres;—witneſſes, Nicholas de Docking, Geff. de Congham.—Richard, ſon of Hubert de Maſſingham, 2 acres.

Hubert, ſon of Richard de Maſſingham, releaſed to them 2*d.* rent *per ann.* out of the land given by his father.

All theſe gifts above mentioned are taken out of the chartulary of the priory of Caſtleacre, in the library of the late Earl of Oxford, and are *ſans date.*

Ralph de Kailli and Elias his brother, gave to the monks of Lewis (that is to Caſtleacre, being a cell to it) all their father's land, in Maſſingham, which Hugh their brother, held of Elias, paying a mark of ſilver; and Elias gave to Ralph 12*d.* *per ann.* rent, [*b*] which they both gave to the monks, laying the deed upon the altar at Hecham (in Norfolk;) and with them Robert de Kailli and Richard his brother, and William, ſon of Renier, their kinſman, releaſed their right of ſucceſſion in the land; and for this gift, Ralph, ſon of Goce de Linna, gave to Elias 10 marks, to Ralph 4*ſ.* and to William 5*ſ.* that Ralph, ſon of Goſe, might hold it for ever of the church, paying a pound of pepper yearly, and a pound of cumin; —witneſſes Geff. and Alan de Sneteſham, Ralph and Peter de Hunſtanton, *&c.* and before the ſoch of all Hecham.

On a precept's being iſſued out to diſtrain the prior of Caſtleacre for default of ſuit of court to the earl of Glouceſter, Mr. John Lewis, clerk, their attorney, appeared at a court held at Walſingham, on Wedneſday on the feaſt of St. Catherine, 1310, before Robert de Bureſ. ſteward, and others, and produced a writing ſigned by Sir William de Clare, (one of the ſons of Gilbert, Earl of Glouceſter, and his wife, ſiſter to the earl of Pembroke) wherein he quit claimed for himſelf and his heirs, to the prior, all ſuit of court, which he required of him and his men, for a certain tenement belonging to his fee in Maſſingham, on the payment of 10*ſ.* *per ann.* to him and his heirs;—witneſſes, -------------, Earl of Glouceſter, his brother, Sir William de Brews, Sir Walter de Scoteney, Sir Henry de Suny, *&c.*

There being a diſpute with the prior relating to the tithes of his manor, William, biſhop of Norwich, ordained that the prior ſhould pay yearly to the churches of Maſſingham, [*i*] for the tithes of their demean lands, &c. xv*ſ.* and becauſe it lay in two pariſhes of the churches of Maſſingham, the portion to be paid to the church of St. Mary, after the death of Yvo the prieſt, ſhould be 10*ſ.* and the portion to that of All Saints 5*ſ.* *per ann.*—witneſſes, William, arch-deacon of Norwich, Maſter Stangr. Ern. Lupell, Geff. de Maſſingham, Geff. de Depeden, &c. This ſeems to be in the time of William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich, and before the year 1149, when William the arch-deacon, was dead.

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 13*ſ.*

On the diſſolution of the priory of Caſtleacre, this manor was granted to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, to be held of the king in capite, December 22, in the 29th year of King Henry VIII. from the Duke of Norfolk it came to the Walpoles, and John Walpole, ſerjeant at law, was found to hold it, whoſe ſon and heir, William, had livery of it in the 8th of Elizabeth.

In the 10th of James I. November 12, Edward Robinſon, Gent. bought Monks manor of John Bedle, Gent. and others, and was lord of it in the 16th of that king.

MASSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

IN the town of Great Maſſingham was a cell, or ſmall priory, belonging to Caſtleacre priory, dedicated to the Virgin and St. Nicholas, and often called in old writings the Hoſpital of St. Mary; it was founded by Nicholas le Syre, of Maſſingham: this Nicholas was witneſs to a deed of Richard, ſon of Edward de Maſſingham, who gave land, and 3*d.* rent *per ann.* to the priory of Caſtleacre, *ſans date.*

Many of the ſaid name [*k*] were witneſſes to grants of land to that priory, but *ſans date; viz.* † Sir Geffrey le Syre, John le Sire, and Ralph his brother. I take him to be the ſame perſon who in the 45th of Henry III. granted by the name of Nicholas

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(*b*) Chart. com. Norf. in cur. recept. ſccij.

(*i*) Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol. 118.

(*k*) Lig. 8. N. 23.

† William de Magnaville, earl of Eſſex, temp. Hen. III. gave to this Geffery, 18 acres and a half of land, and ſervices due to him (precarijs) in harveſt, &c.

Nicholas de Maſſingham, by fine, to the prior of the hoſpital of St. Mary of Maſſingham, one meſſuage, a mill, 2 carucates of land in Maſſingham *Magna* and *Parva*, 5*s.* rent and a furlong of heath here, &c. in Marham, Weſt Wenyz, (Winch) and Sechethe, with all homages, ſervices of freemen and villains, wards, reliefs, paying an annuity of 15*l. per ann.* to Nicholas for life, 5*l. per ann.* to John his brother, and to Jeane his ſiſter 6 marks.

In the time of the ſaid king, the prior of Maſſingham *Magna* was found to hold one knight's fee of the Earl of Warren; in the 3d of Edward I. he was found to hold 2 carucates in Maſſingham, of the gift of Nicholas le Syre, part as tis ſaid of the king's fee, and in the 21ſt of that king, John Lambeth and others, aliened lands in Maſſingham, to the ſaid priory; in the 34th of the ſame reign, Simon Broke and others aliened lands in Maſſingham *Magna*, and in the following year, the prior of Beeſton; this prior, Simon de Felbrigg, and others, held lands in Beiſton, Runton, Eaſt Harling and Maſſingham *Magna*, of the fee of Roger Bygod, Earl of Norfolk.

In the 3d of Edward II. Henry de Maſſingham aliened 4 meſſuages, and 128 acres of land in Maſſingham; in his 7th year Simon Knout, and others, aliened diverſe parcels of land in Maſſingham *Magna*, and in the 5th of the ſaid king, Simon Broke of Brandon, and Catherine his wife conveyed by fine to the prior, lands in the ſaid town.

In the 12th of Edward II. 6 acres and many other parcels of land were purchaſed by them; alſo in the ſaid reign, John de Deneby aliened a meſſuage and 11 acres; John de Hinton 30 acres, a meſſuage and 8 acres; and Richard Shipdam aliened a meſſuage and 2 acres of lands, to Jeffrey the prior, in Maſſingham *Magna*, and the ſaid Richard aliened to Geffrey, prior of Maſſingham *Magna*, lands here in the 9th of the ſaid king, as did John, ſon of Robert de Holme, and Agnes his wife, in the 14th of that reign.

In the 3d of Edward III. Humphrey of Schipedam gave lands: in the 20th of that king, the prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee in Maſſingham *Magna* and *Parva*, and Weſt Winch, of the earl marſhall; and in the 22d of Richard II. he was found to hold lands of the fee of Roger Mortimer, earl of March, in Maſſingham *Magna* and *Parva*.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory in rent, a mill, &c. were valued at 18*l.* 2*s. per aun.*

On its diſſolution it was granted, January 21, in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, with the manor and rectory of Langham, and advouſon of the vicarage, the manor of Merſton, and the advouſon of the rectory, the manor of Walſingham, the manor of Combs, and advouſon of the rectory, and the manor of Narford, to Thomas Greſham, Eſq; On the death of Sir Thomas Greſham, in 1579, it came to his lady Anne, and on her deceaſe to her ſon Sir William Read, by her firſt huſband, who held it with his lordſhip of Maſſingham *Magna*, or Dertford's; and is now in the Earl of Orford, as may be there ſeen.

PRIORS.

William occurs prior in the 44th of Henry III. as *per* a fine.

Jeffrey occurs in the 4th and the 9th of Edward II.

1325, John de Lenn admitted.——1354, John Brandon.——1372, John de Reynham.——1378, Roger de Briſele.——1383, John de Hegham, *alias* Grey.

1420, Nicholas Felbrigg.——1456, John Gedney.——1467, John Coſyn.

Henry Toll occurs prior in the 16th of Henry VII.

Biſhop Tanner † ſays that the buildings of this priory manor being decayed, it was united in 1475, to Weſtacre priory, and was a cell of two canons and two poor men, to that priory.

William, earl Warren, had a lordſhip and a carucate of land, which Alflet, a freewoman, was deprived of; to this there belonged 3 borderers and one ſervus, with a carucate carute valued at 15*s.* his predeceſſor had only the protection of them, and King Herold had the ſoc. Rainald, [*l*] ſon of Ivo, claimed it as belonging to his fee, and Wihenoc was ſeiſed of it; and the father of Rainald, and Rainald himſelf was; and the hundred witneſſed it.

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† Notit. p. 360.

FELTHAM's MANOR.

THE ancient family of Maſſingham ſeem to be enfeoffed of part of it; Robert, ſon of Ralph de Maſſingham, Herbert, ſon of Richard de Maſſingham, &c. were benefactors to the prior of Caſtleacre's lordſhip in this town, as by their deeds *ſans date;* as was Robert de Frevil, who had a fee of the earl Warren, and William, earl Warren, confirmed the grant of 20*s. per ann.* in land, to the monks of Caſtleacre in this town, which Robert Frevill, junior, gave at his death; theſe Frevills were living about the reign of Henry I.

In the reign of Henry III. the Felthams were lords, and in 1301, John de Feltham preſented to the church of Allhallows, or All Saints in this town, and Thomas de Feltham in 1315. John de Feltham was witneſs to a deed of Sir John de Norwich in the 20th of Edward III. and preſented in 1349: he held half a fee of the lord Tateſhale, and the king, as guardian of Thomas de Feltham in 1370, *&c.* this Thomas was found to die in the 43d of Edward III. and to leave John his ſon and heir, aged 3 years, this John died, (as I take it) in the 5th of Richard II. a minor, and in the ſaid year Richard Ottewy preſented as lord.

Edmund de Brunham held it by half a fee, in the 9th of Richard II. and in 1402, Edmund Belzetter, burgeſs of Lynn, was lord, and by his will in 1417, gives it with the advouſon of All Saints church, to be ſold by his executors, and the money iſſuing thence to be expended by his executors [*m*] in maſſes for his ſoul, and to the poor.

Afterwards it was poſſeſſed by John Wodehouſe, Eſq, who preſented in 1427, and Jeremy Wodehouſe, Eſq; his ſon, in 1434. On December 12, in the 21ſt of Edward IV. Richard Southwell, Robert Clere, and Bartholomew White, Eſq; appointed Simon White, Robert and Thomas Wodehouſe, ſons of John Wodehouſe, Eſq; their attornies, to receive rents due to them out of this manor, late Jeremy Woodhouſe's.

In the 7th of Edward VI. a fine was levied between Robert Bumſted, querent, John Copledyk, and Elena his wife deforciant, of this manor.

Thomas Alowe, Gent: in the 3d of Elizabeth, Auguſt 26, received of William Yelverton, Eſq; 9*l.* for the farm of 2 hundred and an half ſheep going in Feltham's courſe, and in the 8th of the ſaid queen, William Walpole, Eſq; had livery of this manor with one in Winebotſham, &c.

Sir Edward Coke was poſſeſſed of it in the reign of King James I. and his deſcendants, the right honourable Thomas Coke, earl of Leiceſter, died lord of it in 1759.

William de Scohies [*n*] had a manor held of him by Ralph, ſon of Herluin, out of which Godwine, a free-man, who held it in King Edward's reign, was expelled, containing one carucate of land, with 6 villains, and one carucate in demean, then valued at 10*s.* at the ſurvey at 5*s.* The predeceſſor of William de Warren had only the protection, but the ſoc belonged to the king's manor of Maſſingham. Godwin above mentioned was father of king Harold, and earl of Kent.

This lordſhip of Scohies, with his other fees, came ſoon after to Walter Giffard, earl of Buckingham, and from the Giffards, by marriage of the heireſs, to the earls of Clare.

Sir

(*l*) Tre. Willi. de Warrenna—In Marſincha. ten. W. i car. tre. qua. tenuit Alflet liba. femina, t. r. e. ſemp. iii. bord. 7 i ſerv. et i car. et val xv. ſol. de hoc habuit ſuus antec. com. tantu et heroldus ſoca et Rainald. fili. Ivonis calu'pniatur ad ſuum feudu. et. Wihewoc inde fuit ſaiſit. et pater Rainal. et ipſe Rain. et h. teſtatur. hud.

(*m*) Reg. Hurning, Norw.

(*n*) Terra Willi. de Scohies—Maſinaham tenet Rad. fil. Herluini, qd. tenuit Godwin. lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. tre. ſep. vi. vill. tc. i car. in dnio. tc. val. x ſol. mo. v; de hoc habuit antec. Willi. de Warrenna comd. tant. et ſoca. in Maſincha. Regis.

Sir Geffrey de Favarches (called in the chartulary of Caſtleacre, Le Fanniard,) gave lands belonging to this fee to the priory manor: he is ſaid to have held the fifth part of a fee, which came moſtly to the monks, who held it of the earls of Clare.

On an inquiſition taken in the 52d of Henry III. the prior of Caſtleacre was found to hold the 5th part of a fee in Maſſingham *Magna*, of the earl of Clare; this was afterwards held of the earl of March, in Henry VI's. reign.

Roger Bigot, anceſtor to the earls of Norfolk, had 40 acres which a free man was owner of, before the conqueſt, and Humphrey de Cuelai held it under [o] Roger, with 2 borderers, valued at 18*d*.——Alwy, after the conqueſt, had ſeized on it; the ſoc belonged to the king's manor.

Sir Roger de Felbrig held it in 1280, in right of his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Gilbert de Norfolk; and Simon de Felbrig in 1303, and Sir Robert de Herling, in the reign of Henry VI.

The tenths were 12*l*.—Deducted 2*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

The temporalities of Windham priory were 13*s*. 7*d*.—Of Weſtacre 3*s*. 6d.

In this town is a free ſchool, endowed with 20*l*. *per ann*. for a maſter, to be choſen by the rectors of Maſſingham *Magna* and *Parva*, and of Harpley, who is to have no preferment in the church.

RECTORS of St. MARY's.

Ivo the prieſt, ſeems to be rector of Maſſingham St. Mary, and All Saints, in the time of William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich.

1266, Roger de Skerning, the biſhop's nephew, admitted to this rectory.

1301, Simon de Ely, collated by the biſhop of Norwich, archdeacon of Suffolk.——1312, Simon de Claxeby, ditto.——1331, Robert de Ulflet, the biſhop's nephew.——1335, John de Newland, ditto.——1342, John de Etton, ditto, on an exchange for Everſham.——1346, Mr. John de la Mare, ditto.——1351, Mr. Laurence de Littleton, by the king; the temporalities then in the king's hands.——1354, John Leche, ditto, an exchange for Wode Dalling.—1375, Mr. John de Derlington, in decret. licent. by ditto; chancellor to the biſhop of Norwich, &c.——1375, Thomas de Thunſtale alias Egliſhale, by ditto.——1389, John Ingram, (an exchange for St. Peter's, Hereford,) ditto.——1399, Walter Eſton, (an exchange for Aldenham in Hertfordſhire,) ditto, he was prebend of Yateſbury in the church of Saliſbury, 14 Richard II.——1399, Mr. Thomas Bradmere, ditto.——1399, John Lutterell, ditto.

1405, John Fermer, (an exchange for Kibcheſter, Richmond,) ditto, canon of Litchfield, and regiſter to Biſhop Spencer.——1416, John Skot, by the aſſignees of the biſhop, then beyond ſea.——1421, Henry Kays, by the biſhop, archdeacon of Norwich, &c.—1429, Mr. Robert Appulby, L.L.B. Oxon. by the biſhop——1444, Mr. John Sareſſon, alias Wykenhale, decret. doctor, by ditto.——1452, Mr. John Selot, decret. doctor, collated to this church, and that of All Saints, united, by ditto.——1455, Mr. Robert Appulby, in decret. doctor, (an exchange for Blofield) by ditto.——1458, Thomas Mark, ditto, archdeacon of Norwich, &c.—1459, Mr. Thomas Duſt, S.T.B. ditto, rector alſo of the church of All Saints.——1472, Mr. John Wylton, L.L.B. ditto.——1475, Mr. Nicholas Goldwell, ditto, archdeacon of Norwich, chancellor to that biſhop, &c.——1478, Mr. Thomas Marke, ditto.——1494, John Jollys, ditto.

1503, Alexander Soham, ditto.—1506, Mr. Thomas Hare, L.L.D. ditto, chancellor of Norwich, &c.——1520, William Newton, ditto.——John Stele.——1553, Mr. Thomas Abbot, S.T.B. by the queen.——1556, Mr. John Nowell, by the king and queen, dean of Bocking, as I take it.——Mr. Thomas Langley.——1572, William Gold, by Sir Thomas Greſham.

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[o] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——Maſſinghecham i lib. ho. xxx ac. qd. tenet Humfrid. de Cuelai ii bor. val. xviii*d*. hanc t'ram invaſit Alnui. p'q; rex venit in hanc patriam.

1620, Chriſtopher Pooley, by William Thirlby and Robert Pooly, *hac vice.*—— John Berege, D.D. died rector, 1698.

Benjamin Squire, rector, ſucceeded, 1731.——John Gardiner, L.L.D. the late rector, by Sir Robert Walpole, knight.

The old valor of this rectory, with the portion of the prior of Caſtleacre, 40 marks; [p] the portion of the abbot of Nutley in the ſaid church, 7*s.* 7*d.* Peter-pence, 14*d.*

The preſent valor, 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

The monks of Caſtleacre, on the deceaſe of Ivo the prieſt, or rector abovementioned, were, by compoſition, to pay 10*s.* *per ann.* to St. Mary's church, and 5*s.* to All Saints, for the tithes of their demean lands in theſe pariſhes.——*Regiſt. Caſtleac. fol.* 18.

Symon, biſhop of Norwich, 1265, confirmed to the priory of Caſtleacre, 2 parts of the fee, formerly Robert de Frevil's of the fee of Caylli.

The church is a regular pile, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the weſt end is a four-ſquare tower.

On a graveſtone with a braſs plate in the chancel——*Hic jacet Joh'es Fermer quonda' rector iſtius ecclie, qui obit in die S'ci Edmi. Regis et Maris, ao.* M.CCCCXVI. *Littera D'nical. D. cujus a'i'e, &c.*

On another——*Per varios caſus, hic jacet (et inturbatum jacet) corpus Johs. Beregij D.D. qui fuit filius Johs. Beregij S.T.D. hujus eccleſiæ rector, obt.* 9 *die menſis Novemb. Ao. Dni.* 1690.——*Sacrificium Deo;* with theſe arms, argent, a ſaltire ingrailed between 4 eſcallops, ſable.

At the weſt end of the nave, a graveſtone *In memory of Thomas Hawley, gent. buried November* 4, 1659; and on the wall near, is an atchievement,—vert, a ſaltire ingrailed, argent.

In this church was the guild of St. John the baptiſt.

The church of Maſſingham All Saints was ſtanding in 1392; the valor of it was 33*s.* Peter-pence, 3*d.* *ob.*

[o] RECTORS of ALL SAINTS.

1301, Robert de Stanes, by John de Feltham.—1304, Richard le Mey, by John Aleyn, burgeſs of Yarmouth, *hac vice.*——1315, John de Feltham, by Thomas de Feltham.——1349, John Hakun, by John de Feltham.——1370, John de Stoke, by the king, as guardian to Thomas de Feltham.——1371, Robert de Geydington, (an exchange for Bykenore in Canterbury dioceſe) by ditto.——1372, John de Braklin, by the king, guardian of the heir of John de Feltham.——1377, Robert Smith, by ditto, (an exchange for North Fambrugge in Eſſex.)——1381, Paul de Dunton, ditto, (an exchange for Brede, in Chicheſter dioceſe.)——1381, William Wrong, by Richard Ottewy.

1414, Richard Trover, by Edmund Billerter of Lyn, as lord of Felthams.—— 1427, William Gawelеston, (an exchange for Caſtle Riſing) by John Wodehouſe, Eſq;

Sir Robert Sygon, of Len Biſhop, prieſt, by his will, in 1505, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Mary of Maſſingham, [q] gives a legacy to St. John Baptiſt's guild there, 7 acres of land to the common profights of the ſaid town, to pay and diſcharge the leyte money of 3*s.* by yere, and to pay the holy brede looſe, and the money longyng ev'ry Sunday for ever; a cloſe called Ryſing-Yard, with half an acre of land, and 23 acres of land in the fields of Maſſingham, in divers pieces.

Item, to the commonalty of Maſſingham, with the Croft, an acre of land & an half, lying in Len Way, with all the appertenances, and implements thereto belonging, to make their common drinkyngs of the plow day, and odyr times at their pleaſure, ſo that they every yere kepe myne obit, ringing a peale for my ſoule, and ſing a maſs for ever, and do odyr good deeds.

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[p] The portion of the abby of Nutley was granted by the Giffards, earls of Bucks.

[q] Rig. Rex. Norw. fol. 258.

MASSINGHAM PARVA.

GREAT Maſsingham and little Maſsingham, as I have obſerved, were undivided before, and at the grand ſurvey, making one townſhip, the greateſt part of which was in the Conqueror's hands, being the poſſeſſions of Harold, the late king, who was killed at the battle of Haſtings. Another part of Maſſingham was the lordſhip of Euſtace, earl of Bologne: this was what is now called Maſsingham Parva; of this part Orgar, a freeman, was lord, in King Edward's time. It conſiſted of [a] four carucates of land, to which belonged five villains, five borderers, and 2 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, at the ſurvey 3, one carucate among the freemen, and the fourth part of a ſalt pit; one ſocman belonged to it, who held 12 acres of land, 24 ſheep, but at the ſurvey 260, &c. It was formerly valued at 20*s*, at the ſurvey at 50*s*. *per ann.* and there were 20 ſocmen of Herold in Marſingham, who held 2 carucates and an half with 5 borderers; there were at that time and after, 6 carucates; at the ſurvey 3, and valued at 50*s*.

All theſe were delivered to Euſtace, as Herold held them, and Wido Angevin held the whole under Euſtace.

The whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d*. to the 20*s*. gelt.

Wido had alſo 20 of the 25 ſocmen who belonged to Herold's manor, in the Confeſſor's time, with all their cuſtoms, and who held 2 carucates, 58 acres, and the 4th part of an acre, at the ſurvey, of the king's manor of Great Maſsingham.

The deſcendants of Wido Aungevine, according to the cuſtom of the Normans, aſſumed the name of Maſsingham, from this town.

Roger, ſon and heir of Aungevine, was father of Sir Robert de Maſsingham, who held 7 fees in Thorp, Anmere, and this town, &c. of the honour of Boloigne: he is alſo ſometimes called Sir Robert de Thorp; Eda his wife ſurvived, and in 1209, is ſtiled Eda de Thorp, as lady alſo of that manor.

Sir Hugh, her ſon, was a benefactor to the monks of Caſtleacre, Sir John de Thorp was ſon of Sir Hugh, and ſealed with——checque, or and gules, a feſs in a bordure, argent, was lord of this town, Aſhwell Thorp, &c. He married Margery, daughter of Sir Robert de Creke, lord of North Creke, and Hillington, &c. and at length his deſcendant was coheir to that family, and had an intereſt in thoſe manors.

He died in the reign of Henry III. and was father of Sir Robert, whoſe ſon, Sir John Thorp, was living in 1293, and was (as I take it) the firſt of the Thorps that inherited the North Creke, and Hillington eſtates, preſenting to North Creke in 1311, and died in 1323; he married firſt, Agnes, and then Alice, relict of Sir William Mortimer, (who ſurvived him) and bore——checque, or and gules, a feſs, ermin.

Sir Robert de Thorp was his ſon and heir, by Agnes, aged about 30 at his father's death. In 1327 he preſented to the church of North Creak, and married Beatrix, daughter of Sir Edmund de Hengrave, and died in 1330.

She preſented to this church in 1333, and reſided in this town, which with North Creak, ſhe held in jointure.

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[a] Terre Comitis Euſtachij—Maſincham tenuit Orgar lib. ho. t. r. e. iiii car. t're. ſemp. v vil. 7 v bord. 7 ii ac. p'ti. tnc. 7 poſt ii car. in d'nio mo. iii ſemp. i car. ho'um. et quarta pars ſal. hic jacet i ſoc xii ac. t're. tnc. xxiiii ov. mo. cclx. 7 xxiii porc. tnc. 7 p. val. xx ſol. mo. l. et xx ſocm. Heroldi in Marſingham de ii car. 7 dim. ſemp. v bord. tnc. 7 p. vi car. mo. iii 7 val. l ſol. Iſti ho'es fuer. lib'ati ſic tenebat eos Herold. mo. hoc totu' tenet Wido Angevin. Tota ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato, 7 reddit viii*d*. de gelto de xx ſol.

Marſingham terr. regis——De hoc manerio deſunt xxv ſoc. qui aderant t. r. e. cum om'i conſuetudine, xx hor. tenet Wido Angevin et hn't ii car. t're. 7 lviii 7 quartam partem unius acre.

About this time, Thomas Sarlet, the lord's bayliff, accounted for 117*s*. and 11*d*. rent of aſsiſe, of the free tenants and villains; 10*l*. 2*s*. 0*d*. for lands let to farm, and 31*s* 3*d*. perquiſites of court.

Sir Robert bore azure, 3 creſcents, argent, impaling Hengrave——Argent, a chief indented, gules, as carved on the porch of this church.

Sir John de Thorp ſucceeded, aged 15; he married Joan, one of the daughters and coheirs of Roger Atte-Aſh or Eſhe, and died in 1340.

Joan his widow, in 1345, married to Sir Roger le Strange, but having no iſſue by Sir John de Thorp, on her death it deſcended to Edmund de Thorp†, brother to Sir John de Thorp, which Edmund married Joan, daughter of Robert Baynard; in the 38 of Edward III. Sir Edmund de Thorp made John de Holm, chaplain, and others, his attornies, to deliver ſeiſin of this manor, and others, to William de Bergh, rector of Cantele.

Edmund Berry, Robert, parſon of Creyk, Thomas de Bumpſted, citizen of Norwich, and Adam de Redgrave, parſon of Bathele, by deed, dated at Maſsingham *Parva*, on the feaſt of St. Ambroſe.

He died in 1393, and was buried in the chancel of Aſhwelthorp, in Norfolk, giving legacies to his tenants here, &c. and to Sir Edmund, his eldeſt ſon, all his goods in his manor houſe in this town, who was married before his father's death, in 1368, to Margaret, daughter of Richard de la Rivere, October 6; but this wife dying, he afterwards married Joan, daughter and heireſs of Sir Robert de Northwood, or Norwood, of Northwood-Berningham in Norfolk, and of Northwood in Kent, widow of Roger, Lord Scales, of Newcells.

In 1399, on his going into France, he made his will, wherein he gives this manor to his wife, for life, if it ſhould fall into his hands, being then held by his brother Robert, and ſealed with azure, 3 creſcents, argent.

He was ſlain at the ſiege of Lovers caſtle, in Normandy, in 1417, and his body was brought into England, and buried in the church of Aſhwellthorp, under a stately tomb, where he and his lady lie.

Both theſe ſtatues are in full length, of white alabaſter, under a neat canopy of wood.

The arms of Thorp, azure, 3 creſcents, argent, quartering Bainard, ſable, a feſs, between 2 chevronels, or, being cut on his armour, with a chaplet round his head, and a collar of *S.S.* On the ſouth ſide of this tomb are 4 ſhields, ſupported by as many angels, viz. Thorp impaling Bainard, argent, 3 bars, gules, (quere if not Moulton) impaling Northwood;—ermine, a croſs ingrailed, argent;——checque, or and gules, a bend over all, ermine, Clifton;———argent, a chevron, between 3 bears heads couped, ſable, muſled, or, Berney.——On the north ſide, or, a lion rampant, gules, armed azure, Felbrigg;——argent, 2 bars, and a canton, gules, Boys;——gules, a ſaltire ingrailed, argent, Kerdeſton, and checque, or and gules, a feſs, ermine, the antient arms of Thorp; and at the head of the tomb, the arms of St. George, argent, a croſs, gules, and quarterly, France and England.

This Sir Edm. left 2 daughters and coheirs, Joan, who married Sir Robert Echingham*, knight, and afterwards Sir John Clifton, knight, of Buckingham Caſtle; but on default of iſſue, the eſtate of the Thorps was ſettled on her ſiſter Iſabel, who married Philip Tilney of Boſton, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; who together joined in a mortgage of this lordſhip, by deed, dated July 10, in the 10th of Henry VI. with the manor of North Creke, to Charles Aleyn, parſon of North Creke, for 6 years, for the payment of 220 marks.

Iſabel, dying in 1436, was buried in the church of Aſhwell Thorp, and her huſband, then retiring from the world, became a ſecular canon in the church of Lincoln, where he was buried in 1453. His arms were argent, a chevron, between 3 griffins heads, eraſed, gules.

Frederick Tilney of Boſton, Eſq; was his ſon and heir, and enjoyed this lordſhip and the Thorps eſtate. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Laurence Cheyney, Eſq; of Ditton in Cambridgeſhire, (relict of Sir John Say) by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of —— Cockain.

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† This Sir Edmund Thorp ſeems to be a judge. King Edward III. impowered John Cavendiſh, William de Wychingham, William Skipwith, Ham. de Felton, Richard Waldgrave, John Mauteby, Edmund de Thorp, Thomas Giſſing, William Clere, and Reginald de Ecles, to try a certain cauſe between Henry, biſhop of Norwich, querent, and perſons of Lynn in Norfolk.——Dated June 18, *ao.* 51.

* Of this family ſee more in vol. 3. p. 92.

Cheyney bore quarterly, argent and ſable, a bend, lozengy, gules. By her he had one only daugter, Elizabeth, who married Sir Humphrey Bourchier, knight, (eldeſt ſon of John, Lord Berners,) who was ſlain at Barnetfield, on the part of King Edward IV. on Eaſter day, 1471, and was lord of this manor in right of his wife; ſhe afterwards married Thomas Howard, ſon and heir of John, Lord Howard, (who was created earl of Surrey, and after was duke of Norfolk) and dying in 1507, was buried in the nuns quire of the Minoreſs, without Aldgate, London; but this manor was held for life by the courteſy of England, by her huſband.

In the 39 of Henry VI. it appears that this lordſhip was rented or farmed by Henry Thoryſby, at 18*l. per ann.*——Lete fee 2*s.* and rented at 12*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* *ob.* in King Henry VII's. time.

Sir John Bourchier, ſon and heir of Sir Humphrey, was ſummoned to parliament as Lord Berners, in the 11 and 12 of Henry VII. &c. and died deputy general of the town and marches of Calais, March 19, 1532.

He married Catherine, daughter of John Howard, duke of Norfolk, who ſurvived him, and died March 12, 1535.

In the 7th year of King Henry VIII. the jury find, on the death of Sir William Capel, knight, that long before his death, Sir John Bourchier, Lord Berners, had ſold his reverſion of this manor and advouſon, to Sir William Capel, who gave it to his grandſon, Edward, 2d ſon of Sir Gyles Capel, ſon and heir to Sir William, being then held, as 'tis ſaid, of the prior of Caſtleacre. This Edward, (afterwards a knight) ſold it in the 26 of Henry VIII. by fine, with Anne his wife, to John Jenour and Anthony Brown. Soon after this, it came to the Mordants family, who before this had an intereſt in the ſaid town.

Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin, had a lordſhip alſo, of which Scula a freeman, who was lord in King Edward's reign, was deprived at [*b*] the conqueſt; three carucates of land belonged to it, 8 villains, one ſervus, and there were 2 carucates in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. valued at 20*s.* and Bervold held it under Eudo.

Eudo having the lordſhip or barony of Tateſhale in Lincolnſhire, aſſumed that name, and his deſcendants held this lordſhip in *capite* of the king; of whom ſee in Babingley.

The family of de Thorp, of whom we have treated as above, had an intereſt herein, ſoon after the conqueſt, and in the reign of Edward I. from the Thorps it was conveyed to the L'Eſtranges.

Henry L'Eſtrange [*c*] of Hunſtanton, Eſq; by his will, dated November 13, 1483, appears to be lord of it, and his 3d ſon, John L'Eſtrange, Eſq; who married Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas L'Eſtrange, of Walton-Deiville, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; died ſeiſed of this lordſhip. By his will, dated December 16, 1516, bequeaths his body to be buried (if he died within 5 miles of Maſſingham) before our bleſſed Lady, in the chapel on the ſouth ſide of the chancel of this church, and that a tomb be made for him, and ſet up there in the ſaid chapel, after the manner of Sir Henry Heydon's tomb in Norwich, with the arms of him, his wife, and his anceſtors, and a ſculpture of him and his wife, with an *orate*, &c. and if his corps lies in any other place, he wills that a plain ſtone, with his arms, and his wife's, be laid over him, but that a tomb be nevertheleſs erected here.

To the church of Maſſingham *Parva* he gives a veſtment, and tunicle, after the rate of Sir Robert Ratclyff's cope, with *orate*, &c. of white damaſk, price 8 marks, to be made after the rate of the green veſtment at Hunſtanton, with the Stranges

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[*b*] Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin——Maſſincham tenet B'uoldus quam tenuit Scula lib. ho. t. r. e. ſep. iii car. t're. tc. viii villi. mo. vii 7 i s. tc. ii car. in d'nio. 7 mo. 7 i car. ho'um. 7 iii car. poſſunt reſtaurari ſep. v por. 7 xl oves et val. xx ſol.

[*c*] Regiſt. Tippes Norw.

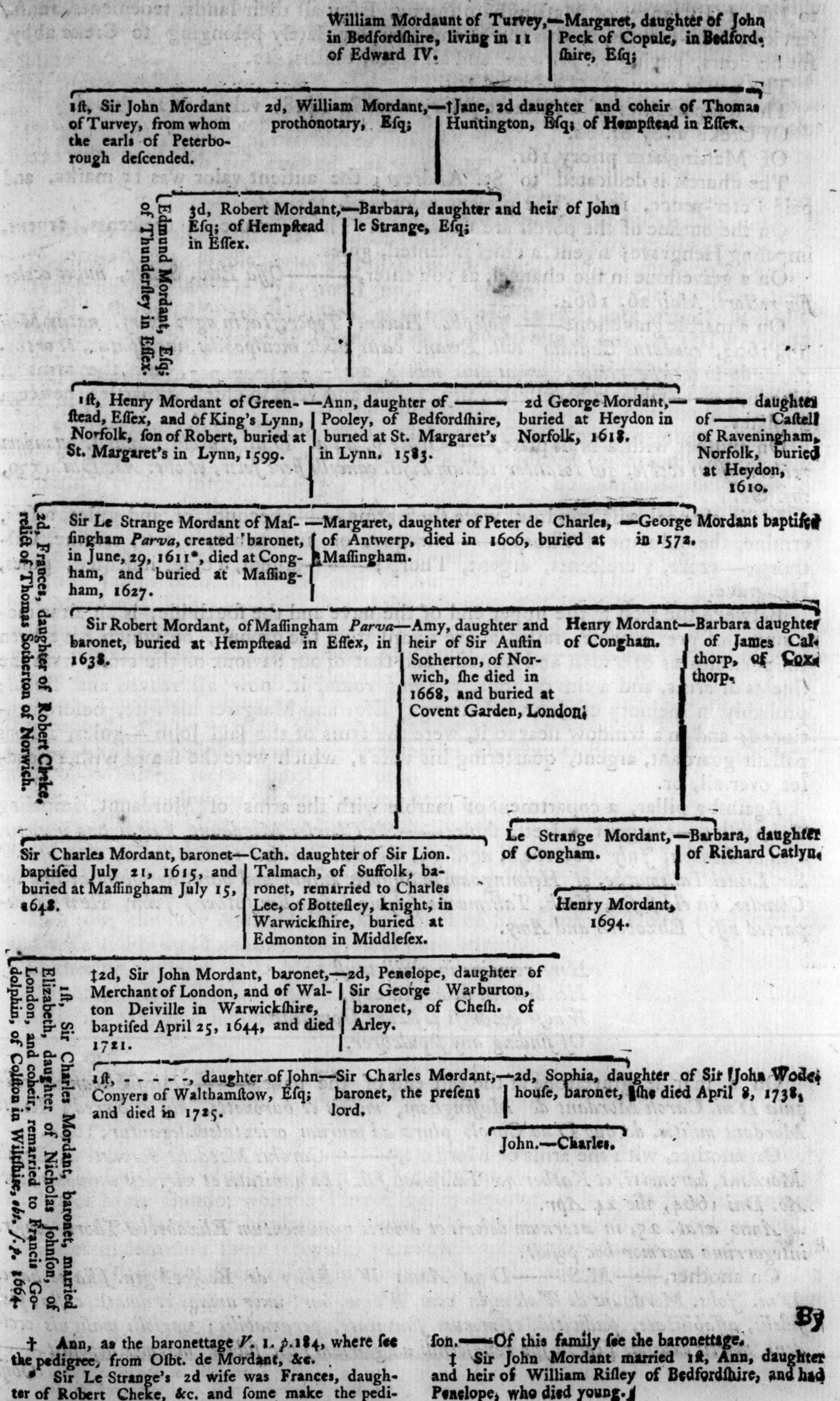
arms, but that his 3 eſcutcheons have his father's arms, on the one ſide, his father in law's on the other, and his and his wife's at the tayle. To Barbara his daughter, all his books of law, except the boarded books, to be given to her ſon, if ſhe have the fortune to have one; his boarded books to the library of Lincolns-Inn, every one of them to have a ſcripture of his gift, being a fellow, twice reader and twice treaſurer of that ſociety, and to the chapter of that houſe, a veſtment and an altar cloth, price 10 marks; to his wife the manors of Maſſingham and Congham, and after her deceaſe to her daughter Barbara, and in default to Richard le Strange, the ſon of Thomas le Strange; Maſter William Mordaunt and Barbara his daughter, &c. executors; proved October 23, 1517.

This John is ſaid to have been one of the king's judges.

Barbara, his daughter and heir, married Robert Mordant, Eſq; lord of this manor and Congham, in her right, which Robert was eldeſt ſon of William Mordant, prothonotary of the common pleas, by Jane his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Huntington, Eſq; of Hempſtead in Eſſex. It appears that in the 21 of Henry VIII. he and his wife held this manor, and lands called Elingham's, Walcote's, Ruſteyn's, Geffrey's, Pettygard's and Alexander's, with 30 meſſuages here and in Congham St. Ann's, St. Andrew's, and All Saints, &c. and in this family it ſtill remains, Sir Charles Mordant, baronet, of Walton D' Eivile, in Warwickſhire, being the preſent lord, deſcended from Sir Oſbert de Mordaunt, a Norman knight, lord of Radwill in Bedfordſhire, by the gift of his brother Euſtachius de Sancto Ægidio, which he had by the gift of the Conqueror, for his and his father's ſervices at the conqueſt.

MORDAUNT's

MORDAUNT's PEDIGREE.



William Mordaunt of Turvey, in Bedfordshire, living in 11 of Edward IV.—Margaret, daughter of John Peck of Copule, in Bedfordshire, Esq;

1st, Sir John Mordant of Turvey, from whom the earls of Peterborough descended.

2d, William Mordant, prothonotary, Esq;—†Jane, 2d daughter and coheir of Thomas Huntington, Esq; of Hempstead in Essex.

Edmund Mordant, Esq; of Thundersley in Essex.

3d, Robert Mordant, Esq; of Hempstead in Essex.—Barbara, daughter and heir of John le Strange, Esq;

1st, Henry Mordant of Greenstead, Essex, and of King's Lynn, Norfolk, son of Robert, buried at St. Margaret's in Lynn, 1599.—Ann, daughter of —— Pooley, of Bedfordshire, buried at St. Margaret's in Lynn. 1583.

2d George Mordant, buried at Heydon in Norfolk, 1618.——— daughter of —— Castell of Raveningham, Norfolk, buried at Heydon, 1610.

2d, Frances, daughter of Robert Cheke, relict of Thomas Sotherton of Norwich.

Sir Le Strange Mordant of Massingham *Parva*, created baronet, in June, 29, 1611*, died at Congham, and buried at Massingham, 1627.—Margaret, daughter of Peter de Charles, of Antwerp, died in 1606, buried at Massingham.

—George Mordant baptised in 1572.

Sir Robert Mordant, of Massingham *Parva* baronet, buried at Hempstead in Essex, in 1638.—Amy, daughter and heir of Sir Austin Sotherton, of Norwich, she died in 1668, and buried at Covent Garden, London.

Henry Mordant of Congham.—Barbara daughter of James Calthorp, of Coxthorp.

Sir Charles Mordant, baronet baptised July 21, 1615, and buried at Massingham July 15, 1648.—Cath. daughter of Sir Lion. Talmach, of Suffolk, baronet, remarried to Charles Lee, of Bottesley, knight, in Warwickshire, buried at Edmonton in Middlesex.

Le Strange Mordant, of Congham.—Barbara, daughter of Richard Catlyn.

Henry Mordant, 1694.

1st, Sir Charles Mordant, baronet, married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Johnson, of London, and coheir, remarried to Francis Godolphin, of Colston in Wiltshire, *ob. s.p.* 1664.

‡2d, Sir John Mordant, baronet, Merchant of London, and of Walton Deiville in Warwickshire, baptised April 25, 1644, and died 1721.—2d, Penelope, daughter of Sir George Warburton, baronet, of Chesh. of Arley.

1st, - - - - -, daughter of John Conyers of Walthamstow, Esq; and died in 1725.—Sir Charles Mordant, baronet, the present lord.—2d, Sophia, daughter of Sir John Wodehouse, baronet, she died April 8, 1738.

John.—Charles.

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† Ann, as the baronettage *V.* 1. *p.*184, where see the pedigree, from Osbt. de Mordant, &c.

* Sir Le Strange's 2d wife was Frances, daughter of Robert Cheke, &c. and some make the pedigree and issue, from here, and Sir Robert to be her son.—Of this family see the baronettage.

‡ Sir John Mordant married 1st, Ann, daughter and heir of William Risley of Bedfordshire, and had Penelope, who died young.

By indenture, dated November 26, in the 3d of Henry VIII. Thomas Tomſon, DD. maſter of Chriſt's college in Cambridge, and the fellows, &c. demiſed to John L'Eſtrange, of Maſsingham *Parva*, Eſq; all their lands, tenements, rents, ſervices, fold-courſes, in this town, and Harpley, lately belonging to Creke abby, for 60 years, paying 3*l.* *per ann.* and all taxes, tenths, &c.

The tenths were 4*l.* Deducted 20*s.*

The temporalities of Caſtleacre priory were in 1428, valued at 2*l.* 11*s.* *d.*

Of Creke abby 6*s.* 8*d.*

Of Maſsingham priory 16*s.*

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew; the antient valor was 15 marks, and paid Peter-pence, 10*d.* The preſent valor is 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

On the outſide of the porch are the arms of Thorp, azure, 3 creſcents, argent, impaling Hengrave; argent, a chief indented, gules.

On a graveſtone in the chancel, as you enter,——*Oſſa Edv. Salter, hujus eccleſiæ rectoris Maij 26, 1664.*

On a marble graveſtone——*Joſephus Hacon, Topcroftæ in agro Norf. natus Maij 17, 1603, educatus Cantabr. coll. Eman. cælis vixit inculpabilis, inculpatus, et orthodoxus hujus eccleſiæ rector, annos plus minus* 20 - - - - - - - -, and the arms of Hacon,——ſable, 2 barrulets, vairy, argent and vert, in chief, a martlet, between 2 plates.

On another with a braſs plate,——*Orate p. a'i'a. D'ni Jacobi Baſtard, quondam rectoris iſtius eccl'ie, qui totaliter tectum hujus cancelli fieri fecit, et obt. Ao. Dni.* 1530, *cuj. &c.*

In the chancel, eaſt window, were theſe arms,——checque, or and gules, a feſs, ermine, the old arms of Thorp;——checque, or and azure, a feſs, ermine, Calthorp;—azure, 3 creſcents, argent, Thorp;——argent, a chief indented, gules, Hengrave.

Between the arch at the upper end of the nave and the ſouth iſle, is an altar monument of grey marble, raiſed above a yard from the ground, on which have been the portraitures of a man and woman, and that of our Saviour on the croſs, with the ſhields of arms, and a rim of braſs, running round it, now all reaved and ſtolen; probably in memory of John L'Eſtrange, Eſq; and Margaret his wife, beforementioned; and in a window near to it, were the arms of the ſaid John —gules, 2 lions paſſant guardant, argent, quartering his wife's, which were the ſame, with a bendlet over all, or.

Againſt a pillar, a copartment of marble with the arms of Mordaunt, impaling Talmarſh;——argent, a frett, ſable;——*Sir Charles Mordaunt, knight and baronet, dyed at London, July* 10, 1648, *aged* 33, *he was married to Catherine, daughter of Sir Lionel Tallemache, of Helmingham in Suffolk, knight and bart. by whom he had Sir Charles, his eldeſt ſon, Kath. Tallemache (dying before her father) John, Henry, (departed alſo) Elizabeth and Amy.*

Here remains in civill truſt
His beloved bewayled duſt,
Whoſe goodneſs is ſecure from fear
Of finding any ſepulchrer.

On a marble graveſtone at the eaſt end of the nave,——*Hic ſublocantur reliquiæ D'ni. Caroli Mordant de Maſſingham, militis et baronetti, filij et hæredis Rob'ti Mordant militis, de quo D'no Carolo plura ad murum orientalem legantur,* 1648.

On another, with the arms of Mordant,——*Carolus Mordant baronettus, Caroli Mordant, baronetti, et Katherinæ Talamach filius, humanitatis et virtutis exemplar, obt. Ao. Dni* 1664, *die* 24 *Apr.*
Anno ætat. 25, *in æternum doloris et amoris monumentum Elizabetha Thori. conſors integerrima marmor hoc poſuit.*

On another,——*M.S.*——*D'na Anna W. Riſley de Bedford gen. filia et hæres D'ni. Johs. Mordaunt de Walton in com. Warw. bar. uxor amans et amata, caſta, pia, fidelis, affabilitate, pudicitiâ, et morum ſuavitate, peramabilis; variolis malignis occidens, mortis exuvias (certâ ſpe renaſcendi ad gloriam) hoc ſubter marmor depoſuit.*——

Obijt prid. non. Junij anno ſalutis noſtræ 1692, *ætatis ſuæ* ::::::::: *bis gravida et ſemel puerpera, heu nullam reliquit ſobolem, quippe alteram in incunabilis, alteram in utero cum matre ademptum lugemus, Penelope quam ſolam peperit, matrem præcedens; eodem quieſcit ſepulchro. Et ſic in maternis amplexibus dormire videatur. Vita vix inchoata receſſit, prid. non. Januar. A°. Chriſti incarnati* 1690.

Mordaunt bears argent, a chevron between 3 eſtoils, ſable; the creſt, on a wreath, a negro's head couped at the ſhoulder, proper, wreathed about the temples with ribbans, or and azure.

RECTORS.

Reginald occurs rector in the 22d of Edward I.

Hugh de Aſchewell in 1325 and 1327.

1333, Walter Coleman inſtituted, preſented by Beatrice, late wife of Sir Robert de Thorp.——1338, John Loveſire, by ditto.——John R----, rector, was buried in 1374.

1374, William, ſon of Jeff. de Bumſtede, by Thomas de Bumſtede, citizen of Norwich.

1401, Edmund Atte Hill, by John Herr of Cambridge.——1432, John Totyll, by Phil. Tilney, of Boſton, Eſq;——1433, Richard Tydde, ditto.——1434, William Pyvyle, ditto.——1458, Henry Abraham, by John Bouchier, on the minority of Elizabeth, heir of Frederic Tylney, Eſq;—— ----, John Searlet, rector.

1468, John Palmer, by Humphrey Bouchier and Elizabeth his wife.

1507, James Baſtard, by the earl of Surry.——1558, Thomas Burre, by Robert Mordaunt, Eſq;——1561, Mr. John Nowell, *S.T.B.* ditto, on June 1, 1556, was dean of Bocking in Eſſex.——1569, Henry Warren, *S.T.B.* by the queen.——1571, Roger Brearwood, by Robert Mordaunt, Eſq;——1591, Thomas Hawley, by the queen, on account of the lunacy of James Mordaunt, Eſq;

1603, Andrew Pilkington, by Le Strange Mordaunt, Eſq;——1616, Edward Thorogood, ditto——1620, Thomas Thorowgood, by William Thorowgood, *hac vice.*——1643, Joſeph Hacon, by Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bt. buried in 1662.——Mr. ----- Salter, rector, buried in 1664.

Mr. ----- Lockwood, rector, buried here 1673.

1715, Thomas Grigſon, on the death of Charles Preſton, by Sir John Mordaunt.——1725, Charles Squire died rector in 1752.——1752, Ayrmine Stileman, *A. M.* by Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bt.——1760, Charles Mordaunt, by Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bt.

In 1567, the lady Anne Hollis, late relict of Sir Thomas Hollis of Flitcham, and wife of Philip Mordaunt, Eſq; was here buried.

Catherine, wife of Phil. Mordaunt, Eſq; buried in 1559.

Barbara, wife of Robert Mordant, Gent: buried in 1581.——Edward Mordaunt, Gent: in 1583, and Robert Mordaunt, Eſq; in 1602.

MIDDLETON.

SO called, as lying on a hill, ſurrounded with low grounds, marſhes, and water, Mid-Le-Ton. Hugh de Montfort [a] obtained it at the conqueſt, and Aeled held it of him, Bundo, a Saxon Thane, being deprived of it, who had 2 carucates of land, 12 villains, 17 borderers, 4 ſervi, *&c.* with 32 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean; there were alſo 3 carucates among the tenants, a mill, a fiſhery and 10 ſaltworks, then valued in all at 100*s.* at the ſurvey at 6*l.* *per ann.* and 2

(*a*) Terr. Hugh. de Monteforti——Mideltuna ten. Aeled qua. ten. Bundo. t. r. e. ii car. tre. ſep. xii villi 7 xvii bor. ſilv. iiii por. tc. iiii s mo. i 7 xxxii ac. pti. tc. ii car. in dnio. mo. i ſep. iii car. hou. 7 i mol. 7 i piſc tc. x ſal. mo. viii. tc. iii an. mo. v mo. i r. tc. x por. mo. vi tc. XL. ov. mo. xxxv tc. val. c ſol. mo. vi lib. hic jacent ii ſochem quos ten. ide. homo. LXXXIIII ac. tc. i car. mo. dim. et val. v ſol. 7 pot. vende. tra. ſua.

ſocmen belonged to it who had 84 acres, and a carucate, who held under him, valued at 5*s.* and they could ſell their land.

SCALES-HALL.

IN the reign of Henry II. Roger de Scales was lord of this manor, deſcended from Hardewin or Harlewin de Scalariis lord of Waddon in Cambridgeſhire, at the conqueſt: this Roger and Muriel his wife, founded the nunnery of Blackburgh, and ſhe ſeems to have brought this lordſhip with many others, held of Hugh de Montfort, into this family, being (as I conceive) a daughter and co-heir of Jeff. de Liſewis, as her ſiſter and co-heir, Maud, did to the Ingaldeſthorps, as may be ſeen at large in Reynham. Robert de Scales, his ſon, gave to the abby of Bury in Suffolk, by fine levied in the 9th of Richard I. the advouſon of the church of Wetherden in that county; of this family was William de Scales, impleaded by Fulco Baynard for the wardſhip of the ſon and heir of Roger de Kerdeſton.

Roger de Scales, ſon and heir of Robert, gave 59*l.* for ſcutage in the 13th of king John, and in the 3d of Henry III. a fine was levied between Maud, wife of William de Beauchamp, late wife of Roger de Scales, and Robert, ſon of the ſaid Roger, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in this town, 40*s.* rent in Wirdlington, with 2 marks rent in Wetherden, in Suffolk, claimed as dower; this Robert married Margery, 3d daughter and co-heir of Fulk de Beaufoe, lord of Hockwold, and in the 19th of that king, was found to hold half a fee in this town, of the honor of Hagenet, or Haughley in Suffolk, and was ſummoned to parliament by the title of lord Scales.

Robert his ſon and heir, paid 21*l.* 5*s.* relief for the lands that he held in capite, in 34th of the ſaid king, and died about the 51ſt of Henry III. in which year Sir William de Clifford, eſchaetor on this ſide of Trent, accounted for 31*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* iſſues of the lands of Robert de Scales in this town and Reynham in Norfolk, and Wridlington in Suffolk, for the uſe of John de Britannia; and in the next year Robert, ſon of Robert de Scales, by Alice his wife, was found to be the king's ward, and held lands valued at 60*l.* *per ann.* The lady Alice, his mother, was daughter of Sir Ralph de Rocheſter, lord of Newcels in Berkway, Hertfordſhire, ſiſter and heir to Sir William and Sir Peter de Rocheſter: in the aforeſaid year the ſaid lady impleaded John de Caſton, the earl of Glouceſter's bayliff, for robbing her at Newcels, ſhe living there in the king's peace, and taking neither ſide (that is in the barons' war with the king) nor did ſhe ever oppoſe the earl of Glouceſter, or his friends.

On Sunday after the feaſt of the Invention of the Holy croſs, in the 54th of ſaid reign, an agreement was made between the lady Alice, widow of Robert de Scales, and Roger, ſon of Robert de Scales, whereby ſhe grants to Roger, the lordſhip of Newcels, to be held of Robert, ſon of Robert de Scales, and his heirs, paying yearly to her for life 10*l.* witneſſes, Sir James de Audeley, ---- de Monteforti, Ralph Fitz Ralph de Wyrham, Kts. Robert Burnel de Middelton, &c. this Roger was a younger ſon of Alice, and brother of Robert; ſhe was a conſiderable heireſs, and brought into this family, the manor of Newcells, and one at Reevehale (Rivinghale) in Eſſex.

She was living in the 3d of Edward I. and recovered damage, for her ſwans being taken out of her lordſhips of Hockwold and Wilton; in which year her eldeſt ſon Robert was found to have held one knight's fee in this town, and died about this time. This Robert ſeems to have married Clementia; and about the 4th of the ſaid king, I find Sir Robert de Vaux to have married Clementia, relict of Robert de Scales, whoſe marriage belonged to the king.

Robert de Scales, ſon of Robert, probably by Clementia, in the 9th of Edward I. ſold to the prior of Norwich, a meſſuage and 140 acres of land in Gateley, Norfolk; and in the following year was ſummoned, with other barons, to attend him in an expedition into Wales; in his 17th year he recovered with Iſabel his wife, from Richard de Weyland of Frameſden in Suffolk, and Joan his wife, lands in this town, Weſtwinch, Hardwick, South and Weſt Lenne, with the homages and ſervices of diverſe perſons.

Iſabel, his wife, was daughter of Sir ---- Burnell, Kt. and niece of Robert Burnell, biſhop of Bath and Wells, lord chancellor and treaſurer of England, who in the 20th of Edward I. by his deed dated March 2, reciting that, whereas Robert de Eſchalers owed him 26*l.* for the goods, &c. he ſold him on the manor of Newcells at the time he delivered ſeiſin of the ſaid manor, to Robert, the biſhop hereby releaſes to him the aforeſaid ſum, and to the lady Iſabel his wife.

In the 22d of that king he had ſummons to be at Portſmouth, on September 1, to attend the king into Gaſcoign; and in the 25th of that king it appears that he held 10 knights fees, *viz.* two and an half in Berkway and Newcells in Hertfordſhire, half a fee in Lauſare in Eſſex, half a fee in Eneſwell in Suffolk, one fee and an half in Rewenhale in Eſſex, three fees and an half in Middleton, Iſlington, How, and Rainham in Norfolk, and one in Wetherden in Suffolk, held in capite, and half a fee in Haſelingfeld in Cambridgeſhire.

In the following year he was ſummoned to be at Carliſle with horſe and arms, in an expedition into Scotland; and in the 29th of that king, he ſubſcribed with other nobles, the letter to pope Boniface, to aſſure him that the kingdom of Scotland was not of his fee, and that he had no juriſdiction in temporal affairs over either England or Scotland.

In the 33d of Edward I. it appears by the eſcheat rolls that he died ſeiſed of this lordſhip, held by one fee and an half, and paying 45*s.* to the caſtle guard of Dover, and that there was belonging to it a capital meſſuage with a water mill, a windmill, 209 acres of land, 69 of meadow, 10 of paſture, 5 of wood, one of turbary, and 4*l. per ann.* rent.

His lady Iſabel was a great benefactreſs to the priory of Blackburgh, where ſhe was buried, and gave a ſilver cheſible, with ſeveral veſtments for the prieſts, with her arms thereon, and ornaments, &c. to lay over her ſepulchre on the day of her anniverſary.

I am ſenſible that this account of the family differs much from that of Sir William Dugdale in his baronage, but as it is collected from antient evidences moſtly, I am perſwaded it may be acceptable.

Robert, lord Scales, ſon of Robert and Iſabel his wife, was in the 34th of Edward I. created knight of the bath, with prince Edward, and in the 1ſt of Edward II. ſummoned to attend his coronation, to be ſolemnized after the feaſt of St. Valentine, by writ dated at Dover, January 8. The lady Iſabel his mother, in the 9th of that king, ſettled on her ſon Robert and Egelina his wife, on their marriage, the manors of Scales-How, and Iſlington; ſhe was daughter of Sir Hugh Courtney, and ſiſter of Hugh Courtney, earl of Devonſhire. This lord Robert died in the 18th of Edward II. leaving a ſon Robert; and on July 2, in the ſaid year, Egelina his mother, paying 200 marks, had a grant of the cuſtody of him, being then a minor; Iſabel his grandmother was living at that time, and held part of the lordſhip of Haſelingfeld in Cambridgeſhire, in joynture.

In the 7th of Edward III. he had livery of his lands, and in the 9th of that king, William de Lilleford, rector of Revenhale in Eſſex, delivered ſeiſin to him and Catherine his wife, daughter of Robert, ſiſter and co-heir of William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, by deed dated on the feaſt of St. John Port Latin; he had the king's writ in his 16th year to provide 10 men at arms and 10 archers, to be ſent into Britany for the honor of his king and country; and if he would go himſelf with them, the king would be mightily pleaſed; and in the 31ſt of the ſaid king he was ſummoned to come immediately at the ſeige of Calais, not ſtaying for the embarkment of his horſes, with all the power he could raiſe, the king fearing that the French King would come with all his power to raiſe the ſeige.

In the 30th of that reign he had letters of protection, being to accompany the prince of Wales into Gaſcoign, and gave to the priory of Blackburgh, the church of Iſlington: on Monday before the aſſumption of our lady, in the 43d of Edward III. he died, leaving Roger his ſon and heir aged 22; who in the 4th of Richard II. was ſeized by the Norfolk rebels, and in his 8th year was ſummoned June 13, to meet the king at Newcaſtle on Tyne, with his whole ſervice of horſe and arms, as by allegiance bound, to attend him into Scotland; and in the enſuing year was with John, duke of Lancaſter, in the Spaniſh expedition, and ſtiled himſelf lord of Newcells.

His will is dated at Hykeling in Norfolk, March 6, 1385, and he bequeaths his body to be buried in the priory of Blackburgh, and died on Chriſtmas-day, in the 10th of Richard II. and was found to hold this manor of the honor of Hagenet, leaving Robert his ſon and heir, aged 14, by Joan his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Norwood, of Norwood, in Kent, and of Norwood Bermingham in Norfolk, who after married Sir Edmund Thorp, of Aſhwell-Thorp, in Norfolk, and dying in 1415, was buried there. She gave her manors of Stonhall, Aſpal, in Suffolk, which came by her mother Catherine, daughter and co-heir of Sir John de Aſpal, and the manor of Witlesford, in Cambridgeſhire, to her ſon Robert, lord Scales, remainder to the lady Catherine Savage, her daughter, wife of Sir Arnold Savage of Kent, and died his widow, *s. p.* in the 16th of Henry VI. remainder to her daughters Joan and Iſabel, by Sir Edmund; the ſaid lady Joan had alſo the lordſhip of Cowling in right of her mother Catherine.

This Robert, lord Scales, was one of the lords in parliament, who in the firſt year of Henry IV. voted for the ſafe cuſtody of the late Richard II. and took to wife, Joan, daughter of William, and ſiſter of Thomas, lord Bardolf; his 2d wife was Elizabeth, ---------- who ſurvived him, and re-married to Sir Henry de Percy, of Athol, Kt. his will bears date May 12, *A*°. 2, of Henry IV. and dying on the eve of the conception of our lady, was [b] proved the 31ſt of October following in the 4th of that king. He appointed Elizabeth, his wife, executrix, bequeaths his body to be buried in the priory of Blackburgh, to the prioreſs 13*s.* 4*d.* and to every nun therein 6*s.* 8*d.*

Robert, his ſon and heir, was aged 6 years at his death, ſome ſay by the lady Joan, and ſome by Elizabeth: Ralph, earl of Weſtmorland had the wardſhip of him; he died unmarried on July 1. in the 7th of Henry V. I take this to be that lord Scales, who is ſaid by Holingſhed, &c. to be killed with the lord Darcy, and Sir Edmund de Thorp, at the ſeige of Lovers Caſtle in Normandy, on the march of King Henry V. from Caen towards the city of Roan.

Thomas, lord Scales, was aged 21, on the death of his brother Robert; and on the 1ſt of May, in the 9th of Henry V. was retained by indenture to ſerve that king in the wars of France, and to be at Dover on the 23, of that month, with 20 men at arms, 60 archers on horſeback, to be paid a quarter's wages down, and after from month to month in Engliſh gold, or money currant in France, by the treaſurer of war there; to have all priſoners, except kings, princes, king's ſons, and eſpecially Charles, called Dauphin of Vienne, and other great captains of royal blood, and chieftains and lieutenants under him, the ſaid Charles; and except all thoſe who had a hand in the murder of the Duke of Burgoyn.

In theſe wars he behaved gallantly, and was ſeneſcall of Normandy, as appears from his ſeal in the 20th of Henry VI. with 6 eſcallops; his creſt a plume of Oſtrich's feathers, iſſuing out of a ducal coronet, circumſcribed,——S. *Thomæ Dnj. Scalis et de Neucellis ſeneſcallj Normaniæ*; without any ſupporters.

In the 3d of Henry VI. being then in France with the duke of Bedford, the regent, he was elected knight of the garter at St. George's feaſt at Windſor. About 4 years after he was taken priſoner in France, and re-deemed; he married Emme, daughter of Sir Simon Whaleſburgh, probably of Whaleſburgh in Cornwall, and in the 30th of the aforeſaid king, with his wife, ſettled the manor of Wytlesford in Cambridgeſhire, on Robert and Hugh Tilney, and their heirs male, and was in high favour with king Henry VI. and his queen. On the arrival of the earls of March, Warwick, and Saliſbury, from Calais, and their entry into London on July 2, in the 38th of the ſaid king, he took poſſeſſion of, and ſecured the Tower of London, with other lords, for the king; but after the battle of Northampton, on the 9th of that month, wherein the king was taken, many in the tower ſurrendering themſelves,

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(*b*) Reg. March, in Cur. prerog: Cantuar.

ſelves, this lord endeavouring to make his eſcape, entered a wherry or boat, late in the evening, with 3 others, and rowing [c] towards Weſtminſter, to take ſanctuary, was deſcried by a woman, and the wherry men falling upon him, killed him and caſt him on land, [d] (as Stowe ſays) beſides St. Mary Overies.

Hall relates that on King Henry's entering into London after the aforeſaid battle, with the earl of March, &c. on July 16, the tower of London was delivered to the ſaid earl by compoſition, but the Lord Scales ſuſpecting the ſequel of the delivery, entered a wherry, privily intending to have fled to the queen, but was eſpied by diverſe watermen belonging to the earl of Warwick, who waited for his forthcoming on the Thames, ſuddenly taken, and ſhortly ſlain with many darts and daggers, and his body left all bloody and naked at the gate of the Clynke, which after was buried in the church adjoyning, (that is, as I take it, in St. Mary Overey's) in Surry: he is ſaid to have had a ſon Thomas, who died before him, ſo that he left a daughter and ſole heir, Elizabeth, then married, as is ſaid, to Sir Henry Bourchier, knight, 2d ſon of Henry Bouchier, earl of Eſſex, aged 24.

I have ſeen ſome writings that ſay he was killed on July the 24th, in the evening, being the vigil of St. James.

He left a ſon, Thomas, Lord Scales, who died, as I take it, a minor, as appears from the will of Anthony, Earl Rivers, who married his ſiſter and heir.

On the 27th of May, in the 2d of King Edward IV. I find the ſaid Elizabeth, to be the wife of Anthony Wodevile, ſon and heir of Richard Wodevile, Earl Rivers, lord treaſurer to that king, and father of Elizabeth his queen; and in February following was ſummoned to parliament by the title of Lord Scales.

In the ſaid year, he and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed by fine, to Simon Baxter, &c. in truſt, this manor, that of Scales How, of Barton Bendiſh, Reynham, Hillington, Wilton, Walton, Iſlington, Hickling, &c. with the advouſons of Hillington, Iſlyngton, and Rydon in Norfolk; Rewenhale, and Shaldeford manors in Eſſex; Wyrlington and Aſpale in Suffolk, with Newſels and Berkwey manors in Hertfordſhire, all which were of her inheritance; and it appears that the ſaid Anthony, then a knight, with his wife Elizabeth, preſented to the church of Rewenhale aforeſaid.

John Wodde, S.T.B. in 1461, who was inſtituted Auguſt 9, in the 5 of the ſaid king, we find to be a knight of the garter; and in his 6th year, he encountered with great honour and gallantry, both on horſeback and on foot, the baſtard of Burgoyne, [e] (as may be ſeen in our hiſtorians) in Weſt Smithfield, London.

In the 13 of the ſaid king, the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, died without iſſue: September 2, in his 15th year, he ſtyled himſelf Earl Rivers, lord of Scales and Nucels, and ſealed with a large broad ſeal, with 6 coats, quarterly; firſt,——argent, a feſs, canton, gules, Wodevile;——2d, gules, 6 eſcallops, argent, Lord Scales;——3d, † a lion rampant, - - - -;——4th, a ſun in its glory; quere, if not Saint Clere? ——5th, is obſcure, and ſeems to be per pale, indented;——6th, vairy, - - - - -, with an eſcutcheon of pretence, a griffin, ſegreant, probably in alluſion to the family of De Ripariis, or Rivers, earls of Devonſhire; the creſt an old man, with a prolix beard, in his right hand a broad ſword, held over his ſhoulder, with an open ſleeve gown, taſſelled;—ſupporters, a triton, half man in armour, and half fiſh, holding a broad ſword erect, and a wolf gorged and chained, the helmet on his creſt, as a baron; on the left ſide his name, ſigned by him as here,—Rivieres.

His 2d wife was Mary, ſole daughter and heir of Sir Henry Fitz-Lewes, of Thorndon in Eſſex, whom he ſurvived, and was to have married a third, Margaret, ſiſter to James III. King of Scotland.

In the 22d of Edward IV. John, biſhop of Rocheſter, and Sir Edward Wodevile his brother, were ſent ambaſſadors to Scotland to conclude it, but it was broke off by that king's death, on April 9, 1483, he being ſeized and arreſted by the duke of Glouceſter at Northampton, about the end of the ſaid month, coming to London with the young King Edward V. of whom he had the governance, and forthwith committed to the caſtle of Sheriff-Hutton, in Yorkſhire, where he made his laſt

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[c] Fuller's Worthies, fol. 340.

[d] Stow's Annals, and Hall's Chron.

[e] Hall, fol. 177.

† Quere, if not Felbrigg?

will, on June 23 following, the day before the cruel murder of the young king and his brother, in the tower of London, as Dugdale relates, which was to this purpoſe, as follows;

“ I, Anthony Wodevile, in the caſtle of Sheriff Hutton, bequeath all my lands
“ that were my father's, to my brother Sir Edward Wodevile, and his heirs male,
“ my heart to be buried (if I die ſouth of Trent) before our lady of Pewe, beſide
“ St. Stephen's college at Weſtminſter, alſo the lands that were my firſt wife's, the
“ Lady Scales, and Thomas, Lord Scales's, her brother, to my brother Sir Edward,
“ and his heirs male; [f] but he to whom it ſhould come, before he took poſſeſſion
“ thereof, to deduct 500 marks to be imployed for the ſouls of the ſaid lady
“ and her brother, and the ſouls of all the Scales's blood, &c. and to find a prieſt
“ for one year to pray for them, his own ſoul, and all Chriſtian ſouls, at our lady of
“ Pewe; and another prieſt to ſing at the chapel of the Rodes, in Greenwich, for
“ his own ſoul, and all chriſtian ſouls.”

He wills the manor of Tirington Hall, in this town, the hundred of Frebridge, the manor of Wolverton and advouſon, in Norfolk, with the manor of Rokeys in Berkwey, in Hertfordſhire, to be ſold, to make an hoſpital at Rocheſter, for 13 poor folk.

Directs his apparel for his body to be ſold, with his horſe-harneſs, &c. and with the money thereof, ſhirts and ſmocks to be bought for poor folks.

Appoints the Lady Willoughby, late wife of of Sir Jervace Clifton, William Tunſtall, Robert Poynts, Richard Hawte, William Cateſby, Andrew Dimock, overſeers of his will; but it does not appear that it was proved.

Soon after the date of this will, he was carried to Pomfret caſtle in Yorkſhire, and was there brought on a ſcaffold by Sir Richard Ratcliff, (one of the duke of Glouceſter's chief confidents) and not ſuffered to ſpeak any thing in vindication of himſelf, Sir Richard telling the people he was a traytor.

I find this Sir Edward his brother, in his laſt will, dated February 20, 1490, and proved March 23 in the ſaid year, to ſtyle himſelf Earl Rivers, and gives his body to be buried in the abby of St. James at Northampton.

He left no children by his 2 wives, but by a beloved miſtreſs called Gwentlian, only daughter of Sir William Stradling, 3d ſon of Sir William Stradling of Glamorganſhire, in Wales, and Iſabel his wife, he had a daughter Margaret, who married Sir Robert Poynts, of Acton-Iron in Glouceſterſhire.

Hall ſays he was beheaded at Pomfret, with the Lord Richard Grey, (the queen's ſon by her firſt huſband) Sir Thomas Vaughan, and Sir Richard Haute, (the ſame day the Lord Haſtings was beheaded in the tower) and their bodies were buried naked in the monaſtery there.

[g] Dugdale ſays that in the 2d of Richard III. John, duke of Norfolk, had a grant of this lordſhip, and ſoon after (on the death of Richard) was forfeited; this grant was dated February 1, *ao.* 2 Richard III.

On the acceſſion of King Henry VII. Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Howard, wife of John de Vere, earl of Oxford, was found one of the heirs of Elizabeth, late Lady Scales, abovementioned, as great grand daughter of Margaret Scales, daughter of Robert Lord Scales, wife of Sir Robert Howard, and ſiſter of Roger, Lord Scales. The other heir was Sir William Tyndal, knighted on the creation of Arthur, prince of Wales, deſcended from Elizabeth Scales, ſiſter of the aforeſaid Margaret, which Elizabeth married Sir Roger Felbrigg, and had Sir Simon Felbrigg, whoſe daughter and heir Alana, married Sir William Tyndal, grandfather to Sir William abovementioned.

On a diviſion of the Scales's eſtate, this townſhip was aſſigned to the family of the earls of Oxford; and John de Vere, earl of Oxford, ſon of the abovementioned Elizabeth, was lord of this manor, and dying without iſſue, it deſcended to his nephew, John de Vere, earl of Oxford, ſon of his brother Sir George de Vere; and on the death of the ſaid John, his eſtate was divided amongſt his 3 ſiſters and coheirs.

Dorothy,

(f) Reg. Mills in Cur. Prerog. fol. 40. & 44.

(g) By this grant he had 15 lordſhips late the Scales's.

Dorothy, who married John Nevill, Lord Latimer, and Elizabeth, who married Sir Anthony Wingfeld, of Letheringham in Suffolk, knight of the garter, vice-chamberlain, &c. to King Henry VIII. had each a moiety of this lordſhip.

John Lord Latimer, ſon of John Lord Latimer, by Dorothy, had livery of his part or moiety, in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth, who dying in 1577, his eſtate was divided amongſt his 4 daughters and coheirs; and his right in this town came to Sir Thomas Cecil, afterwards earl of Exeter, by the marriage of Dorothy, one of the ſaid 4 daughters and coheirs, who purchaſed alſo the Wingfeld part or moiety, and ſold the whole to Sir Thomas Holland, by a licenſe for ſo doing, (it being held in *capite*) on January 1, 19 James I.

In 1635, Sir John Heveningham is ſaid to be lord.

In 1649, Sir William Paſton, baronet, was lord, and paid caſtleward to Dover caſtle, for the manor of Middleton.

Richard Berney, Eſq; died lord in 1699, and this manor was ordered by a decree in chancery, to be ſold (1709) to pay his debts, being mortgaged by him to Mrs. Martell.

Iſaac le Heup, Eſq; was lord, and on his death it came to his two daughters and coheirs, by his wife, ——, daughter and coheir of Peter Lombard, Eſq; Queen Ann's taylor.

Mary, one of them, married Sir Edward Williams, baronet, of Wales; the other, Elizabeth, to Lloyd, Eſq; of Epping in Eſſex.

Sir Edward was lord of this manor in her right, and ſold it to Vice Admiral Savage Moſtyn, Eſq; and dying in 1757, left it to Sir Roger Moſtyn, baronet, his nephew, who now enjoys it.

[*b*] At the ſurvey, Alan, earl of Richmond, had a lordſhip, which Ralph the earl of Norfolk had, and Ribald poſſeſſed it under Alan: it conſiſted of two carucates of land, 3 villains, one acre of meadow, and 3 borderers, with 2 carucates, 18 acres of meadow, and a fiſhery valued at 20*s*.

In the reign of Henry III. John de Longeville and his tenants, held here and in Hardwick, half a fee of the honour of Richmond; and in the 8 of Edward I. Hugh Verly died ſeiſed of land held of the ſaid honour.

In the 30th of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between John de Longvile and Margaret his wife, querents, and Nicholas de Wurtley, deforcients, of this fee, and of the manor of Overton Longvile, in Huntingdonſhire, the moiety of the manor of Coln in Bedfordſhire, &c. granted to John, probably on his marriage ſettlement; but in the 20 of Edward III. Margery de Saltmarch held this half fee; and in the 35 of Henry VI. George, Lord Latimer, held it of Edmund, earl of Richmond, which is the laſt account I find of it.

BURY-ABBY MANOR.

THIS abbot had alſo a ſmall lordſhip. Richard held at the ſurvey, of the abbot, a carucate which the abbey was poſſeſſed of in the [*i*] Confeſſor's time, to which there beloned 3 villains, 2 borderers, and one ſervus, a carucate in demean, 20 acres of meadow, 2 ſalt pits, &c. and a ſocman with 5 acres, valued at 20*s*.

It appears that John de Haſtings held lands here in Edward I's. time, belonging to the manor of [*k*] Giſſing, in Norfolk, for which he paid caſtle-guard to Bury abby.

In an extent of the lands of the ſaid manor, made in the 2d of Edward III. John Wood of Middleton, was found to hold theſe lands, by the ſervice of half a fee, of the ſaid manor, and 23*d*. *ob*. *per ann*. caſtle-guard; and in the evidences of Sir Robert Kemp, of the manor of Giſſing, by an indenture, dated in the 2d of Richard

(*b*) Terr. Alani Comitis——In Midletuna tenet Ribald. ii car. t're. tenuit Radulf. ſemp. iii vill. 7 i pr ac. 7 iii bord. ſemp. ii car. 7 xviii ac. p'ti. tnc. i piſc. 7 val. xx ſol.

(*i*) Terra abbatis de Sco. Eadmundo——In Mideltuna tenet Ricuard. de Abbe i car. t're qua'. tenuit S. E t. r. e. iii vill. 7 ii bor. i ſer. i car. in d'nio. xx ac. p'ti. ii ſal. iii vac. xxiiii ov. iiii porc. i ſoc. de v ac. val. xx ſol.

(*k*) Reg. Pinchbeck, abb. Bur.

chard II. between Thomas Gardiner of Giſsing, and John de Middleton, it appears that John bought theſe lands of John, ſon of William At the Wood, of Middleton, to be held of Giſsing manor, by the 3d part of a fee, and 23*d.* *ob.* rent; and John Middleton held it in the 19 of the ſaid king. In the 18 of Edward II. the heir of Hugh de Haſtings, held of John de Haſtings, Lord Abergavenny, the ſame lands; and in the 23 of Edward III. Roger le Strange held the 3d part of the manor and advouſon of Middleton, with the reverſion of 2 parts, after the death of Maud, widow of Roger his father; and before this, in the 20 of the ſaid king, John Attewood was found to hold the 3d part of a fee here, of Ralph de Haſtings, of the fee of St. Edmund, which John, ſon of Walter Attewalter, formerly held.

In the 40 of the ſaid king, there was a precept to diſtrain Robert, vicar of the church of Midleton, for his homage for a tenement, and land purchaſed of the manor of Woodhouſe in Midleton; and in the 15 of Richard II. Sir John Le Strange, ſon of Roger, and Alice his wife, were found to hold the manor and advouſon by knight's ſervice.

CASTLE-HALL MANOR.

BESIDES the manors abovementioned, William de Scohies had two lordſhips [*l*] here, beſtowed on him by the Conqueror; one of which was held as a manor by Turchill, in the Confeſſor's time, conſiſting of 2 carucates of land, with 4 villains, 6 borderers, and 4 ſervi, 30 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, one amongſt the tenants in the Confeſſor's time, afterwards half a one, a mill, a fiſhery, 8 ſaltpits, valued at 5*l.* before the conqueſt, but after at 7*l.* *per ann.*

Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, appears to be lord of a part of this town ſoon after the conqueſt, and gave the tithes of 2 parts of his demeans, to the priory of Norwich, and to Notley abby, which was confirmed by William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich, and came to the family of the earls of Clare, (as tis ſaid) by his daughter and heir.

It is certain it came to the earls of Clare, and continued not long with Scohies, and conſtitute the manor called Caſtlehall, in Midleton, which was held of the ſaid earls.

Thomas de Wramplingham was found, together with Maud de Rokeland, and Henry Carbonel, to hold here and in Rungton, &c. one fee of the earl of Glouceſter and Clare, in the reign of Henry III. and Thomas de Warblington held the ſame.

In the 9 of Edward II. John Warblington, ſon of Thomas Warblington, and Margaret his wife, died ſeiſed of Caſtle-Hall, and Thomas was his ſon and heir. Oliver de Boun and Margaret his wife, John de Briſton, &c. held this fee in the in the 20 of Edward III.

After this, it was in the family of Scales, and Roger, Lord Scales, died ſeiſed of it in the 10 of Richard II.

Ralph, earl of Weſtmorland, let to Laurence Truſſebut, Eſq; William Lampet and John Ilketſale, the manors of Scales Hall, and Caſtle-Hall, the manors of Reynham, Scales How, Iſlington, a water mill called Erles mill, by Lynn, the 3d part of the manor of Haſlynfeld, with all the appertenances late Joan, Lady Scales's, then in the hands of the ſaid Ralph, on account of the minority of Robert, ſon of Rob. Lord Scales, from the time of the death of the ſaid Joan, till Rob. ſon of Rob. came of age, paying yearly to the ſaid earl, in the church of St. Paul's, London, the ſum of 100*l.* *per ann.* on the feaſts of Eaſter, St. John Baptiſt, St. Michael, and the Nativity of our Lord, by deed, dated May 10, in the 3d year of Henry V.

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(*l*) Terr. Willi. de Scohies———Mideltuna tenuit Turchill. p. man 7 p. ii car. t're mo. W. in d'nio. ſep, iiii vill. 7 vi bor. 7 iiii ſer. xxx ac. p'ti. ii car. in d'nio. tc. i car. hom. mo. dim. i mol. i piſc. viii ſal. ſep. i runc. tc. ii vac. tc. xvi por. mo. x tc. lxxx ov. mo. lxx tc. val. ſol. mo. vii lib.

The other lordſhip of Schohies conſiſted of 6 free-men, who held one carucate of land, [*m*] valued at 24*s.* 8*d.* Stigand the arch-biſhop of Canterbury had the ſoc of two of theſe, and it was delivered to Rafrid for one carucate of land.

It is probably this alſo was included and joined to the other lordſhip, and ſo both made up the lordſhip of Caſtle-Hall.

TYRRINGTON-HALL.

WHEN an aid was granted on the marriage of King Henry III's. ſiſter to the emperor, 1233, Thomas, ſon of Godard, held the 3d part of a fee in Middleton, of the lord Bardolf's manor of North Rungton, (as I take it) extending into this town, and in the 38th of that king, William, lord Bardolf, had a charter for free-warren here, *&c.* in the reign of Edward III. Sir John Howard was found to have the reverſion of this manor, late William Tirrington's, held in ſoccage of the honor of Wrongey.

In the 14th of Henry IV. John Prentice was found to dye ſeiſed of part of it; after this it was poſſeſſed by William Godered, Eſq; made ſerjeant at law in 1425, one of the judges of the king's bench in 1434, (from whom deſcended Guibon Goddard, Eſq; ſerjeant at law in 1669, a worthy antiquary) and this judge, a little before his death, ſold this manor to Thomas, lord Scales, and ſo was united to Middleton-hall.

Catherine, his widow, by her will, [*n*] proved Auguſt 8, 1464, bequeaths her body to be buried in the ſouth iſle of the church of Midyltone, gives legacies to Thomas Shuldham, her brother, and his wife Margaret, and to John Shuldham and Iſabel his wife, to Thomas Shuldham, junior, 5*l.* to Hugh Shuldham, 20*l.* and to Edward Shuldham, 13*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to Thomas, ſon of Thomas Fincham, 20*s.* mentions her three huſbands, *viz.* William Bawde, Ralph Medylton, and William Goodered; this Catherine was a daughter of ------- Shouldham of Marham, in Norfolk, where are to be ſeen her arms, that of Baud, &c. in the church.

William de Albiney, [*o*] Earl of Suſſex, had alſo half a fee in this town, and enfeoffed in the reign of Henry II. Hoel de Middleton therein, this afterwards came to the Scales's, and Robert de Scales and his tenants were found to hold it of Robert, Lord Montalt, of his caſtle of Riſing, in the time of Henry III. and of Edward I. with his wife Iſabel, of the feofment of Richard Weyland and Joan his wife, by the fourth part of a fee.

John de Somery, who married a ſiſter and co-heir of the laſt earl of Arundel, gave this lordſhip to John L'Eſtrange and Alianore his wife, daughter of John lord Somery, and it was in the family of L'Eſtrange in the reign of Edward II. and III.

In this town the lords Scales had their ſeat, part of which is ſtill remaining, the gate-houſe, or tower. It ſeems to have been the entrance into a court, or quadrangle, which was moated in; this tower is built of brick, about 18 yards in height, and with turrets, &c. about 17 yards long, and 9 in breadth; over the arch is the ſhield of Scales, and was probably built by Thomas, lord Scales, in the reign of Henry VI. and the inſide of it is much decayed; the area, or court within, is about 84 paces long, and 46 broad.

In this town is alſo an high mount, grown over with buſhes, which ſeems to have been ſome place of ſtength and moment in ancient days.

The tenths of this town were 7*l.* and deducted 2*l.* 10*s.*

The church of Middleton is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and is a regular pile, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel, the nave, north and ſouth iſles are covered with lead, and the chancel with reed, and has a ſquare tower with one bell.

In the windows of the north iſle theſe arms are on painted glaſs,—gules, 6 eſcallops, argent, lord Scales;—quarterly, gules and or, in the 1ſt quarter a mullet,

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(*m*) Terr. Willi. de Scohies ——In Mideltuna tenet W. in d. vi. lib. hoes de i car. tre. ſep. i car. ſilv. c porc. val. xxiiii. ſol. 7 viiid. de ii h. habuit Stigand. ſocam. 7 fuit lib'ata Rafrido p. car. tre.

(*n*) Reg. Broſyard, Norw. fol. 328.

(*o*) Lib. Rub. Sccij.

argent, Vere, earl of Oxford; and bendy of 6 pieces, argent and gules, a bordure ſable, bezanty, or; argent, 3 bendlets gules, &c. Bodringham, as I take it.

In a window here was,—*Orate p. aiab;* xxxxxxxx *Blome et Emme uxor. ej. et benefactor. ſuor. vivor. et mortuor.*

In the ſouth iſle windows, gules, 3 chevronels, argent,—Baud of Eſſex, one of the huſbands of Catherine Goderede above mentioned, to be buried in this iſle,—azure, 3 maſcles, argent, ------ —impaling azure, an eagle diſplaid, or, beaked and membered, gules, Shouldham, and azure, 3 cinqfoils, argent, Fitton, impaling Shouldham.

On the pavement at the eaſt end of this iſle lyes a marble graveſtone, with the arms of Pierſon, p. feſs embattled, gules and azure, 3 ſuns, 2 and 1, or, *(In memory of Tho. Pierſon, Eſq; &c. who died 17--,)* impaling a chevron, ermin, between 3 cinqfoils, or roſes.

Within the rails of the communion table, on the pavement, lies a marble graveſtone, *In memory of Robert Barker, M. D. who died April* 3, 1717, *aged* 53, with this ſhield, barry of 8, or and ſable, over all a bend, gules; adjoyning one, *In memory of Thomas Barker of Wickham Market, in Suffolk, Gent: who died May* 19, 1703, *aged* 36.—A grave-ſtone, *In memory of James Everard, A. M. vicar of this pariſh, who died May* 29, 1722, *aged* 50.

The great eaſt window of the chancel is ornamented with eſcallops: Weaver has the pourtraiture of Sir Robert Howard, who married Margaret, daughter of lord Scales, in a window of this church, but now demoliſhed; probably the builder of this church was a lord Scales.

In this church was the guild of St. Thomas.

The church was a rectory valued at 8 marks, but appropriated to the priory of Blackburg, by John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich, in the reign of king Richard I. on the calends of May 1191, and is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

The vicarage was valued then at 4 marks.—Peter-pence 12*d.* the prior of Norwich had a pention valued at 20*d. per ann.* and the abbot of Nutley one, valued at two marks and an half *per ann.* theſe 2 portions conſiſted of 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of Walter Giffard, Earl of Bucks, granted by him, and confirmed by William, biſhop of Norwich.——*Regiſt.* 4 *Eccles. Cath. Norwic. fol.* 50.

VICARS.

Simon occurs vicar, *A°.* 52, of Henry III.

1312, Rowland de Ryſing, preſented by the convent of Blackburgh.——1339, John Leſſe, ditto.——1361, Robert Benet.

1406, John Phelip.——1417, John Copeman.—— ----, William Ibbe.——1442, John Smith.——1449, William Andrew.——1450, John Kyllom.—— ----, John Randolf.——1459, John Wellys, *L. L. B*:——1470, Robert Robardſon.—— ----, John Smith.——1481, William Feltham.——Robert Bennet occurs in 1490.

----, Sim. Cook.—— ----, Thomas Sillet.

Robert Key occurs in 1609.——1610, Michael Calvert, by the king——William Huſecroft in 1610, preſented by the king; he gave a ſilver gilt flagon in 1635.——1657, Abraham Whelock, died vicar.——Samuel Foſter on Whelock's death.—— ----, James Everard.——1722, Henry Fiſh, on Everard's death, by John Horn, clerk.——1737, Cuthbert Sewell, by Iſaac Leheup, Eſq;——1758, John Dowſing, by Mrs. Elizabeth Lloyd.

The preſent valor of the vicarage is 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged of tenths, &c.

On the diſſolution of Blackburgh priory, the appropriated rectory, with the patronage of the vicarage, came to the crown, and were granted July 28, in the 9th of James I. to Franc. Morris, and Franc. Phelps, and conveyed by them on December 18, following, to Sir Henry Spelman; who, on his founding a Saxon lecture in Cambridge, conferred that office on Mr. Abraham Whelock, a perſon well ſkilled in that tongue, and for endowment ſettled on him and his ſucceſſors, a ſufficient yearly ſtipend, with preſentation to the benefice of this church of Middleton.

On the death of Whelock in 1657, the diſpoſal of the lecture fell to Roger Spelman, Eſq; ſon of Sir John, ſon of the founder, who deſigned to beſtow it on Mr. Samuel Foſter, a learned and worthy divine, but arch-biſhop Uſher recommended Mr. Somner to the patron, deſiring that he would confer on him the pecuniary ſtipend, to enable him to proſecute a Saxon Dictionary, which would more improve that tongue, than a bare academick lecture. The patron complying with this advice, preſented Somner to the annual ſalary of that lecture. But Somner, out of tenderneſs, would not accept it, without the free conſent of Mr. Foſter, who complied, and being content with this vicarage, left the annual ſalary to Somner.

Elizabeth Wilton gave 40*s.* towards a ſilver gilt cup to the church.—Mary Griſton 10*s.* towards a cover.—A ſilver plate given by Dr. Robert Barker in 1704, and a ſilver gilt one by him in 1717.

BLACKBURGH-PRIORY.

SIR Roger de Scales and Muriel his wife, who lived in the time of King Stephen, and Henry II. were the founders of it, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Catherine, in a low, fenny ground, called Shiplade, or Blackburgh.—Religious of both ſexes lived here, under the government of Hayms Wauter and Maud his mother, but Robert, ſon of Roger de Scales aforeſaid, before the year 1200, ſettled it on nuns of the order of St. Bennet.

The founder endowed it with a marſh, arable lands, and a heath 80 perches broad, and long from the bounds of Wirmegay to the plow land of Middleton, 20 acres in Blackburgh, and the plow land of Helegh, 11 perches breadth in the wood, 28 acres lying eaſt of Helegh, and 13 weſt of Helegh, and foldſocken in all the fields of Middleton, the homage of Ednoth, wife, and children, and Sandyaknoll, 4 acres and ½ of meadow in Haleth, and the land which belonged to him in Sengeberghe and Heleth, next Lizecroft, one acre, 2 acres of meadow in Clanell, 12*d.* yearly rent of his brother William, all that belonged to him in Lodſtoches and Lanſey, 7 perches broad in the whole length, 12*d. per ann.* rent of his own gift, out of the mill of Wirdlington, and the church of Iſlington;—witneſſes, Sir John Bardolf, lord of Wrungey, Sir John Tilney, Sir William de Dunton, Sir Robert de Cauſton, William Durant, &c.

Sir Robert de Scales gave the church of Rainham St. Martin, appropriated to it by Walter, biſhop of Norwich, in 1257.

William, ſon of Geffrey, of Bycham *Parva*, and Richard his brother, and Martin, ſon of Roger, of the ſaid town, and William his brother, gave to this priory the advouſon of the church of Bycham *Parva*, with the appertenances;—witneſſes, Mr. Robert de Bilney, official of Norwich, Sir Ralph de Gatley, Sir Eudo Arſick, Sir Frare de Caprevill, Sir William Lovell of Barton, Thomas de Gately, Sir Geffrey de Briſley, Adam, parſon of Gatley, Richard St. Germain.

Emma de Bellofago, or Beauſoe, gave 400 eels yearly out of her fiſhery at Wilton, for the ſoul of Iſabella Freville, and her own ſoul, at the beginning of Lent, 9 ſticks in the pool called Lodwere, and 7 ſticks in her part of Anwere: this Emma was one of the daughters and co-heirs of Fulk de Beauſoe, lord of Wilton in King John's time; Margery, her ſiſter, was married to Robert de Scales.

The prioreſs was found to hold lands in Watlington, Foſton, Seche, Hardwick and Wallington, of the lord Bardolf, in the 3d of Edward III.

Robert de Scales gave a rent in Middleton to find a light before the altar of St. Mary Magdalen in the priory church.

------ Le Syre granted a rent in Eaſt Winch, to find a lamp burning in the church of St. Catherine of Blackburgh, before the image of St. John the Evangeliſt; here was alſo the altar of St. John Baptiſt. Robert, lord Scales, gave the church of Iſlington, appropriated about the 20th of Edward III.

King Henry III. in his 28th year, granted a fair to be held here on the vigil, day, and day after the feaſt of St. Catherine: I find it held November 24, in the 4th year of King Edward IV. and in the reign of Queen Mary, when the profits were valued at 20*d.*

PRIORESSES.

Avelina, *ſans date*.

Margaret occurs prioreſs in the 6th and 12th of Henry III. as appears by a fine then levied.

Catherine de Scales occurs in 1238.——Mary de London occurs in 1259, and 1265.

April 27, 1304, Ida de Middleton, admitted prioreſs.——July 24, 1310, Catherine de Fitton.——Lettice occurs prioreſs in 1332.——November 17, 1342, Winneſia de Boyton, on the death of Lettice.——September 10, 1349, Iſabella de Stanton.——April 20, 1352, Iſabella de Hynton.——October 17, 1384, Matilda de Dunton, on Hinton's reſignation.——October 21, 1389, Mary de Derſingham, on Dunton's reſignation; ſhe occurs in 1410.

Elizabeth Beaupre occurs in 1428.——September 1, 1434, Alice Erle.——April 17, 1480, Margery Gaiton.——Matilda de Lupe occurs in 1482.

Margery Fincham occurs in 1517.

Elizabeth Dawney occurs in 1532, and on its diſſolution, when it was valued, according to Dugdale, at 42*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* *ob.* according to Speed at 76*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* *ob.*

Here were a prioreſs and 10 nuns.

On the 19th of June, in the 4th of Edward VI. the ſcite of this diſſolved priory, the manor of Blackburgh, and the fair, were granted by the king to Thomas Thirlby, biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, on the payment of 1*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* *per ann.* into the court of augmentation, and is now held by leaſe of the ſee of Norwich. It appears from an audit-roll of Dr. John Hopton, biſhop in the 3d and 4th of Queen Mary, that the rent of the free tenants amounted to 24*s* and 2*d.* *per ann.* the cuſtomary tenants 2*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* and the profits of the fair 20*d.*

In Sir Henry Spilman's Hiſtory of Sacrilege, an account may be ſeen of many troubles attending the poſſeſſors of it, the ſaid gentleman had the leidger book of this priory, and concealed lands in Middleton, Sechy, Weſt Winch, &c. belonging to it, were granted November 28, in the 19th of Elizabeth, to Edmund Grimſton, &c. there is nothing now remaining, except a part of it turned into a dove-houſe.

Biſhop Schambler let it to Queen Elizabeth in 1588, at 11*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* for 80 years.

The temporalities of Carhow priory here, in 1428, were 6*d.*—Spiritualities of Butley priory, 2 marks and a half.

† WEST-NEWTON.

Wrote Nivetuna in the grand ſurvey, that is a Tuna, or Town, nigh to a water, or river, (as this is) and not as ſome may conceive from its new ſcite, or erection.

IT was a beruite to the manor of Sneteſham, and held by the arch-biſhop Stigand in the Confeſſor's time, in his own right, (*a*) who being in arms againſt the Conqueror, he ſeized on it, and gave it to Odo, biſhop of Baieux in France, his brother in law, lord at the ſurvey; when it conſiſted of one carucate and an half held by 6 villains, 3 borderers, 2 ſervi, and 2 carucates in demean; 2 alſo amongſt the tenants, with 20 acres of meadow; and 2 ſocmen held 16 acres of land and half a carucate, one runcus, and 7 ſheep.

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† Thus Newton by Caſtleacre, Newton in Cambridgeſhire, and Newenham adjoyning to, and a hamlet of Cambridge, (this village is called in old deeds, alſo, at times, Fullyng Newton) thus Newington, that is a town by watry meadows, and Newland in Gloucelterſhire, &c.

(*a*) Terre Epi. Baiocenſis.——Jacet etiam i beruita Niuetuna i car. 7 dim. 7 vi vill. 7 iii bord. 7 ii ſer. 7 ii car. in dnio. ſemp. ii car. hom. 7 xx ac pti. 7 ii ſoc. xvi ac. tre. 7 dim. car. ſemp i r. 7 vii. ov.

Odo, rebelling, as has been obſerved, againſt King William II. was deprived of it, and it was granted by that king to William de Albini, anceſtor to the earls of Suſſex, &c. by whom the family of Aungerville was enfeoffed in this manor.

Sir Benedict de Aungerville was lord in the reign of Henry II. he had 3 daughters and co-heirs, one married to William de Snetterton, *alias* de Bukenham, the ſecond to Hugh de Bellofago, or Beaufo, and the third, Suſan, to Sir Andrew de Sherneburn, who dying without iſſue, this townſhip was divided between Bukenham and Beaufo, and ſo became two lordſhips.

BUKENHAM MANOR.

WILLIAM de Snetterton, or Bukenham, was ſucceeded by Hugh, his ſon, who married Alice, daughter and co-heir of Ralph de Somerton and Suſan his wife, ſiſter and co-heir of Goſceline de Lodnes; and had † Ralph de Bukenham his ſon and heir, who was lord in the 41ſt of Henry III. Hugh de Bukenham ſucceeded, who kept his court here on the vigil of St. Catherine in the 16th of Edward I. 1287, and married Margaret, daughter of Miles le Parker, and held one fee in this town.

In 1292, Sir William le Parker kept a court as guardian to Hugh, ſon and heir of Hugh; and in 1297, Hugh de Bukenham kept his court, and in the 28th of that king, by the name of Sir Hugh de Sniterton, as appears from the old roll that I have ſeen.

In the 9th of Edward II. Hugh was returned as lord of this town, and had free-warren, and in this family it continued, Hugh Bokenham ſettling it on Emma his wife, by his laſt will in 1462. After this it was in the Copledikes, (as in Appleton) then in the Cokets, who conveyed it to Conynſby, and in the 4th of Elizabeth, Humphrey Coninſby was lord. After this it came to Clement Paſton, Eſq; and after to the Hoſtes, and from them by a daughter, as in Sandringham, to Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq;

BEAUFO'S, OR RIVETT'S.

HUGH de Bellofago, or Beaufo, gave name to this lordſhip, whoſe deſcendent, Sir Nicholas, was lord in the 9th of Edward II. and left two daughters and co-heirs; Amicia, who married Thomas de Berdewelle, lord of a manor in Weſt Herling, in her right, and Alice, married to John Rivet of Freton in Norfolk; and in the 5th of Edward III. [b] a fine was levied between John Rivet and Alice his wife, and Thomas de Berdewell and Amicia his wife; wherein 19 meſſuages, ſeveral great parcels of land here, in Appleton, Sandringham, Wulferton, Babingley, &c. were conveyed to, and ſettled on Alice.

After this, it was in the Bertrams, of Saxlingham, by Holt; and John Bertram, by his will dated July 15, 1462, [c] deviſed it to be ſold, after the deceaſe of his daughters, Mary, and Ann; who were to have each of them 40*s.* *per ann.* out of it for life.

Some time after it was poſſeſſed by the Cobbs of Sandringham.

Jeffrey Cobb, Eſq; had livery of it in the 20th of Elizabeth, and after him William Cobbe, Eſq; It was ſold by the Cobbes, to judge Atkins, and by him to the Hoſts, as in Sandringham, and ſo came to Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq;

The town was taxed for tenths, &c. at 2*l.* 9*s.*

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† This Ralph gave to Buckenh. priory, the advouſon of this church in the 41ſt of Hen. I.

(*b*) Fin. div. Comit. L. 1. N. 102.

(*c*) Reg. Bruſyerd in Offic. Norwic.

The church of Newton is dedicated to St. Peter, and St. Paul, and is a rectory valued in the king's books at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt-fruits, &c. and was charged antiently for Peter-pence 5*d. per ann.* the rectory at 5 marks.

Benedict de Aungervile gave the advouſon of it to the priory of Windham, with the conſent of his wife, [*d*] and it was confirmed by the earl of Arundel, or Suſſex, lord of the fee; but there being a diſpute relating to it, in the 41ſt of Henry III. a fine was then levied between Ralph de Bukenham, and Sir Hugh de Beaufo, by which it was confirmed to the ſaid priory; and ſo continued to the diſſolution, when it came to the crown, and ſo remains.

RECTORS.

1328, Robert Gatte, by the prior, &c. of Wymondham.——1343, William de Southrepps, (an exchange for St. Bartholomew, in Norwich) ditto.——1349, John de King's Ripton, ditto, to Newton vic. by Riſing.——1359, John Myles, ditto.——1380, Thomas Montemor, ditto.—— ----, John North.

1410, Thomas Cordwainer, ditto, an exchange for Aldham.——1417, Simon Salle, ditto, exchange for Condenham.——1417, Richard Teler, ditto.——1438, William Wright, ditto.——1438, John Palmer, ditto.——1466, John Denys, ditto.——1480, William Watton, ditto.

1509, Robert Hill, ditto.——1512, Thomas Baxter.——1558, John Pateſon, by Edmund Southouſe, aſſignee of the prior and convent.——1564, Edmund Bircham, by William Roberts of Cranbrook, in Kent.——1595, Robert Feilden, by the queen.

1608, James Webſter, ditto.——1636, Hieronymus Spilman, by the king.——1651, William Knapp.——1667, Edmund Hamond, by the king.——1689, Steph. Beaumont, by the king and queen.

1705, Thomas Gill, by the queen.——1729, Samuel Kerrich, by the king.——1731, Franc. Seward, ditto.——1732, James Sharp, ditto.

Thomas Cocket of Brunſthorp, Eſq; buried here January 29, 1606, and Mrs. Anne Cocket, late wife of the ſaid Thomas, July 17, 1615.

In this church was the guild of the Holy Trinity, that of St. Peter, and that of St. John.

PENTNEY,

MANOR, and PRIORY.

IS a village, pent in, or ſurrounded with water, held by Hagan in the Confeſſor's time, but on the conqueſt was beſtowed on Roger Bigod, who was the firſt of that great family (afterwards Earls of Norfolk) who ſettled in England, and was a Norman Earl, (moſt probably) taking place next to William, Earl Warren, and before thoſe biſhops, &c. who held lordſhips in this county, as appears from the ſurvey; for the ſervices he performed at the conqueſt, he was highly rewarded with ſeveral lordſhips in Eſſex, &c. with 117 in Suffolk, and with theſe following in Norfolk.

Thetford, [*a*] where he founded a famous abby, and dying in 1107, was buried there.—Pentney, Eaſt Walton, Thorp, Flitcham, Eaſt Winch, Appleton, Grimſton, and Maſſingham, in Freebridge Hundred.——Ringſtead, Hunſtanton, in Smethden hundred: and Tichwell, in Docking hundred.—Mundford, Sturſton, Linford, and Stanford, in Grimſhoe hundred.—Watton, Totington, Girſton, Breccles, Saham, and Tomeſton, in Weyland hundred.—Hockham, Norton, Shropham, Wilby, Beſthorp, Rockland, Banham, and Bretenham, in Shropham hundred.

(*d*) Reg. Windham priory, fol. 41. 90, &c.

(*a*) Lib. Domeſd.

hundred.—Lopham *Magna*, and *Parva*, Snareſhill, and Quidenham, in Gilcroſs hundred.—Repps, Rolleſby, Sutton, Oby, Clipſby, Thurn, Burgh, Billockby, Baſtwick, Somerton, and Winterton, in Flegg Weſt hundred.—Shoteſham, South Birlingham, Stoke, Surlingham, Bramerton, Saxlingham, Kirby, Framingham, Trowſe, Rockland, Sithing, Bixley, Poringland, Wicklingham, Holveſton, and Ailverton, in Heinſtede hundred.—Shimpling, Giſſing, and Oſmundſton, in Diſs hundred.—Mundham, Claxton, Watton, Norton, Aſhby, Sething, Thurſton, Carlton, Pirenhou, Beddingham, and Appleton, in Lothing hundred, or Clavering.—Wiſſingſet, in Launditch hundred.—Yaxham, and Thuxton, in Mitford hundred.—Creak, in Gallow hundred.—Burnham, Deepdale, and Reinham, in Brodercroſs hundred.——Elingham, in Fourhou hundred.——Narburgh, in South Greenhow hundred.——Wood-Dalling, and Gaerveley, in North Greenhow hundred.—Hunworth, Runcton, Aleby, Alburgh, Thurgarton, Calthorp, Catfield, Statham, Horſey, Brunſted, Hameton, Suſtede, Aylmerton, Felbrigg, Greſham, Barningham, Metton, Ruſton, Suffield, Antingham, Shipden, and Beckam, in North Erpingham hundred.—Thrigby, Filby, Runham, Neſſe, in Eaſt Flegg hundred.—Hethel, Ketwick, Keteringham, Carlton, Flordon, Newton, Swerdeſton, Braconaſh, Dunſton, Mulbarton, Cringleford, Nelond, Manegreen, Wreningham *Magna* and *Parva*, Colney, and Rainſthorp, in Humble-Yard hundred.—Fornſet, Tanaton, Aſlacton, Hadeſton, Hemenhale, Tibenham, Moulton, Shelton, Hardwick, Stratton, Fritton, Hekelington, Hales, Wacton, Taſburgh, Hapton, Tacolnſton, Fundenhale, and Tharſton, in Depwade hundred.—Hadſco, Heckingham, Norton, Ravingham, Hedingham, and Thurſton, in Clavering hundred.—Marſham, in Holt hundred.—Starſton, in Earſham hundred.—Aldby, Burgh, Erpingham, Thorp, and Wickmere, in South Erpingham hundred.—Felmingham, Suffield, and Smalburgh, in Tunſted hundred.—Palling, Waxham, Stalham, Brunſted, and Horſey, in Happing hundred.——Walington, Bexwell, Downham, Stradſet, and Bycham, in Clackloſe hundred.

In the time of the Confeſſor, as I have obſerved, † Hagane was lord of this town or manor, and ejected; and Robert de Vallibus, or Vaux, was infeoffed herein, by Roger Bigot, and held it of him; [*b*] 11 villains, 14 borderers, 6 ſervi, then belonged to it; there were 3 carucates in demean, and 3 amongſt the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 3 mills, the third part of a ſaltwork, and Eaſt Waltune was a beruite belonging to it; it was worth, in King Edward's time, 5*l*. *per ann.* at the ſurvey 7*l*. the whole was 5 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 8*d*. gelt, two churches endowed with 30 acres, one here, the other (as I take it) at Walton, valued at 2*s*. 8*d*. *per ann.* that is the 30 acres of glebe.

Robert de Vallibus, who held this of Bigot, had two elder brothers, who alſo ſettled in England after the Norman conqueſt; Hubert the eldeſt had the whole barony of Gilleſland in Cumberland, granted to him by Ranulph de Meſchines, on whom William the 1ſt had beſtowed that whole county; Ranulph de Vaux had alſo certain lordſhips in the ſaid county, and Robert the barony of Dalſton.

This Robert founded the priory here for the ſouls of Agnes his wife, and their children, dedicated to the honor of the Holy Trinity, the bleſſed Virgin Mary, and St. Mary Magdalen, in the Iſle, Eya, for canons regular of the order of St. Auguſtin; endowing it with the manor of Pentney, in the iſle called Eya; the mill, and miller of Briginlade, 2 ſalts works, or pits, one at Lynn, the other at South Wotton, and the whole rent of Fulk de Congham.

The hermitage of Walney, Offey and Shertwood, with the appertenances at Wadington, the land called Crundale, containing 15 acres, the land of Richard the weaver, 13 acres in Wadington, the mill at Shotſham, with the land of Ralph, ſon of the prieſt, being 15 acres, with the appertenances; the advouſons of the churches of his lordſhips; Tharſton, Chedſton, Keteringham, Shotſham St. Botolph and Allhallows, and Houghton, with all the liberties, priveleges, &c. warranting them againſt all the world.

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† This Hagane was the ſame (as I take it) with Hacon, ſon of Swain, eldeſt ſon of Earl Goodwine, and brother of King Harold.

(*b*) Terra Rogeri Bigoti, Penteleia tenuit Hagane t. r. e. p. man. iii car. tre. mo. tenet Rob. de Vals. ſemp. xi vill. xiiii bord. vi. ſerv. iii car. in dnio. iii car. hom. xx ac. pti. iii mol. t'tia pars ſaline, huic terre jacet i beruuita, Waltuna, &c. tot. val. t r. e. c. ſol. 7 mo. vii lib. hoc tot. in long. v. qr. 7 iiii in lato, 7 viiid. de gelto. Ecclie. xxx ac. val. ii ſol. 7 viiid. ——Domeſd.

At his death he left three ſons, William, Oliver and Henry; William the eldeſt confirmed his father's grants, and gave by deed a rent charge of 4*s. per ann.* out of land in Wootton, to be paid by William, the prieſt there, and his heirs. William de Vaux, at his death, left alſo 3 ſons, Robert, Adam, and William, who was of Pentney.

Robert, the eldeſt, had 7 ſons, Robert, William, Oliver, John, Philip, Roger and Hugh; but Robert the eldeſt of theſe 7, dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by Oliver in his eſtate, who in the 13th of King John, gave 500 marks and 5 palfreys for licenſe to marry Petronill, widow of Henry de Mara, and to enjoy her eſtate, ſhe being the widow of William de Longcamp, and lived till the 46th of Henry III. Henry de Longcamp being found her ſon and heir; this Oliver was one of the barons in arms againſt King John, and in the 29th of Henry III. anſwered for 32 knights fees. Robert his ſon died (as I take it) before his father Oliver, and left William his ſon, who about the 30th of the ſaid king married Alianore, daughter of William Ferrers, Earl of Derby, and dying without iſſue before the 37th of the ſaid reign, John de Vaux his brother appears to be his heir. In the 49th of Henry III. for his faithful ſervices, he was made ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, and ſoon after governour of the caſtle of Norwich, and dying in the 16th of Edward I. left by Sybill his wife, two daughters and coheirs; Petronel married to Sir William de Nerford, and Maud to William de Ros, lord of Hamlake, between whom his great eſtate was divided, and Sir William is ſaid to have 25 knights fees with his lady, and the lord Ros, 19 with his; the patronage of the priory here was alſo ſettled on Sir William, which had been till this time in the family of Vaux, the lordſhip of this town being granted (as I have obſerved) to the priory, on its foundation, to which I now return.

William, the prior, and convent gave by deed *ſans date*, to Richard North, a tenement in South Wotton, which afterwards came to the monks of Wymondham.

In the 16th year of Henry III. Rowland Le Sire and Helewiſe his wife, granted by fine to Simon, the prior, lands in Thorp; in the 34th of the ſaid king, Nicholas de Haſting gave by fine to Simon, the prior, a meſſuage and 2 carves of land in Thorp, (by Geyton) and Eaſt Winch, and certain cuſtoms and ſervices which Thomas de Multon demanded of the prior for lands held there.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior was found to hold the advouſon of the church of Weſt Bilney, of the gift of Peter de Pelevile.

Sir John de Thorp gave in the 16th of Edward II. a lordſhip in Geyton Thorp, with a meſſuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of paſture there, and in Walton, Wykes and Bekeſwell, and the advouſon of a moiety of the church of Geyton Thorp, with 28 acres of land in Tilney; and before this, in the 11th of the ſaid king, the prior had licenſe to purchaſe a meſſuage, 22 acres of land, 2 roods of paſture, and 7*s.* rent of Amicia, wife of John Butterwick, in Fincham and Stradſet, and in the 43d of Edward III. had a patent for the manor of Belhouſe, in North Tudenham.

In the 44th of Edward III. the prior had a grant of free warren in this manor, Weſt Bilney and Thorp, and in the 12th of Richard II. the men of Pentney were allowed to be toll free, it being eſteemed antient demeans.

The prior, in the 21ſt of that king, had a ſuit about a houſe in Norwich, wherein he ſets forth that Robert, ſon of Ralph, ſon of Wibert of Newton, by Caſtleacre, was ſeiſed of 5*s.* rent *per ann.* out of a meſſuage in St. Mary's *Parva*, there, in the time of Henry III. and the aforeſaid Robert gave it to God, and the church of St. Mary Magdalen of Pentney, being before the ſtatute of Mortmain, when Jeffrey was prior, who was ſeiſed of it by this gift, and all his ſucceſſors to the time of Walter the preſent prior, ſo that he recovered.

In 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 23*l.* 2*s.* 3*d. ob.* and their whole temporalities at 67*l.* 17*s.* 7*d. ob. q.*

Walter, biſhop of Norwich, with the conſent of his convent, and of John, earl of Northumberland, patron of the priory of Wirmegay, united and conſolidated that priory, to this of Pentney, in 1468; on this the prior and convent here engaged to pay 40*d. per ann.* to the priory of Norwich, for a mediety of the church of Fordham in Norfolk, appropriated to Wirmegay, and 20*d. per ann.* for the church of Weſtbriggs appropriated thereto; and 12*d. per ann.* for this union, and conſolidation of the ſaid two priorys.

The manor of Grantcourts in Eaſt Winch, and that of Curples in Weſt Derham, and lands in Rexham, by Weſt Derham, belonged to them.

This houſe had alſo a manor in Keteringham, with the rectory appropriated, and the patronage of the vicarage, to which Richard de la Rokele added land, and Alice de Kangham, who in 1249, gave 28 acres of land, 8 of wood, and 5*s.* rent *per ann.*

Shoteſham All Saints, and St. Botolph's rectories were appropriated, and they preſented to the vicarages of thoſe churches; Shoteſham St. Mary's church was alſo appropriated, to which they preſented a vicar, and was granted by William de Roos, with a carucate of land in 1311, who married Maud de Vaux. The churches of Pentney, Thorſton, Weſt Bilney, Shanbourn, and Reſham, *alias* Whitwell, appropriated alſo, and the preſentation of the vicar of Sharnbourn, Whitwell and Thorſton, in Norfolk, was in this priory, with the patronage of St. Mary's church of Warham.

The rectories of Abington *Parva*, in Cambridgeſhire, and of Chedeſton in Suffolk, were appropriated, and they preſented the vicars.

At its diſſolution it was valued at 170*l.* 4*s.* 9*d. q.* as Dugdale; but 215*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* as Speed, with the cell of Wirmegay.—About the time of the ſuppreſſion here was a prior, with 13 canons.

King Henry VIII. on the 11 of March, in his 30th year, granted to Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; auditor of the exchequer, the ſcite of this diſſolved priory, with a water mill, the manor of Pentney, called Aſhwood, a foldcourſe for 200 ſheep, and all the meſſuages, lands, &c. belonging to the ſaid priory in this town, and King Edward VI. in his 4th year, February 26, granted him the impropriated rectory. Sir Thomas Mildmay, his ſon, conveyed all the aforeſaid premiſes to Francis Wynham, Eſq; a judge of the king's bench; and on April 1, in the 20th of James I. Sir Henry Windham had licenſe to ſell it to Sir Edward Bullock, Kt. of Falkbourn Hall, in Eſſex, from whom it was conveyed to Sir Thomas Richardſon, Kt. lord chief juſtice of the king's bench; who died ſeiſed of it October 24, 1631; and Sir Thomas, his ſon, inherited it.

The family of Violet in Norfolk, had after this an intereſt herein.

Charles Nowys, Eſq; of Wood Ditton in Cambridgeſhire, was lord about 1710; and ------ Lloyd, Eſq; of Epping in Eſſex, was lord, and his widow now poſſeſſes it.

The tenths of this village were valued at 48*s.* and 10*s.* was deducted.

PRIORS.

William de Vaux, grandſon to the founder, was prior, in Henry II's. time.

Ralph occurs prior in a fine, in the 9th of Henry III.

Simon in the 12, 17, and 34th of Henry III.

Jeffrey in king Henry III's. time.

William, *ſans date.*

September 20, 1302, Richard de Marham admitted prior.——Giles de Whitewell, occurs 1338.——October 19, 1342, [*c*] Thomas de Helgey.——August 16, 1349, Ralph de Framelyngham.——September 27, 1351, Vincent de Caldecot.——July 16, 1353, Peter Byſſhop, on Caldecot's reſignation.——October 26, 1381, Walter de Tyrington; and occurs in 1397.—— ----, John de Wilton, prior.

(*c*) Lib. Inſtit. Norwic.

February 15, 1414, William Swaffham——June 20, 1416, John de Tyrington, and occurs 1448.——Auguſt 12, 1449, Richard Pentney.——September 10, 1464, Ralph Midylton.

John Woodbriggs, *alias* Hawes, occurs in Henry VIII's time.

Robert Codde, or Jodde occurs in 1526: he was the laſt prior, and with Richard Lynne, and 12 other canons, ſubſcribed to the king's ſupremacy September 9, 1534, ſurrendered this priory to the king, and had pentions for life. This prior had criminal converſation with the prioreſs of Marham, [*d*] as appeared by her confeſſion, and John Dedham, Stephen Long, John Shipdam, Thomas Litle, and Richard Clerk, canons, confeſſed themſelves guilty of great incontinency.

Robert de Watervile was alſo prior, but the time is not mentioned.

In 1555, Sir Robert Townſend, Kt. had a penſion of 26*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* paid him, as late ſteward, and Sir John Godſalve, Kt. one of 20*s.* *per ann.* as late receiver general of this priory.

Their ſeal was the figure of St. Mary Magdalen; the legend,

SIGILLVM. SCE. MARIE. MAGDALENE. DE PENTNEIA.

It is ſaid by Camden, that this was in ancient times, the ordinary burial place of the noblemen and gentlemen in this tract; but I find only theſe following perſons here interred, Petronilla, [*e*] wife of Sir William de Nerford in 1326, and Maud, wife of William, lord Roſs, daughters of Sir John de Vaux, who moſt probably with ſeveral of his anceſtors lye here, as does Sir John de Nerford, ſon of Petronilla, who died in the 3d of Edward III.

Margaret Marchal, Gent: [*f*] buried in the priory church 1461, by her huſband.

John Vernon, vicar of Shernborn, gave at his death a veſtment to the chapel of St. Mary of Pentney.

The ſcite of this priory is about a mile weſtward of the church, the gate-houſe, which is a curious building of free-ſtone, is ſtill ſtanding, and covered with lead: a print of it was publiſhed a few years paſt by Mr. Millicent.

The church of Pentney was dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, and appropriated to the priory, valued at 5*l.* *per ann.* beſides the penſions therein, the prior and convent of Norwich had here, and in the church of Middleton, one of 20*s.* *per ann.* and the abby of Nutley, one valued at 34*s.* 4*d.* and paid Peter-pence 6*d.*

RISING,

WAS a beruite belonging to the great lordſhip of Sneteſham in this neighbourhood, held by Stigand, archbiſhop of Canterbury, in the time of King Edward, who being in arms againſt the Conqueror, was deprived not only of his ſee of Canterbury, but of all his lay fees and inheritance, of which this was one; and was given by King William, to Odo, biſhop of Bayeux in Normandy, half brother to the ſaid king, who held it when the book of Doomſday was made in 1085.

It then conſiſted [*a*] of 3 carucates of land, held by 12 villains and 38 borderres, 3 ſervi, and 14 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 amongſt the tenants, and 7 ſocmen had 24 acres of land, to whom there always belonged one carucate; there were 3 mills, 12 ſalt pits, [*b*] or ſalt works, and a fiſhery, and

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(*d*) Compend. Compertor.

(*e*) Lib. Abbat. de Langley.

(*f*) Regiſt. Broſyerd, Norw. p. 285.

(*a*) Terre Epi. Baiocenſis. hund. 7 dim. de Fredrebruge.

Huic manerio (viz. Snetteſham) jacet i beruita Riſinga. iii car. tre. ſemp. xii vill. 7 xxxviii bord. tc. iiii ſer. mo. iii 7 xiiii ac. pti. ſemp. ii car. in dnio. 7 ii car. hou. 7 vii ſochem. xxiiii ac. tre ſep. i car. 7 iii mol. 7 xii ſal. 7 i piſc. et iii ſoc. LX. acr. tre. ſemp. i car. 7 i ſoc. LX ac. 7 i car. 7 xxvi bord. 7 i car. 7 viii ac. pti. 7 i mol. 7 i ſal.

(*b*) Sal, as wrote in Domeſday Book, ſtands for Salina——Antiquaries interpret it a ſalt pit, or ſalt work.

and 3 ſocmen held 60 acres of land, with one carucate, and one ſocman; 60 acres and one carucate, and 26 borderers, one carucate and 8 acres of meadow, one mill, and one ſalt pit.

Odo, biſhop of Bayeux and alſo earl of Kent, being in arms againſt King William II. in the beginning of his reign, in behalf of Robert, duke of Normandy the Conqueror's eldeſt ſon, who laid claim to the crown of England, was deprived of this manor and all his other eſtates in England, and this was given by the ſaid king, to William d' Albini, ſtiled Pincerna Regis, the king's butler, anceſtor to the earls of Suſſex, and Arundel, of that name. He was ſon of Roger de Albini, a Norman, by Amicia de Mowbray his wife, and married Maud, daughter of Roger Bigod, [*c*] anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, with whom he had 10 knights fees in Norfolk. William was his ſon and heir.

In the battle of Tinchebrai, fought September 27, 1106, between Henry I. king of England, and his brother Robert, duke of Normandy, a French [*d*] hiſtorian takes notice that one William D' Aubigny, Kt. of the county of Dol, diſtinguiſhed himſelf much, and makes him to be the anceſtor of the earls of Suſſex and Arundel.

This probably was the William above mentioned, ſon of William, the Pincerna, who was created by King Henry I. earl of Suſſex, remarkably famous for his gallant actions, and married Adeliza, the dowager queen of King Henry I. daughter of Godfrey, duke of Lorain; by whom he had William, his ſon and heir, who ſealed, as his father did, with gules, a lion rampant, or.

Agatha de Truſſbut, wife of William de Albiney, lord of Riſing, and earl of Arundel, paid King John, at Lynn, October 11, *A*°. 18, 100 marks of ſilver for his freedom, being a priſoner for rebellion.

In this family this lordſhip continued till the death of Hugh de Albiney, on the 7th of May 1243, in the 27 year of King Henry III. who leaving no iſſue by Iſabel his wife, daughter of William, earl Warren and Surry, his four ſiſters and coheirs divided his large inheritance between them. About that time the lady Iſabel, relict of Earl Hugh, had an aſſignation of dower in theſe knights fees, held chiefly, if not wholly, of the honour of Arundel [*e*] and Suſſex; *viz.* three knights fees held by John de Bulmer in Wotton;—two held by Thomas de Grimſton;——two by Hugh de Verley;—half a fee by Hubert Hacun;—the fourth part of a fee by Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp;—three fees by Henry de Shelton;——two by Giles de Wacheſham;——three and a fourth part by William de Brom;—one by William Ruſteng;—one by Ralph de Ho;—half a fee by Thomas de Hengham. —ſix by Henry Tregoz;—two by John le Fleming;—three by William Aguillon;—one by William de Dive;—one by Peter de Hotot, and half a one by Walter de Cherlcot. And in the 28th of the ſaid reign ſhe gave a fine to the king that ſhe might marry to whom ſhe thought proper, or pleaſed; and for a relief of lands late Joan de Beauchamp's, as one of her heirs.

This earl Hugh gave to King Henry III. in his 18th year, a fine of 2050 marks, to have ſeiſin of the king's term of his inheritance till his full age, for all the caſtles and manors whereof his brother died poſſeſſed, and of all the earl of Cheſter's and Lincoln's inheritance, his uncle; which was in the king's hands, by reaſon of his nonage, reſerving to the king the preſentations to all the churches till his full age.

On his death he left four ſiſters and co-heirs; Mabel, who married Robert, lord Tateſhall; Iſabel, married John, lord Fitz-Alan; Nicholaa, married Sir Roger Somery; and Cecily, William, lord Montalt.

This townſhip, with the caſtle, and the fourth part of the Tolbothe at Lynn, &c. was aſſigned to Roger de Monte-Alto, lord of Montalt, or Mohaut, who married Cecily, fourth daughter of William earl of Suſſex, and ſiſter and co-heir to earl Hugh, who made it his chief ſeat and place of reſidence. In the 29th of the ſaid

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(*c*) In the treating of this noble family, I ſhall omit what may be found in Dugdale's Baronage, &c. and have regard only to what relates to this town, or what does not occur in our common printed hiſtorians.

(*d*) Lobineaux Hiſt. de Britagne, v. 1. p. 121.

(*e*) Claus. Vaſcon. 27, Hen. III. p. 2. m. 3.

ſaid reign, the heirs of Hugh, Earl of Suſſex, accounted for 76*l.* for 76 knights fees, on the aid for marrying the king's eldeſt daughter: [*f*] this Roger gave to the king three palfreys to have a partition of the late earl's eſtates; and in the 38th of the ſaid king, had a grant of a fair in this town, and a charter for a free-warren here.

Roger, (called Robert, by Dugdale) lord Montalt, dyed in the 44th of Henry III. and left John, his ſon and heir, who married firſt, Allen, widow of Robort de Stockport, and ſecondly Millecentia, daughter of William de Cantilupo, and co-heireſs, with her ſiſter, (lady Joan Haſtings, mother of John de Haſtings) to her brother, George de Cantelupo; ſhe was relict of Eudo le Zouch, lord of Harringworth, in Northamptonſhire, [*g*] by whom ſhe had William le Zouch, her heir, but had no iſſue by John, lord Montalt; ſhe appears to be his widow in the 13th of Edward I. and dyed in the 27th of the ſaid king.

I find upon record Cecilia de Monthalt, relict of Roger, was in the king's hands in the 52d of Henry III. [*h*] who claimed the power of giving her in marriage, ſhe holding in fee 60*l.* *per ann.*

Robert, lord Montalt, ſucceeded his brother John, about the 52d of the aforeſaid king, and Richard Hawardyn held of him one fee here, and in that year the king's bayliff was not permitted to enter into this village, the lord having the return of all writs.

On his death in the 3d of Edward I. he was found to have held it in capite, to have a chace, free-warren, [*i*] aſſiſe of bread and beer, the lete, wreck at ſea, and other royalties; and the heirs of William de Miliers held of him here and in Wymondham, &c. one fee, and the fourth part of a fee.

He was ſucceeded by Roger, his ſon and heir, by Iſabel his wife, who married Julian, daughter of Roger Clifford, and was impleaded on account of the rights of his chace, in the 18th of Edward I. by William Ruſteng, lord of Congham, a dog of his tenant having his claws cut off by this lord's ſervants. He dying in the 25th of the ſaid king, aged 27, without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his brother, Robert, lord Montalt, who was the eighteenth lord of parliament, who ſealed the famous letter ſent to the pope, in the 29th year of Edward I. denying the kingdom of Scotland to be of his fee, or that he had any juriſdiction in temporal affairs, dated at Lincoln February 12, 1301.

In the 1ſt of Edward II. he was ſummoned amongſt other nobles to attend the king's coronation, to be ſolemnized the Sunday next after the feaſt of St. Valentine, by writ dated at Dover, January 8. In the 12th of the ſaid king, the charter of wreck at ſea, in all his lands in this county was confirmed to him.—Snetſham, Hecham, Hunſtanton, Thornham, Tichwell, &c. are particularly mentioned.

William de Albini, earl of Suſſex, having one in the time of Henry III. thro' the whole hundreds of Freebridge and Smithden.

In the 18th of the ſaid king, on September 30, the king ſent a precept to this lord, and Thomas, lord Bardolph, to inform them of Mortimer's approach, and to be careful of the country hereabouts.

This Robert appears to have inherited large poſſeſſions, as heir to his brother: he paid to King Edward I. for relief on his entrance on them 25*l.* for the 4th part of the earldom of Arundel—.6*l.* 5*s.* for the 4th part of the earldom of Cheſter.—12*l.* 10*s.* for two fees and an half held of the king in capite in Cheſhire.—10*l.* for the manor of Kenynghale, in Norfolk, the manors of Wymondham and Bukenham held of the king by being his butler; alſo he held the manors of Hawerden and Boſeley in Cheſhire of the king in capite, by the ſervice of being ſteward to the earls of Cheſter, and placing the firſt diſh on the table of the ſaid earl, at Cheſter, on the nativity of our Lord and Saviour; the manors of Leſton and La Lee, the moiety of Wrichholm in Cheſhire, of the king, by the ſervice of two fees

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(*f*) Rot. Pip. Norf. Rot. Vaſcon. 38. Hen. III. p. 2. m. 51.

(*g*) Aſſis. Northampt. 13, Edw. I. Rot. 5, in dorſo, et 42.——Eſchaet. 27, Edw. I.

(*h*) Cecilia de Monte Alto in donatione Regis maritand. Terra valet 60*l.* *per ann.* Plita coron. Rot. 31.

(*i*) Eſch. 27. N. 24.

fees and an half, and to find a judge to ſit every ſix weeks at Cheſter to try cauſes.

This Robert and Emma his wife, conveyed by fine to Henry de Cliff, clerk, the caſtle and manor of Montalt in Wales, the caſtle and manors of Hawardyn and Neſton in Cheſhire, the ſtewardſhip of Cheſter, the manor of Boſeley in the ſaid county, the manors of Walton on Trent, Dere and Cheyleſmore in Warwickſhire, 107*l.* yearly rent from the priory of Coventry, with the homage and ſervice of the prior, the caſtle of Ryſing, the manors of Ryſing, Sneteſham, and Kenynghale; the fourth part of the Tolbothe of Lenne in Norfolk; Caſſingland and Frameſden in Suffolk, with all their rights, privileges and appertenances thereunto belonging; which the ſaid Henry reconveyed to the ſaid Robert and Emma, and their heirs male, lawfully begotten; remainder to Iſabella, dowager queen of England, for life, then to John of Eltham, ſecond ſon of King Edward II. earl of Cornwall, and his heirs; with a remainder to King Edward III. and his heirs, by deed dated at Nottingham, May 8, in the firſt year of King Edward III. witneſſes, John, biſhop of Ely, the king's chancellor, Sir William de Herle, Roger de Bylney, Roger de Watevill, Nicholas de Gonevill, and John Walewyn, Kts. for this ſettlement the king paid to the lord Montalt 10000 marks.

This Robert, lord Montalt, died on Tueſday next after the feaſt of the nativity of our Lord, in the year 1329, in the 3d of Edward III. without iſſue, and was buried in the priory of Shouldham in Norfolk, being the laſt heir male of that family, who took their name from a hill, in Flintſhire, in Wales, where they antiently reſided, and had a caſtle.

The firſt upon record was Norman, one of the barons of Hugh, earl of Cheſter.

Ralph, his brother, had a ſon Robert, who was ſteward, and one of the barons of the earl of Cheſter, and grandfather of Roger, who married Cecily, ſiſter and co-heir of Hugh, earl of Arundel.

The lady Emma, his widow, by deed dated at London, December 3, in the 5th of the aforeſaid king, ſurrendered up all the aforementioned caſtles, manors, &c. with all her rights in London, (for 400*l. per ann.* annuity) to the queen dowager; to this deed is a round ſeal about the bigneſs of a ſhilling, with 2 ſhields; one being quarterly, with a bordure, the arms (as I take it) of her firſt † huſband, the other, azure, a lion rampant, argent, the arms of her ſecond, and,

S. EMME DE MONTE ALTO.

Soon after this, ſhe dyed, and was buried in the body of the church of Stradgeſet, in Norfolk, a large grave-ſtone of black marble lying over her, at this day. Whoſe daughter ſhe was, does not appear; ſhe was probably a daughter of De Stradſete, a family of great antiquity, lords of Stradſete.

At her death, the queen dowager Iſabell took poſſeſſion of this lordſhip and caſtle, &c. and Sir Robert de Morley, (cozen and heir to Robert, the laſt lord Montalt) ſon of William de Morley, of Morley, and the lady ---------, ſiſter to the ſaid lord Robert, by his deed dated at Swanton Morley, in Norfolk, May 2, in the 8th year of King Edward III. releaſed and confirmed the ſettlement aforeſaid, made by his uncle, &c. on the ſaid queen, with all his rights to the lands of his uncle in Leiceſterſhire, Warwickſhire, and Oxfordſhire; he ſealed with argent, a lion rampant, ſable, crowned or, circumſcribed,

SIGILLUM ROBTI DE MORLEY.

King Edward III. in his eleventh year, October 1, ſettled the reverſion of this manor and caſtle on his eldeſt ſon Edward, after the death of his mother; John of Eltham, earl of Cornwall, (his brother) being dead, and leaving no iſſue, on whom it was before ſettled.

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† Richard Fitz John (ſon of Richard Fitz John, barons of the realm) was her firſt huſband, great grandſon of Jeffrey Fitz Piers, earl of Eſſex; he dyed in the 23d, or 25th of Edward I. and is ſaid to be buried in the priory of Shouldham. Fitz John, lord Veſcie, bore quarterly, or and gules, a bordure vairy, argent and azure.

In the 20th of the ſaid king, John Armurer de Ryſing, Robert Berners, and John Cook, were found to hold the fourth part of a fee here, of Queen Iſabell, which Richard de Bulmer formerly held.

This queen had her reſidence here the greateſt part of her widow-hood, after the execution of her great favourite Mortimer, earl of March.

Grafton tells us, that the king, by the advice of his council, committed his mother (as priſoner) to be kept cloſe in a caſtle, (but does not name it) where ſhe remained during her life: her commitment was in King Edward's 4th year, 1330.

In the 14th year of his reign, the king and his queen were at this caſtle, paying a viſit to his mother, and made ſome ſtay here, as appears by the account rolls of Adam de Reffham and John de Newland of Lenn, by Riſinge, and ſending a preſent of wine to him.

In Auguſt 1340, (14th of Edward III.) Queen Iſabel ſent her precept from this caſtle to John de Cokesford, mayor of Lenne, to ſend her eight carpenters to make ſeveral preparations therein.

In his 18 year, the king on the 3d of Auguſt was lodged here, as [*m*] appears from ſeveral letters dated from this place, and ſent to William, biſhop of Norwich, at Avignon, to be preſented to the pope.

On April 4, in 1357, (the 31ſt of Edward III.) a ſafe conduct was granted to [*n*] William de Leith, a Scotchman, to wait on her here, and in the next year following, (1358) ſhe died at this caſtle, on Auguſt 22, and was brought from hence about the end of November following; on the 20th of which month the king directed, by letter, the ſheriffs of London and Middleſex to cleanſe the ſtreets of London, called Biſhop's Gate and Aldgate, from dirt and dung, againſt the coming of the body of his mother; and directs by another, (dated December 1, following) the treaſurer and barons of the exchequer to allow 9*l.* which the ſheriffs had expended for that purpoſe: ſhe was buried in the midſt of the choir of the Grey Friers church in London, and had a tomb of alabaſter erected to her memory.

It may be here obſerved that Mortimer, her great favourite, was here buried, as Stow in his Annals, p. 350, quarto.

On the death of Queen Iſabel, this lordſhip (and honor, as it is called) deſcended to her grandſon, Edward, Prince of Wales, and was valued, as appears from an account of his revenue, at 90*l.* *per ann.* and on the death of this prince, to his ſon Richard, ſoon after King of England, by the name of Richard II.

On Monday after the feaſt of the decollation of St. John Baptiſt, in the 2d year of this king, Richard II. an inquiſition was taken before Thomas Giſſing, Richard Withermerſel and Simon de Fincham, aſſigned to make a true value of the caſtle and manor of Ryſing, with its appertenances, by the oaths of honeſt and lawful men, *viz.* Edward Warren, William Sefull, John de Teverſham, John Salmon, William Lambrith, Sim. de Hall, John Boteler, John Pinchto, Richard Florys, John Sekelow, John Drye, John Seman and Roger Bately; who ſay upon their oaths, that the lord's fields, paſtures, and marſh lands appertaining to the ſaid manor, are let to John Salmon, to farm for the term of 7 years, giving 40 marks *per ann.* with the part of the Talbothe at Lynn, belonging thereto, and is let to Jeffrey de Talbothe, paying 40 marks *per ann.* to the king; that 5 mills belonging to the manor, are worth, above all repriſes, 10*l.* *per ann.* that the perquiſites of the courts, view of frankpledge of Ryſing, North Wooton, and Ridon, belonging to the ſaid manor, are worth 10*l.* *per ann.* that the rents of aſſiſes belonging to the ſaid manor are worth 20*l.* *per ann.* that the ſale of conies in the warren, of the ſaid manor are worth 20 marks *per ann.* that the ſale of wood is worth 10 marks *per ann.* without any waſte or deſtruction to be made. That there is a certain dovecoat worth 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* that there is a certain watermill in the marſh of the ſaid manor worth 20*s.* *per ann.* that there is a certain water, called

Brodes

(*m*) Rymer's Fæd. V. 5. p. 419, &c.

(*n*) Rot. Scot. 31. Ed. III. M. 10.——Claus. 32. Ed. III. M. 2. Rymer. v. 6. p, 110.

Brodes, worth 5s. *per ann.* that the tole of Ryſing is worth 40s. *per ann.* that there is one meadow, called Wardeſe meadow, worth 12*d.* *per ann.* and ſeveral parcels of land let to ſeveral men worth 9*s.* 2*d.* *per ann.* and certain water, called Wigenhall, which Edward Noun holds for life by the grant of Edward, late Prince of Wales, worth 8 marks *per ann.* that John Kadeneys holds certain lands and tenements in Ryſinge, Ridon, and Wooton, for term of life, by grant of the ſaid prince, worth 2*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* alſo there were certain knights fees belonging to the caſtle and manor, *viz.* Roger Colvill, Kt. holds in Carelton, and Petoughe one fee,—Thomas de Latymer Clynal holds in Giſſingland one fee,—Robert de Brokenhul, holds in the ſame town the 10th part of a fee,—Emma Wylot holds in Frameſden the ſeventh part of a fee,—Ralph Holyday in the ſame town, the fifth part of a fee,—John Winſton holds in the ſame town the ſeventh part of a fee,—John de Ingloſe holds three knight fees and an half in Loddon and Stratton,—Richard, ſon of Oſbert, the 6th part of a fee in Beſthorp,—William de Rokingham, in Elingham, the fourth part of a fee,—Thomas de Hengham, in Baconſthorn, half a fee,—John L'Strange, Kt. in Hunſtanton, Totington, Ringſted, and Holm, five knights fees,—William de Milliers, in Wymondham and Ryſinge one fee.—Emma de Warren, in Wooton, three fees, Roger de Scales, in Middleton, half a fee; and they ſay that the advowſon of the church, &c. of Ryſinge, and South Wooton belongs to the ſaid caſtle and manor.

In the aforeſaid ſecond year of his reign, the king granted to John Montfort, ſirnamed the Valient, Duke of Britain and Earl of Richmond, and to Joan his wife, called by the king, in his grant, his ſiſter, in exchange for the caſtle of Breſt in Britany.

Of this Joan, a query ariſes: Godfrey, in his hiſtory of King Charles VII. of France, ſays that he married to his ſecond wife, a daughter of Edward the Black Prince, father of King Richard II. but as none of our genealogiſts have mentioned this, he muſt be miſtaken. Philip L'Abbe, in his Tableaux Genealogiques, obſerves that the ſecond wife of the aforeſaid John, was Joan, daughter of Thomas Holland, Earl of Kent, by Joan his wife, called the Fair Maid of Kent, daughter of Edmund Plantaginet, earl of Kent; and afterwards married to Edward the Black Prince, and ſo was (as he words it) "*Soeur Uterine de Richd. le II. Roy d' Angleterre,*" that is, ſiſter by her mother, to Richard II.

On Montfort's defection from the crown of England, (and depoſition from all titles of honor in England, by act of parliament, in the 14th of the ſaid king) it was ſeized into the king's hands, who in the ſaid year gave it to Thomas de Woodſtock, Duke of Glouceſter, ſixth ſon to King Edward III. who being murdered at Calais, in the 21ſt year of King Richard, Edmund de Langley, Duke of York, 5th ſon to King Edward III. obtained a [*o*] grant of it, with the manors of Beeſton and Mileham, &c. in Norfolk, and dyed poſſeſſed of it in the 4th of King Henry IV. when it deſcended to his eldeſt ſon, Edward, Duke of York; who being ſlain in the famous Battle of Agincourt, in France, in the 3d of Henry V. it came to his brother, Richard de Coningſbergh, earl of Cambridge, who being beheaded in the ſaid year, it fell to the crown, where it remained till the 36th of Henry VIII. when an act of parliament paſſed, ratifying an exchange between the king, Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, and Henry his ſon, Earl of Arundel and Surry; they giving to the king the manors of Walton, Trimley, Falkenham, with the rectories of Walton and Felixton in Suffolk, for the caſtle, manor, and chace of Ryſing and all its appertenances, with the manors of Thorpe, Gaywood, South Walſham, Halvergate and Ditchingham in Norfolk, Doningworth, Cratfield, Hoo, Staverton, and Bromſwell, in Suffolk, to be held of the king in capite, by the 30th part of a knight's fee and the rent of 26*l.* *per ann.* payable at St. Michael into the court of Augmentations. Henry, the ſon, Earl of Arundel, &c. being attainted in his father's life time, the duke enjoyed this manor, &c. till his death in the 1ſt and 2d of Philip and Mary, when an act of parliament paſſed for the reſtoring of the ſon of the attainted earl.

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(*o*) A°. 22. Ric. 2. p. 1. m. 17.

In the accounts of Sir John Arundel, Kt. receiver of the dutchy of Cornwall, in the reign of Henry VIII. (as I take it) he had allowances for 40*s. per ann.* paid to Sir Henry Marny, Kt. as ſteward of this lordſhip; 13*l.* 8*s.* as conſtable of the caſtle; 4*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* as ranger of the chace, and for two under foreſters, called Walkers, 53*s.* 4*d. per ann.* at this time Sir Thomas Lovel, knight of the garter, was farmer of the demeans and the warren.

On the attainder of Thomas, duke of Norfolk, in the 15th of Elizabeth, it came again to the crown, and ſhe granted it to Edward, earl of Oxford, with the demeans of Gaywood; but this grant was ſoon revoked, and it was granted to Henry Howard, earl of Northampton, brother to the duke of Norfolk, attainted; who held it to his death in 1616, and having no iſſue it deſcended to Thomas Howard, earl of Arundel, his heir; which Thomas was grandſon to Thomas, duke of Norfolk, aforeſaid, and brother to the earl of Northampton; and in this family it remained till it was bought by Thomas Howard, Eſq; (one of the tellers of the exchequer, ſon and heir of Sir Robert Howard, Kt. auditor of the exchequer, ſixth ſon to Thomas Howard, earl of Berkſhire) of Henry, duke of Norfolk in 1693.

After this it came to the earl of Berkſhire, as heir to the aforeſaid Thomas Howard, Eſq; the earl of Berkſhire dying *s. p.* it deſcended to the earl of Suffolk, the preſent lord.

The duke of Norfolk has the title of Lord Howard, of Caſtle-Ryſing; Henry Howard of Caſtle-Ryſing, heir of the ſaid family, being ſo created by letters patents, March 27, in the 21ſt of King Charles II.

Two members of parliament are choſen by the free burghers, their repreſentatives, therein.

The ‡ town takes its name from its ſcite, (Rye is the name of a river in Yorkſhire, &c. and of a borough town in Suſſex) by a river, on a hill, which affords a fine proſpect, overlooking a large arm of the ſea, and from Ing, a meadow, or marſh ground.

Sir Henry Spelman, (who lived at Congham, in the neighbourhood of it) ſays it has been a ſamous port, but being ſtopped up with ſands, was the cauſe of its great decay.

The ſaid author obſerves that it is a burgh of ſuch antiquity that the royal archives and records give no account of it; the ſcite of it ſuch, that he thinks the Romans had a place of defence here, ſome of their coin being found here, and a Conſtantine being brought to him.

That the ſea had formerly its courſe near to, and came up probably to the town, appears in ſome meaſure from its being drowned in winter, frequently, on ſpring tides, the ſalt water over flowing the banks, between this town and Babingley, and from the name of a ſtreet, that comes up to this town from the low ground, called by the inhabitants at this day, HAVEN-GATE LANE, which is very ouſy, and in this lane there was ſome years paſt, in digging, taken up a piece of an anchor belonging to ſome ſhip.

In the 31ſt of Elizabeth, on the 1ſt of Auguſt, a ſurvey of this lordſhip was made by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Kt. John Hill, Eſq; one of the auditors of the exchequer, Robert Buxton, Eſq; and Robert Shephard, Gent: commiſſioners appointed by that queen, to ſurvey this manor, part of the lands of Philip, earl of Arundel, attainted and convicted; who on the oaths of Henry Mordant, Gent: Thomas Winde, Gent: Thomas Spratt, Gent: Joſeph Wright, Gent: and 15 others, preſent and affirm, that the town of Caſtle Ryſing is an antient burgh, and hath in it a mayor and burgeſſes; and many antient privileges, franchiſes and libertyes have been granted to Hugh de Albini, earl of Suſſex and Arundel, ſome time lord of the manor, which privileges have been heretofore found by diverſe inquiſions, *viz.*

Firſt, 'Tis granted to this ſaid earl and his heirs, his ſtewards and tenants from this time, to be quit and free of pannage, tallage, paſſage, payage, laſtage, ſtallage, portage, peſage and terrage, thro' the parts of England; Alſo that they ſhall have a mayor, that by them ſhall be choſen, and be preſented to the earls and his ſteward.

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‡ Thus the Rye Houſe in Hertfordſhire, &c.—— Spelman ſays in recto quem faciunt angulo Iſis et Congus fluvii e paluſtri ſolo, aſſurgens nomen in deferens, Riſing.——*Icenia.*

They ſhall ſell, or give their burgages to whom they will, without any gainſaying.

If a burgeſs die, the next heir ſhall enter into burgage without any gainſaying.

The lord ſhall not have the cuſtody or the heir of a burgager, but his kin, or next cozen by the mother's ſide.

Their heyres ſhall marry themſelves, whereſoever they like.

If ſeizure of a burgage be made, it ſhall be by the bayleifs, and keepers of the market.

They ſhall take for their debtes, in the town of Ryſing and without, as far as the warren ſtretches.

They ſhall diſtrain no burgeſs within his burgage.

If actions, or ſtrife ſhall happen between burgeſs and burgeſs, in the town, or without, the mayor ſhall have them attached, ſhall ſet them a day until the Monday next, and before him ſhall their tales be told and brought.

If their tales happen not to be appeals of felony, or of a deadly wound, or ſuch other as longeth to the crown.

Alſo full amercement in court the burgeſſe that is guilty, and hath treſpaſſed ſhall make to the mayor, and that ſhall he preſent to the ſteward, or lord's bayleif, and they ſhall do therein their wills.

If the lord will have any burgeſs in his ſervice, he ſhall find him reaſonable expences.

They ſhall not ſerve to the hundred, or ſhire, they ſhall not be put upon aſſiſe.

They ſhall not be diſtreſſed by bayleys of the hundred.

They ſhall not be accuſed at the view of frank-pledge for anſwer, but he that treſpaſſes for that pledge ſhall make amends.

If the ſon of a burgeſs ſhall enter into frank-pledge, that is to ſay the lete, he ſhall not pay, and he ſhall have free entry into the common paſtures of the town.

The burgeſſes have grant of a fair, or free mart, from the feaſt of St. Mathew, during 15 days, and two markets in the week, Monday and Thurſday.

They ſhall give no cuſtom in the market of Ryſinge, of their corn, that comes out of their barns, or any other thing that they buy to their proper uſe in the ſaid market, and they ſhall do no ſuit.

If any burgeſſe be a merchant, and put any thing to the market of Ryſinge to ſell, he ſhall give half cuſtom, except bakers, who ſhall give whole cuſtom to the lord.

Alſo they ſhall give no cuſtom, or uſage, in the havens [o] of the lord in the marſh.

If any burgeſs be ſummoned before the lord, or his ſteward, his ſummons ſhall be made by the mayor, and by none other.

If the lord make his eldeſt ſon a knight, or his eldeſt daughter be married, then the burgeſſes ſhall give him reaſonable help, elſe not.

The ſervants of the lord ſhall not take the geeſe, capons, or fiſh, or fleſh, meat or drink, at their wills, without leave of the burgeſſes, and without their conſent.

Alſo they ſhall have all their meaſures the ſame as in Norwich.

That the warren hath been by the ſpace of 2 or 3 years paſt greatly ſurcharged, the warrener being covenanted to leave for his view, 3800 coneys; he has killed the laſt year 17000, and may kill for this year as many, or more, his number for view being treble reſerved, and by this the caſtle ſtock of 600 weathers is utterly overthrown, and the inhabitants and tenants of the towns adjoyning, injured, which will be an occaſion of impairing her majeſtie's rent, and the undoing of the inhabitants, &c. and that by the increaſe of theſe conies by the warrener, and

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(o) In the Latin charter 'tis ſaid in the ports of the lord by the marſh, in portub; noſtris.

their breading in the caſtle ditches and banks, the ſame are decayed, and the walls are already in part, and the reſt in danger of overthrowing, that the ſaid banks and ditches are no parcel of the warren, and that the conſtabelry of the caſtle is no part of the warren of Ryſing, and that the burgh, and the cloſes belonging, &c. are alſo no part of the warren.

By this preſentment it appears that Hugh de Albini, earl of Arundel and Suſſex, had a charter for many royal privileges and liberties, with that of a mayor, in this lordſhip, and this muſt be in ſome year between 1233, (the earl being then a minor) and 1242, in which year he dyed.

I have ſeen an old copy, or tranſcript of a charter, beginning thus,

:::::::: *Rex*, (the name † is omitted) *archiepiſcopis, epiſcopis, abbatib; priorib; ducibus. comitib; baronib; miletib; juſtic. vicecom. major. conſtabular. ballivis, p'poſitis univerſis et omnib; fidelib; ſuis, &c. ſciatis qd. nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, et ex certa ſcientia, et mero noſt. conceſſimus et confirmavimus, et p. p'ſentes concedimus, &c. p. nobis hered. et ſucceſſor. noſtris quantum in nobis eſt majori et burgenſib; burgi noſtri de Ryſynge, in com. Norff. et ſucceſſ. ſuis et ballivo noſtro, Dominij Noſtri de Ryſynge, &c.* [p] *et tenentib; et inhabitantib; ejuſdem Dominij, &c. omnes libertates, franchias, leges et conſuetudines ſuas quas ipſi, predeceſſores, et anteceſſores, ſui, &c. tempore noſtro aut progenitor. noſtror. habuerunt, &c. et ulterius de uberiore gratia noſtrâ dedimus, et p. p'ſentes concedimus, &c. eidem majori et burgenſib; &c.*

The concluſion alſo of this charter is wanting, but as there are ſeveral privileges in this, not mentioned in the preſentment above, I ſhall here inſert them, *viz.*

The return of all writs.

A goal in the ſaid borough for felons and offenders in its liberties, to be kept by whom the mayor and burgeſſes ſhall depute, till delivered to be tried at Norwich, by the king's judges.

Cogniſance of all pleas, as well real as perſonal, in the liberties of the ſaid burgh.

A pye-powder court.

Not to be impleaded in any other court or aſſiſe, on account of any tenement, lands, or debts, whilſt living in the ſaid burgh.

The mayor to be coroner in the ſaid burgh and its liberty, and to take an oath on his admiſſion before the lord's bayliff, alſo to be clerk of the market.

To have a tumbrell, pillory, aſſiſe of bread and beer, wine and all victuals, &c. ſcrutiny of all weights, meaſures, with the puniſhment of delinquents againſt the ſtatutes therein.

The burgeſſes, &c. thro' the whole kingdom, as well by land, as by water, as well in London as without, may buy and ſell of and to foreigners, and natives, all manner of merchandiſe, &c. without hindrance, and as the citizens of London do.

No merchant, or any other perſon, ſhall hinder or oppoſe any merchants, or others coming to this burgh by land, or by water, with victuals, or any other things to be ſold, or to buy, before they ſhall arrive here, under the penalty of ------

It is here obſervable, that there was a mayor and burgeſſes at the time of this grant. The oldeſt mayor that I have met with, is John Armourer, in the 17th year of King Edward III. *A*°. 1343.

John Ward choſe mayor, *A*°. 21. Edward III.

This decayed and ſuperannuated burgh, has a mayor, (but no aldermen, at this time) who is choſen annually, the day before St. Michael, by the free burghers, or voters, who were about 60 or 70 in number, in 1716, but he is not ſworn into his office till the court lete, which is held about all Saints Day, and has a mace carried before him to church on Sundays by a ſerjeant, and on other publick occaſions.

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(*p*) By this it plainly appears that the king ſtyles himſelf lord of this manor.

† It is probable that this was a charter of confirmation, granted by King Edward III. at the requeſt of his mother Iſabel, Queen Dowager, in the 18th of his reign; in the ſame year it appears, that ſhe obtained a grant of a mayor, &c. for Coventry, of which city ſhe had the lordſhip, that this was in Edward III's reign, appears from the word Ducibus therein, Edward, his ſon, being the firſt created duke in England, *A*°. 11, Edward III.

The mayor is obliged to take an oath at the court lete, before he enters on his office, to be adminiſtered to him by the ſteward of the manor, which the new elect in 1662, refuſed, and had a fine of 40*l.* ſet upon him then in December, at the lete, by the ſteward, for not complying.

In a petition to the lord of this manor, (Henry Howard, Eſq;) in the ſaid year, ſigned by Robert Buthoer, mayor, and 24 free burghers, and inhabitants, is this requeſt.

"We do moſt humbly deſire of your honour to be pleaſed to hold a court lete
" yearly, preſently after the feaſt of St. Michael, that the new elect may then be
" ſworn, and have ſome reaſonable allowance for the time of his office, ſufficient
" to countervail the loſs of his time, not heretofore conſidered."

There was formerly a burgh court kept, as appears from a large table of fees kept by the mayor, to which there belonged a ſteward and a jewry of 12; which is now laid aſide, as is an old cuſtom and puniſhment of the clog and ſhackle. No market is now kept, but a mean pedling fair on May 1, ſaid to have been antiently for 15 days.

The ſeal of the corporation, or mayor, is a caſtle.

By what has been obſerved, it appears that the publiſhers of *Britannia Ant. et Nova,* in 6 vol. are miſtaken in ſaying that there is a market kept here, 12 aldermen, that the Molbrays were antient lords of it, &c.

The caſtle of Ryſing was built after the grant of the town and lordſhip by King William II. to William de Albini, that king's pincerna, or butler, and probably by his ſon William, the firſt earl of Suſſex, who dyed in 1176; it ſtands upon a hill, on the ſouth ſide of the town, from whence is a fine proſpect over land, and an arm of the ſea. Great part of the walls of the keep, or inward tower, are ſtill ſtanding, being a gothick pile, much reſembling that of Norwich, and little inferior, the walls being about 3 yards thick, conſiſting chiefly of free-ſtone, with iron, or car ſtone, encompaſſed with a great circular ditch and bank of earth, on which ſtood alſo a ſtrong ſtone wall, as appears from the preſentment above mentioned in the 31ſt of Elizabeth, when the wall on the ſaid bank, is ſaid to be in part, and the reſt in danger of being, overthrown by the warreners conies. This ditch, now dry, was probably, formerly filled with water; there is but one entrance to it, on the eaſt-ſide, over a ſtrong ſtone bridge, about 30 paces long, (with a gate-houſe thereon) about 8, or 9 paces broad, and is ſupported by one arch. The inward part of the caſtle, or keep, is all in ruins, except one room, where the court lete of this lordſhip is held; no doubt the appartments here were grand and ſumptuous, when Queen Iſabel here reſided, and when the great King Edward III. [*q*] with his queen and court were often entertained, and lodged here.

On the walls which are decaying, (having no cover) were towers, or turrets, which the lords of the manors of Hunſtanton, Reydon, and the Wottons, were by their tenures obliged to guard and defend. The compaſs of the ditch that incloſes the whole is above 1080 paces.

It had the privilege of priſæ, that is of taking proviſion in the neighbouring villages, for the maintenance of the garriſon, paying for it within 40 days.

Mr. Millecent has a print of the ruins of it, and Mr. Buck has one, dedicated to the lady Viſcounteſs Andover.

It ſeems to have been by its ſcite a place of ſtrength and conſequence. In the 18th of Edward II. September 22, that king ſent his precept to the lord Montalt, the lord of it, to have great care and guard of it, on account of the approach of Mortimer; as he did at the ſame time, to the lord Bardolf, of his caſtle at Wirmegay.

Mortimer, the great favourite of his queen, making his eſcape out of the tower of London in the preceding month, was then with her in France, and both preparing to land with an army in England, to dethrone this king, which they ſoon after effected.

Perſons

(*q*) The Parliamentary Hiſtory ſays, that King Edward III. confined his mother in his 4th year, as a ſtate priſoner, for life, in Riſing Caſtle, near London, which ſhould be Lynn. Vol. 1, p. 210.

Perſons famous for their gallantry in military affairs and actions, appear to have been honoured with the conſtableſhip and government of it.

Queen Iſabel, dowager of England, gave it (being lady of the manor and caſtle) to John de Herlyng, as appears by her patent.

“ *ISABEL, by the Grace of God, Queen of England, Lady of Ireland, Counteſs of Pontiffe, &c. to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting.*”

“ KNOW ye, that We, for the good and faithful ſervice which our beloved ſervant John of Herlyng hath long ſince performed to our thrice dear ſon the king, and likewiſe to Us, have granted to the ſaid John, for the term of his life, the conſtableſhip and guard of our caſtle of Ryſing, and to be ſurveyor of our chace there, he receiving of Us the ſaid offices during his life, every day 12*d.* of the profits of our manor there, by the hands of our bayliffe and provoſt, for the time being, wherefore we command all them whom it ſhall any wayes concern, that to the ſaid John, as to our conſtable, guardian, and ſurveyor there, they be attending and reſpondent in the manner as appertains to the ſaid offices. In teſtimony of which, we have cauſed theſe out letters patents to be drawn.”

“ Given at our caſtle of Hertford, the 6th day of November, in the 20th year of the reign of our aforeſaid deare ſon the king.”

After this, Edward, Prince of Wales, confirmed the ſame in the following manner.

“ We, for the affection we beare to the perſon of the ſaid John Herlyng, &c. at his requeſt confirm to him the grant which our ſaid lady and grand mother hath made, &c. and beſides, in conſideration of the contumelies and hardſhips, the ſaid John hath from day to day in the ſervice of our ſaid lord and father, the king, and being therefore willing for that cauſe to ſhew him more eſpecial favour, We doe, and grant, &c. to the ſaid John, in caſe the ſaid caſtle and manor ſhould come into our hands, by the deceaſe of our ſaid lady and grandmother, &c. the reverſion being in Us, the ſaid conſtableſhip, &c. to hold for the terme of his life, &c.”

“ In witneſs whereof, We have cauſed theſe our letters to be made patents. Given at London under our privy ſeale, the 21ſt day of July, in the reign of our ſaid lord and father the king of England, the 27th, and of France the 14th.”

King Edward III. alſo approved and ratifyed the ſaid letters patents; witneſſes, the king, at Weſtminſter, &c.

The aforeſaid John de Herlyng, Kt. was a famous ſoldier, remarkable for his ſkill in maritime affairs, and had the cuſtody of the ſea coaſts, about Briſtol, in 1342: he was lord of Eaſt Herling, in Norfolk.

In the ſixth year of King Henry IV. John Wodhouſe occurs conſtable, who was remarkably famous in the following reign at the battle of Agincourt in France.

Ralph, lord Cromwell, was conſtable in the reign of Henry VI. The ſaid king, in his 27th year, granted to Thomas Daniel, Eſq; the office of conſtable, keeper of the foreſt, chace, or warren, then held by Ralph, lord Cromwell, on the death of the ſaid lord, or on rendering up his letters patents, or any other way, when they ſhall be vacant, to him the ſaid Thomas, and to his heirs lawfully begotten, to receive the ſame fees and perquiſites, &c. as the ſaid Ralph holds; dated at Canterbury, the 8th of September. This Thomas was afterwards made a knight, and married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Howard, and ſiſter of John, the firſt duke of Norfolk, of that family; he is ſaid to have been attainted in the firſt of Edward IV. † but was afterwards reſtored in blood and poſſeſſions, in the 14th of that king.

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† Sir Thomas was baron of Rothware, in Ireland, and lord deputy there in the reign of Edward IV.

In the 34th of Henry VI. Thomas, lord Scales, had a patent to be governor, or conſtable, and appointed to reſide there for its better ſafeguard,

In the 1ſt of Henry VII. John Vere, earl of Oxford, was made conſtable of the caſtle, ſteward of the honor of Riſing, and ranger of the chace for life, who commanded the vanguard in the battle of Boſworth, wherein King Richard III. was ſlain.

In the time of King Henry VIII. Sir Henry Marny, lord Marny, was conſtable, and had 13*l.* 8*s.* *per ann.* fee allowed him: it is reaſonable to ſuppoſe, it was at that time in a good ſtate and condition. This lord Marny was one of the chief commanders under Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, on his taking Montdidier in France, in the 15th of Henry VIII. he had alſo 40*s.* *per ann.* as ſteward of this lordſhip, and 4*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* as ranger of the chace, and 53*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* for two under foreſters, or walkers.

Near to the caſtle on the ſouth ſide, ſtood a chapel for the ſervice of the lord, &c. now in ruins.

The town is remarkable alſo for an hoſpital built by Henry Howard, earl of Northampton. In the accounts of Owen Shepherd, Gent: in the ſixth of King James I. receiver of the lands, &c. of the ſaid earl, he accounts for 451*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* paid in that year to Richard Hovell, junior, Eſq; for building this almſhouſe.

It ſtands near to the eaſt end of the church-yard, and is a ſquare building, containing 12 rooms or apartments for 12 poor women, and one good room for the governeſs, with a ſpacious hall and kitchen, and a decent chapel, which projects from the reſt on the eaſt ſide; the letters patent for the foundation bear date June 1, in the 13th year of the aforeſaid king.

It is endowed with 100*l.* *per ann.* out of lands lying in Riſing, Roydon, South and North Wotton, and Gaywood, alſo with 5*l.* every fifth year from an hoſpital in Greenwich, founded by the ſaid earl for a ſtock or fund to repair it.

Their monthly allowance is 8*s.* each, and the governeſs has 12*s.* but on certain feſtival days appointed by the founder, *viz.* All Saints, Chriſtmas, New Year's, Epiphany, Purification, St. Matthias, (which is the founder's birth day) Annunciation, Eaſter Day, Aſcenſion, Whitſunday, Trinity Sunday, St. John Baptiſt's, and St. Michael's day, they have an addition of one ſhilling to the governeſs, and 8*d.* to every poor woman. Every year each poor woman, (and the governeſs) has for their conſtant apparel a gown of ſtrong cloth, or Kerſey, of a dark colour, and every ſeventh year a livery gown, (and a hat) of blue broad cloth lined with bays, with the founder's badge or cognizance ſet on the breaſt, being a lion rampant, argent, embroidered. The governeſs is allowed two chaldron of coals *per ann.* and the reſt one chaldron, each. They are obliged to be regularly and conſtant at the church of Riſing on Sundays, and at their own chapel every day at 9 in the morning and 3 in the after noon, by the toll of a bell, where the governeſs reads prayers; they are alſo enjoyned to uſe certain prayers (appointed by their founder) morning and evening, in their own apartments, and not to go out without the leave of the governeſs.

The qualifications required on admiſſion are; They muſt be of an honeſt life and converſation, religious, grave and diſcreet, able to read, if ſuch a one may be had, a ſingle woman, her place to be void upon marriage, to be 56 years of age at leaſt, no common beggar, harlot, ſcold, drunkard, haunter of taverns, inns, or ale-houſes; to loſe their places if, after admiſſion, any lands deſcend to them of the value of 5*l.* *per ann.* or goods to the value of 50*l.* To go to prayers 3 times every day, and to ſay the Lord's prayer, the creed, and a prayer ordered by the founder; to go to church morning and evening every Sunday and holyday, and Wedneſday and Friday. On being guilty of atheiſm, hereſy, blaſphemy, faction in the hoſpital, injury, or diſgracing the aſſiſtants, neglect of duty, or miſbehaviour in the performance of duty, to do any thing to the hurt or prejudice of the hoſpital, is expulſion.

The duty of the governeſs it to preſerve the houſehold ſtuff of the hoſpital, to take care of the ſick, to cauſe the gates to be ſhut morning and evening at due hours; to deliver out the blue gowns, every Sunday and holyday morning, and to receive the ſame back again at night. To ring the bell every morning and evening for prayers, to ſhut the gates at prayer time, to look to the reparations of the hoſpital, that not ſo much as one ſtone be miſſing either in the walls, or upon the hoſpital, by the ſpace of a month, to keep the piece of ground on the north weſt ſide of the hoſpital next adjoyning to the walls, and to preſerve the trees, to keep her garden plot fair and handſome, to reſide conſtantly there, not to lye abroad without licence, nor above 7 days (with licence) in any one year; to give ſecurity in 20*l.* penalty upon her admiſſion, for the performance of duty, the ſecurity to be given to the mayor of Riſing; ſhe is alſo to read prayers appointed in the chapel twice every day, not to permit any ſtranger to lye in the hoſpital, to dine and ſup with the poor women in the hall on feſtival days.

The offences of the governeſs, by the ſtatutes of the founder, are to be certified to the earl of Arundel, or his heir, (who is now the earl of Suffolk) by two of the aſſiſtants, and then the earl to take order therein, by expulſion, or otherwiſe, as he ſhall think fit.

If the earl of Arundel, or his next heir, within 60 days after a certificate ſent to him of a death or removal, does not appoint a new governeſs, or poor woman, then the mayor of Lynn is to do it.

This noble earl, who was highly eminent for his learning, and many great endowments and virtues, founded two other hoſpitals; one at Greenwich, in Kent, for 20 poor men, and a warden; the other at Clun, in Shorpſhire, for 12 poor men and a warden; he was buried in the chapel of Dover-caſtle, in Kent, of which he was governour in 1614, afterwards removed, placed and depoſited at the eaſt end of the chapel of his hoſpital at Greenwich, in 1696, together with his monument, by the order of the mercer's company, truſtees of the ſaid hoſpital; in his epitaph he is ſtiled.——*Inter Nobiles Literatiſſimus.*

Here was alſo a famous chace for deer, and a warren belonging to this lordſhip.

In the 39th of Elizabeth, great diſputes aroſe about the bounds and limits of them, between Ann, Counteſs of Arundel, widow of Philip, Earl of Arundel, and William Cobb, Eſq; Henry Spilman, &c. and other neighbouring lords of manors, this lordſhip being part of her jointure; and in the ſaid year depoſitions were taken at Lynn, on the 26th of July, before Thomas Fermer, Richard Stubbs, John Willoughbye, and William Guybon, Eſq;

John Jeffrey of Ryſing caſtle, labourer, aged 76, then depoſed that he had known Riſing chace and warren 60 years; that he dwelt in Wotton and Riſing all his life, and boundeth the limits, purlewe, or walks of the chace, thus:

From Ryſinge to Babingley-Mill, from thence to Rattleman's Lane, ſo to Hall Lane, ſo to Butler's Croſs, ſo in a green way leading to Newton, ſo to Wades-Mill, ſo ſouthward down a way leading to Capp-Mill, ſo to Pedders Lane, or waye, ſo to Gatton, ſo to Hillington Bridge, ſo ſouthward over the moor to Homeſton, ſo into Ruſton's Lane, ſo to two lanes, the names he remembreth not, ſo Southward to Bones Bridge, ſo along the river to Weyvelinge houſe, ſo along the river to Bawſey Dike, ſo by the old river to Bawſey water, and ſo along the river to Gaywoode Bridge. And further ſaith, that ſo much of the ground as lyeth in the towns of Riſing, North and South Wotton, RySflye, Grimſton, Wyvelingham and Rydon, are within the limits of the chace, and have been reputed, uſed, lett, &c. as parcel of the ſaid chace. He ſaith alſo that the bounds and limits of the ſaid warren extend from Rydon, to Hall-Hill, and ſo near to Rydon church, and thence down a waye to Hillington Cawſey, thence to Querne Hill, and ſo to Wardyke; and he ſaith that the keepers, &c. have at their wills, uſed to chaſe and rechaſe the deer, within the ſaid limits, that in the 9 acres, there were burrowing a 1000 conies and diverſe falls, that the warrenners have at their wills, untill now of late, quietly and peaceably hunted, hayed, ferited, digged, killed, and carried away all ſuch conies as bred and burrowed upon the 9 acres, Congham Lyings and Moor, and that the warreners always paid tithe conies thereon to the parſons of Congham, and he never heard any farm conies to Mr. Spilman, or any other for the nine acres and Congham Lyings: he ſaith Mr. Waller's grounds begin at King's

Thorn, where ſometime was great ſtore of conies, and ſo ſouthward to the ſaid pitts, ſo to Hall-Hill, ſo to the hangings of Goldworthy Hill, unto the ſouth ſide thereof, and never knew it ploughed but by Mrs. Waller: he knoweth the grounds in Mrs. Waller's occupation in Rydon, extending to Shepherd's Hill, with all Rydon Lyngs and ſo to Skegney Fen, and thence to Rydon Shrubbs, and ſo to Eleven Herne, called Rydon-Common; and ſaith in both theſe places laſt bounded in Rydon, the warreners uſed like liberty as before in Congham 9 acres and Lyngs; and paid tithe conies to the parſon of Rydon; that in Wyveling grounds uſed the like liberty, as in any other part of the warren, without any interruption, untill now of late years: he depoſeth the ſame of South Wotton grounds, and of Great Cromer's Cloſe, and Little Cromer's Cloſe, both which lye in Riſinge.

The temporalities of Flitcham priory were 2*s.*—of Pentney priory 1*d.*—of Buckenham 4*d.*

The tenths of the town were 6*l.*—Deducted, 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church of Riſing is an antient pile, built in a conventual manner, with a tower between the body of it and the chancel, which laſt is now in ruins, the walls only of part of it being ſtanding; alſo a ſouth croſs iſle joyning to the tower, which is entirely in ruins: the weſt end is adorned with antique carving and ſmall arches, in the tower are 3 bells, but one is ſplit, the roof of the church is flat, covered with lead, long but narrow, and is dedicated to St. Lawrence.

There are no inſcriptions in the church.

In the porch was a grave-ſtone, with part of an inſcription, *viz. Iſabellæ Reginæ*, in memory no doubt of ſome of that queen's ſervants, or retinue, which induced ſome perſons to fancy that ſhe herſelf was here buried.

The church was taxed formerly at 10 marks and a half, now at 8*l.* in the king's books, and is diſcharged of firſt fruits, &c.

It pays no procurations, only ſynodals; being extempt from all epiſcopal juriſdiction, and archidiaconal, except induction by the arch-deacon of Norwich, and the patronage is in the lord of the manor. The rector has the probate of wills, not as rector, but as commiſſary, nominated by the lord of the manor, derived as 'tis ſaid from a Norman cuſtom, rather claimed, by the lord, in right of his caſtle, &c.

Here was the gild of Corpus Chriſti.

RECTORS.

In 1302, John de Cockermuth was inſtituted rector, preſented by Sir Robert de Monthalt.——1309, John de Heydone, ditto.——1318, Reginald de Thorp, ditto.——1349, Hugh de Trykingham, by Iſabell, Queen of England.——1350, Robert de Congham, ditto.——1355, William Rouſe, ditto.——1361, John de Rougham, by Edward, Prince of Wales.——1377, John de Stalham, by Richard, King of England.——1381, John Brune, by the king, on account of the duke of Montford's lands.——1385, John Smelt, by the locum tenens of the Duke of Britain.——1389, William de Fryſeby, ditto.——1393, John Symond, ditto.——1398, Richard Hopton, by the Duke of York.

1416, John Ellyſwick, by the king.——1419, Arnald Ymbrede, ditto.——1427, William Gameleſton, ditto.——1427, Richard Trever, ditto.——1443, John Chapman, ditto.——1448, Robert Ferriby, ditto.——1462, William Hamond, ditto.——1476, Richard Craneworth, by Edward, Prince of Wales.——1487, William Dikkys, ditto.——1491, William Carter, by Arthur, Prince of Wales.

1506, John Toche, by the king.——1509, Richard Ball, ditto.——1530, John Lane, ditto.——1545, Thomas Chanon, by the Duke of Norfolk.——1550, Richard Hammiſley, by the king.——1560, William Goſhawke, by Thomas Stainings, Eſq; and Frances, Counteſs of Surrey.——1568, Thomas Fairfax, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.—— ----, William Davy, rector.——1575, Robert Gray, by William Dyx and William Cantrell.

William Grimſhaw occurs rector 1606.——Hamond Baldwin in 1640.——
—— Calvert occurs in 1662.——1664, Samuel Slipper, by Henry Howard.——
1665, Thomas Lawſon, ditto.——1676, Matthew Bolton, *A. M.* by H. Howard, baron of Riſing.——1684, Matt. Bolton, by Simon Fox, Eſq; &c.

1707, Eliſha Smith, *A. M.* by William Fielding, Eſq; and the lady Diana his wife.——1740, Henry Loftus, by William, Lord Viſcount Andover.——1754 John Newton, by the Lord Viſcount Andover.——1755, Phil. Pyle, by the Lord Andover.

REYDON, or RYDON,

WAS in King Edward's time a beruwite, or berwick, appertaining, or belonging to Stigand the arch-biſhop of Canterbury's great or capital lordſhip of Sneteſham, [a] conſiſting of one ſocman, 25 borderers, and 2 ſervi, who held one carucate of land, 6 acres of meadow, with one carucate in demean, and a half one amongſt the tenants, 2 ſalt pits, or ſalt works, and 8 ſocmen had 2 carucates of land and 16 acres, 5 borderers, alſo 2 carucates, and one ſalt pit, and the moiety of another, all which were valued together with Sneteſham, and held by Stigand as a lay fee.

Stigand being diſpoſſeſſed by the Conqueror, it was given by him to his brother Odo, biſhop of Baieux, in France, and Earl of Kent, who was lord of it at the grand ſurvey.

It takes its name from Rye, or Rei, of which ſee in Ryſing, and Don, or Dun, a hill. Odo taking part with Robert, Duke of Normandy, the Conqueror's eldeſt ſon, againſt King William II. was deprived of this, and all his eſtates in England, [b] and then granted by him to William de Albini, Pincerna Regis, or the king's grand butler, anceſtor to the Earls of Albini and Suſſex, in which family it continued till the death of Hugh de Albini, Earl of Suſſex, &c. who dying without iſſue in the 27th year of King Henry III. and his eſtate being divided amongſt his ſiſters and co-heirs, this lordſhip came together with the honour, or manor, of Ryſing-Caſtle, to Roger de Monte Alto, or Montault, by the marriage of Cecily, fourth ſiſter and co-heir of the ſaid Hugh; and at the ſame time the patronage of the rectory was on the ſaid diviſion granted to Robert, lord Tateſhale, who married Mabel, the eldeſt ſiſter and co-heir, as his part of the advouſons belonging to the ſaid inheritance, after the deceaſe of Iſabel, widow of the aforeſaid Earl Hugh, who held it in dower.

In the 12th of Henry III. a fine was levied of cuſtoms and ſervices, to be done for lands in this town and Congham, between Emme, daughter of Robert de Bintre, and Robert her ſon, querents, and Alan, ſon of Geffrey de Rydun, and William, ſon of Humphrey; and in the 20th of Edward III. the heirs of William de Blakeney, &c. were found to hold the fourth part of a fee, in Reydon, which Robert Rydon formerly held, belonging to the earl of Arundel, which was afterwards in the hands of Edmund Belzeter, William Riſing, and their parceners in the 3d of Henry IV.

But the chief tenure was about the end of Edward II. and in the beginning of Edward III's. reign, in the family of Wodehouſe, if not before.

Sir Richard de Wodehouſe, ſon of Sir William, lived in the reign of Edward III. and was lord of Rydon, and by vertue of this lordſhip, &c. held of the caſtle of Riſing, was obliged to repair and maintain a tower of that caſtle called Wodehouſes's tower, and paid a ſum of money yearly for the caſtle guard, and as I preſume lived here.

John

(*a*) Terr. Epi. Baiocenſis. Huic manerio, (viz. Sneteſham) jacet in Reiduna, i ſoc. i car. tre. ſemp. xxv bord. 7 ii. ſer. 7 vi ac. pti. 7 i car. in dnio. 7 dim. car. hom. 7 ii ſal. 7 viii ſoc. ii car. tre. et xvi ac. 7 v bord. 7 ii car. 7 i ſal. 7 dim.

(*b*) See in Riſing.

John Wodehouſe, Eſq; of the body to King Henry V. famous for his gallant behaviour at the battle of Agincourt, had his reſidence here, and was conſtable of the caſtle of Riſing.

It appears from a *MS.* of William de Worceſter, [*c*] *alias* Botoner, who lived in the reigns of Henry VI. and Edward IV. that he was in the retinue and family of Sir John Faſtolfe, Kt. of the garter, (his herald, and one of his executors) that this John Wodehouſe built here a large and moſt royal and beautiful manor-houſe, called the Rey, on the river hereby, which coſt him above 2000 marks ſterling, with ſtately offices, &c. about a mile from Riſing, in which he died in 1430; and that this noble edifice was entirely deſtroyed, and pulled down to the ground, by the advice and aſſiſtance of Thomas, lord Scales, about September 21, 1454; by the conſent of the heir of the founder, and his particular friend; the reaſon aſſigned is, that Thomas Danyel, Eſq; of Lancaſhire, late ſheriff of Norfolk, by the aſſiſtance and power of John, (Mowbray) duke of Norfolk, on account of his marrying a kinſwoman of the ſaid duke, pretending a right and title to the ſaid lordſhip, falſely aſſerting that Wodehouſe, the heir [*d*] to his father, (the founder) had given it to him. On this pretence he ſeveral times entered the ſame by force, and a great army of the duke. And this the lord Scales did out of a good intention tho' much to the loſs and damage of Wodehouſe's heir.

Upon this I preſume the ſaid Thomas Daniel became lord, and was alſo conſtable of Riſing caſtle, &c. but on the acceſſion of Edward IV. the ſaid Thomas is ſaid to have been attainted, and it was then moſt likely granted to Anthony Woodvile, who was created Lord Scales, having married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas, lord Scales, abovementioned; on the death of this lady, in the 13th of Edward IV. it was found that ſhe held this manor of Rydon; and Anthony, lord Scales, &c. in her right preſented to this rectory in 1473, and 1479.

On the death of Anthony, lord Scales and earl Rivers, it probably came again into the Wodehouſe family, in 1552, and 1561, Margaret, widow of Thomas Wodehouſe, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Roger Wodehouſe, (who dyed in 1547, before his father) being joyntured herein, preſented to the church, and Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; was lord in the 36th of Henry VIII.

Soon after this it was poſſeſſed by Ralph Waller, Eſq; who preſented to the church in 1564, and 1572, afterwards Richard Hovell, Eſq; was lord of it. In the 2d year of King James I. the receiver of Henry Howard, earl of Northampton, accounted for 1100*l.* paid to Richard Hovell, Eſq; for the purchaſe of the manor of Rydon, and in the next year a fine was levied thereof, and of lands bought there of Thomas Foſter, and Edward Callow, &c.

The ſaid earl, by deed dated April 13, in the 8th of King James, granted to Owen Shepherd, the next preſentation of this church, to which is his ſeal of arms, four coats, *viz.* Howard, Brotherton, Warren, and Mowbray, within the garter; and died poſſeſſed of it in 1616, and then came to Thomas Howard, earl of Arundel, his heir, and afterwards to the Howards, Earls of Berkſhire, and to the preſent lord, the earl of Suffolk, as in Ryſing.

It was taxed for tenths, &c. with Congham, at 5*l.* 3*s.*

I have ſeen a braſs coin of Queen Iſabel, mother of King Edward III. when ſhe reſided here, and held this lordſhip in capite, [*e*] ſomewhat larger then our preſent ſhilling; on it theſe arms—quarterly, an antique ſhip, (as in that age) in the ſea, or water; the old arms of this borough, (tho' the modern arms are repreſented to be a caſtle triple tower'd) the legend obſcure.

The reverſe, in an lozenge, the arms of that queen, as a widow; four flower de lys of France; at that time the kings of France bore ſemy de lys; and on King Edward III's claim to that crown, he aſſumed, and quartered the ſame; the legend is obſcure, but, *R A,* is plainly to be ſeen, for *Regina,* as I take it.

(*c*) Itinerarium, ſive liber memorabilium, Willi. Worceſter, p. 131.

(*d*) This heir was Henry Wodehouſe, Eſq; who died in 1450, without iſſue, and his eſtate deſcended to his brother John Wodehouſe, Eſq;——Thomas Daniel, Eſq; married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Howard, by Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Mowbray, duke of Norfolk.

(*e*) Britannia Antiqua et Nova, vol. 3, p. 458.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and is a rectory, the antient valor was 6 marks and an half, and paid Peter-pence 4*d*.

The preſent valor is 5*l*. and is diſcharged of firſt-fruits and tenths, and exempted from all epiſcopal and archidiaconal viſitations, except induction, and the rector has a probate of all wills in this pariſh.

The priory of Eye had a portion of tithe valued at 26*s*. 8*d*. *per ann.*

RECTORS.

----, Thomas de Holm.

1308, John, ſon of John Alunday, by the king, on account of the lands of Robert de Tateſhall.——1322, Gregory de Knapeton, by Sir Robert de Ufford, in right of Margary, his wife: ſhe was relict of Sir Thomas de Cailly.——1326, Alan de Wacton, by ditto.——1349, Walter Kolvil, by Sir Robert de Ufford, earl of Suffolk.——1350, John Hamond, ditto.——1350, Walter Colvyll, ditto.

1400, Peter Lewrich, by Margaret, wife of Conſtant. de Clyfton.——1404, John Chalener, ditto.—— ----, Robert Samburn.——1418, John You, (exchange for Kirkſtede) ditto.——1431, Thomas Dobbes, by Lady Margaret Clyfton.——1450, Robert Wodemanſton, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1453, Frater Thomas Goring, a Franciſcan, by Thomas, lord de Scales.——1473, Frater John Lindſey, a carmelite, by Anthony, lord Rivers and Scales, prior of that convent at Lynn.——1479, Robert Cowper, by Anthony de Wodevile, earl Ryvers.

1511, Thomas Seyll.——1552, Robert Perſon, by Margaret Woodhouſe, widow.——1556 Roger Bincks, by Margaret Woodhouſe, relict of Thomas Woodhouſe, Eſq;—— ----, Thomas Leman.——1561, Leonard Howlet, *L. L. B.* by Margaret Woodhouſe.——1564, Cuthbert Hyndmer, by Ralph Waller, Gent: ——1572, William Ryſley, by Ralph Waller, Eſq;

----, Thomas Ringwood.

1664, Samuel Slipper, by Henry Howard.——1665, Thomas Lawſon, ditto, united to Caſtle Riſing.——1676, Matthew Boulton, *A. M.* by Henry Howard, baron of Riſing.——1682, Matthew Boulton, *A. M.* by Sim. Fox, Eſq; Nevenſon Fox, and Cuthbert Brown, clerk.

1707, ------ Eliſha Smith, *A. M.* by William Fielding, Eſq; and the lady Diana, his wife, rector of Tydd St. Giles, in the Iſle of Ely, and publiſhed 2 vol. of Sermons in 1740, and a Treatiſe—The Cure of Deiſm.

1740, Henry Loftus, by William Howard, Lord Viſcount Andover.——1754, John Newton, by the Lord Viſcount Andover.——1755, Philip Pyle, ditto.

NORTH RUNGTON.

THIS town takes its name from its ſcite, as ſurrounded with water: [a] Turchetel was lord of it in the Confeſſor's time, a freeman, and had 2 carucates of land, 11 villains, 7 borderers, and 2 ſervi, with 30 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongſt the tenants, one mill and the moiety of another, 4 ſalt-pits, and the third part of another, &c. a church endowed with 30 acres; 13 ſocmen belonged to this manor, with 37 acres and a carucate.

It was always valued at 6*l*. 4*s*. *per ann.* the whole was one leuca long and broad, and paid 12*d*. of a 20*s*. gelt, and East Winch was meaſured with it, (that is the

part

(a) Terre Hermeri.—In Rynghetuna ii car. terre ten. Turchetel lib. ho t. r. e. ſemp. xi vill. et vii bord. et ii ſerv. xxx ac. pti ſemp. ii car. in dominio et i car. hom. 7 i molin. et dim. ſilva. de xx porc. et iiii ſal. et q'ntæ tertia pars ſep. i runc. et iiii an. 7 xxvii porc. c. ov's i ecclia. xxx ac. huic man. jacent xiii ſoc. xxxvii ac. ſemp. i car. ſemp val vi. lib. et iiii ſol. tota ht. i lg. in longo 7 in lato, et reddit xiid. de xx ſol de gelto regis, et in eade' menſura e Eſwinic.

part which Hermerus held there) and the Conqueror gave it to Hermerus de Ferrarijs, who was lord at the ſurvey.

The deſcendants of this Hermerus aſſumed the name of Wirmegay, which town was his chief ſeat and reſidence: Richard de Wirmegay was father of William de Wirmegay, who lived in the reign of Henry II. was baron of Wirmegay, and held 14 knights fees belonging to it, &c.

Reginald de Warren, ſecond ſon to William, the 2d earl Warren and Surry, married Alice, daughter and heir of the ſaid William de Wirmegay, and had by her William de Warren, who lived in the reign of King Richard I. and dying in the 11th of King John, left Beatrix his daughter and heir, then the widow of Dodo Bardolf, ſon of Thomas de Bardolf; by Dodo, ſhe had William Bardolf, Lord Bardolf, who in the 27th of Henry III. had that honour and barony delivered to him, together with this town, as a part, or member of it.

In this family it continued till the death of Thomas, lord Bardolf, who was beheaded and attainted, being in rebellion againſt King Henry IV. and that king granted it to his brother, Thomas Beaufort, duke of Exeter.

It came afterwards to Sir William Phelips, lord Bardolf, ſo to John, Viſcount Beaumont, and on the death of William, Viſcount Beaumont, and his lady, this manor and honor of Wirmegay ſell to the crown, as in Wirmegay, and ſo continued for ſome years.

In the 1ſt of King Edward VI. Chriſtopher Coningſby, Eſq; † of Wallington was found to dye ſeiſed of it, and left it to his three daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, Ann, and Amy. Francis Gawdy, Eſq; by the marriage of Elizabeth, the eldeſt, had a third part of the ſame; Thomas Clark, Eſq; of Hampſhire, who married Amy, and Alexander Balam, Eſq; who married Ann, held the other two parts in the 1ſt of Elizabeth, which were purchaſed by the ſaid Gawdy, afterwards a knight, and lord chief juſtice of the common pleas. At his death in, or about 1605, it came to his daughter and heir Elizabeth, who by Sir William Hatton, *alias* Newport, had a daughter and heir, Frances, married to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, lord of this town in her right, and was ſold by him on the 1ſt of June, in the 12th year of King James I. to George Cremer, *alias* Skryme, which George was third ſon of John Cremer, of Sneteſham, in Norfolk, by Ann, daughter of ----- Taſh: George married Elizabeth, daughter of Adam Williamſon, of Keſwicke, in Cumberland, and had Sir John Cremer, Kt. his eldeſt ſon, and Edmund Cremer, his 2d ſon; Sir John married Sarah, daughter of Sir Edward Filmer of Eaſt Sutton, in Kent, by whom he had a ſon and 3 daughters, who all dyed young. Edmund the ſecond ſon lived at Weſtwinch and married Anne, daughter of Richard Tryce of Godmancheſter in Huntingtonſhire, and left Anne, his daughter and heir, who being married to William, lord Fitz Williams, of Lefford, in Ireland, in 1694, was living with this lady his wife, at Milton in Northamptonſhire, and in this family it now remains.

Sir William de Rungeton was high ſheriff of Norfolk, in the 16th of Edward II. and ſealed with 2, 2, and 1 eſcallops, or flowers de lys.

Another lordſhip [b] in this town was held at the ſurvey, by William de Scohies, and by Turchill, in the Confeſſor's time; it conſiſted of one carucate of land held by 2 borderers, and 20 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongſt the tenants; 7 ſocmen belonged to it, in King Edward's time, who held then 60 acres, and 2 carucates; at the ſurvey they held but one carucate, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 3*l.* *per ann.*

Soon after the conqueſt this ſeems to be poſſeſſed by William Giffard, earl of Buckingham, and by the marriage of the daughter and heir of that family it came to the earls of Clare.

To this town the hamlets of Seche *Magna*, and Hardwick belong.

SECHEY

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† See of this family in Wallington.

(*b*) Terr. Willi. de Scohies——Rungetuna, tenuit Turchill. t. r. e. p. man. 7 p. i car. tre. mo. W. in dnio ſep. ii bor. xx ac. pti. i car. in dnio. dim. car. hom. huic maner. jac. vii. ſoc. t. r. e. de LX ac. tc. ii car. mo. i viii ac. pti. totu. val. LX ſol.

SECHEY MAGNA, and HARDWICK,

ARE two hamlets belonging to North Rungton: Setche *Magna* is on the great road from London to Lynn, on a navigable river, called (higher up) the Nar; but in an old record, I find the river here, called the Eye, and ſo probably takes its name, as ſet on that river, over which there is here a bridge.

It was part of the lord Bardolf's manor of Rungton, and that lord had a charter of free-warren at *Magna* Seche, *A*°. 33 of Henry III. with a weekly mercate on Monday, and 2 fairs in the year. From thoſe lords it paſt as above, and was part of the earl of Warwick's manor of Rungeton, who in the reign of King James I. had the grant of a weekly mercate here every fortnight, on Tueſday, for fat cattle, and butchers from Norwich, and all parts of this country reſort to it.

Jeffrey Fitz Piers, earl of Eſſex, gave all his lands in North Rungton, Sadlebow and Sechey, held of the earl of Clare, to the priory of Shouldham, and in the 8th of Richard II. Thomas de Warblington held one fee in Seche, South Lynn, Hardwick, and Weſt Winch, of the honor of Clare.

In the 12th of Henry III. a fine was levied between Ralph de Normanvill, and Alice his wife, petents, and Henry de Havill, tenent, of the third part of 8*l*. rent *per ann*. in Hardwick, Rungton, Sechith and Lenne, as the dower of Alice, from Ralph de Gernemuth, her late huſband; and in the 52d of the ſaid king two fines were levied between Nicholas Durant, and Simon, vicar of Midleton, of a meſſuage and 30 acres of land in South Lenn, Hardwick, Weſt Weniz, and of 6 meſſuages, 53 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and 45*s*. 8*d*. rent in Hardwick, Rungton, &c. granted to Nicholas.

Barges came with coals, &c. up here, on the river Eye, lately made navigable to Narburgh, &c.

Theſe two hamlets had their chapels, and they were both ſtanding in 1528.

The tenths of North Rungton, with its hamlets, were 12*l*. *per ann*. and 2*l*. 12*s*: were deducted, for the lands of the religious therein.

The church of North Rungton, is dedicated to All Saints, was valued at 15 marks, and paid Peter-pence 7*d*. the preſent valor is 8*l*. 10*s*. and pays firſt-fruits, &c. In 1701, Auguſt 15, the old church was deſtroyed by the fall of the tower upon it, and about 1710, rebuilt, the following gentlemen, &c. being the principal benefactors to it.

William, Lord Fitz Williams, gave 100*l*.—Rowland Okeover, Eſq; 50*l*.—Trinity College, Cambridge, 20*l*.—Sir Ralph Hare, Bt. 10*l*.—Sir John Turner 2*l*.—Robert Walpole, Eſq; 5*l*.—John Turner, Eſq; 5*l*. 13*l*. 4*d*.—Henry Bell, 15*l*.—Henry Towers, 17*l*—Charles Wright, rector, 20*l*.—William Adamſon, clerk, 5*l*.—James Everard, clerk, 5*l*.

Near the communion table, on a graveſtone—*Nathaniel Rolle, M. D. e ſocijs ſen. Coll. Trin. Cantab. in ſacros ordines atq. hujus eccleſia rectorium ſuffectus, donatus eſt 14, Octob.* 1669, *anno Ætat*. 49.

Georgius Atwell, Cantab. de ſtudio et praxi mathematicis non ignobilis, obt. 14, *Sept*. 1658, *Ann. Ætat*. 82.—*Quibus iſtius filia, illius conjux Conſtantia Rolle, hoc commune monumentum mærens poſuit*; and a long Latin epitaph, for the ſaid Conſtantia, who died June 17, 1683,

Alſo a graveſtone—*In memory of Oſbert Hopes, clerk, who died November* 20, 1652, *aged* 70.

In the body of the church, on one—*Sarah, Joh. Cremer, Militis, ac hujus ce parochiæ Dni. conjux, amantiſſima, piiſſima, beatæ reſurrectionis ſpe plena, amatq. expectatq. hic diem, conjux conjugi liberos 4 tulit, reſtituit tamen poſt paucos dies Deo qui dedit eripuitque, pignus matris; in cœlo matrona tandem pluſquam quinquegeſimariæ* *exceſſit vitâ, Oct. 28.—Reparatoq; ſalutis anno, 1661.*

On another, with the arms of Cremer, argent, 3 wolves head, eraſed, ſable, on a chief, gules, as many cinqfoils, or.

Spe reſurgendi hic jacent Geor. Cremer de Seche, Gen. Dominus hujus parochiæ, et Elizab. uxor ejus, cui peperit, 5 filios, et 7 filias; illa obiit. 9 Apr. 1624, ille vero ob. 23, Aug. 1656, ætat. ſuæ 80, in cujus memoriam, Joh. Cremer, filius primogenitus nunc ſolus ſuperſtes, H. M. P.

RECTORS.

Adam ——, rector, occurs in the 22d of Edward I.

1307, John de Gouthorp, by Thomas Bardolf, with the chapels of Sechize, and Herdewyk.———1316, Mr. Martin de Middleton, by Sir Thomas Bardolf.———1318, Nicholas Cannard, ditto.———1321, Nicholas Noteman, ditto, lord of Wirmegey.———1326, Oliver de Wacheſham, ditto.———1331, Thomas Miriel, (exchange for Stanſtede) by the king, in the minority of the heir of Thomas Bardolf.———1339, Richard Attehaw, by Sir John Bardolf, lord of Wirmegey.———1373, Ralph de Goſfeld, by the attourney general of William, lord Bardolf.———1388, Gregory Bolour, (exchanged for Congham St. Andrew) by the king.

1402, Thomas Mayſter, (exchanged for Whelnetham *Magna*, in Suffolk) by Agnes, lady Bardolf.———1402, John Dows, (exchanged for Stoke, by Eye) by Thomas, lord Bardolf.———1406, John Cartere, (exchanged for Cantele) by Thomas Beauford, lord of Wirmegey.———1407, John Multon, ditto.———1415, John, ſon of Richard de Derham, by Thomas, earl of Dorſet.———1419, Nicholas Martyn, (exchanged for Wrabnaſe, in Lincoln dioc.) by Thomas, duke of Exeter.———1423, Thomas Bardevyle, ditto.———1442, Edmund Gedney, by Joan, lady Bardolf.———1445, Alan Lolles, ditto.———1456, Richard Skynner, by John, Viſcount Beaumont———1457, John Conyngeſholm, ditto.———1475, John Ward, by the feoffees of Joan Beaumont, daughter of Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham.———1486, Henry Davyſon, by the prior and convent of Pentney.———1493, John Cooke, by Henry de Veer, earl of Oxon, guardian to William, Viſcount Beaumont.———1496, Richard Harper, ditto.

1504, Robert Walker, ditto.———1506, William Graunge, ditto.———1563, William Cotes, by Francis Gawdy, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife.——— ——, Arthur Hunne.———1592, Thomas Hopes, by Francis Gawdy, one of the queen's judges.

1616, Oſbert Hopes, by Cuthbert Norris, *S. T. P.* and Richard Hopes.——— 1651, Nathaniel Rowles, *M. D.* by the maſter and fellows of Trinity College, in Cambridge.———1669, Charles Wright, *D. D.* ditto.

1711, Griffith Williams, ditto.——— 1718, Edward Rudd, *D. D.* ditto.——— 1727, John Williams, ditto.———1738, John Bellman, ditto.———1756, John White, on Bellman's death, the preſent rector, ditto.

The temporalties of Wirmegeye priory were 25*s.* 11*d.*

The prior of Pentney had 25*s.* 11*d.* rent in North Rungton.

On the 24th of May, in the 7th of James I. Francis Morrice and Franc. Phelps, had a grant of Notley tithe, in this pariſh. Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, gave two parts of the tithes of his demean here, to that abby, which was confirmed by William Turbus, biſhop of Norwich. Thomas Hopes, rector of this church, by his will dated March 3, 1615, gave to his brother, Richard Hopes, and Cuthbert Norris, *D. D.* his uncle, an acre of land near the church-yard, having divers buildings on it, *viz.* two capital meſſuages, a barn, and alſo a portion of tithes, called Notley tithes, with the advouſon of the church of North Rungton, to the intent that they ſhould convey them to Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he had been formerly a member. The college to preſent the brother, or kindred of Hopes: the rector to have the acre, with the buildings on it, for a parſonage houſe, keeping it in repair, and the Notley tithes; paying a fee farm rent of 40*s. per ann.* and 11*l.* 12*s. per ann. viz.* 3*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* to the vice maſter of Trinity College, towards the maintenance of a poor ſcholar, to enjoy it 5 years after his admiſſion, to be choſen by the vice maſter, and mayor of Lynn, out of Lynn free ſchool;—3*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* to the church-wardens and overſeers of North Rungton;—3*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* to the church-wardens and overſeers of Geyton;—6*s.* to Midleton poor;—10*s.* to Eaſt Winch;—3*s.* 4*d.* to Eaſt Walton;—3*s.* 4*d.* to Dudlington, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to Colveſton poor, to be given to them who come to church, and in groats; and if the officers do not diſtribute it, the pariſh to loſe their ſhare for next year, and then to be paid to the chamberlain of Lyn, for the priſoners there.

Notley tithe abovementioned, was the tithe of two parts of the demean land of Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, in this town and in Middleton, given by him to Notley abby, in Bucks, founded by him.

SANDRINGHAM.

Called Sant-Derſingham, in the book of Domeſday, from Sand and Derſingham, of which ſee under that town.

A free-man in the Confeſſor's time enjoyed it under Herold, afterwards King of England, but being ejected at the Conqueſt, it was beſtowed on Robert Fitz Corbon, or Corbution, who held the lordſhip of Saxlingham, and Stokes, in the hundred of Henſted;—Ruſhale and Sterſton, in that of Erſham;—Lothna, (Loddon) Goloſa, (Gelſdon) Mundham and Brome, in the hundred of Lothpingga, (Clavering hundred)—Berningham, in South Erpingham;—Shelton, Sterſton, Stratton and Freton, in Depwade hundred;—Hadſco and Sarpeſtuna, (Yelverton) in Clavering hundred.

Ralph held it under Robert: [a] it conſiſted of 5 borderers, who held then a carucate, but at the ſurvey there were neither borderers, nor a carucate; one ſervus then, and 3 acres and an half of meadow, and one carucate amongſt the tenants, with a ſalt pit, and was valued at 20*s.*

WOOD-HALL.

WILLIAM FITZ CORBUN, or Curcon, whoſe ſon, Ralph Curzun, was lord of a manor in Stoke Holy Croſs in the reign of King Henry II. was deſcended from Robert aforeſaid, and alſo lords here; and by one of them was conveyed to Simon de Whatefield, from whom it came to Reginald de Wode and Alice his wife, who were lords in 1265, when he impleaded ſeveral perſons for carrying away his goods from Sandringham, &c. and in the 14th of Edward I. Thomas de Wyklewode and Mary his wife, William, ſon of Geff. de Rugham, and Alice, his wife, ſued Reginald for a meſſuage and 50 acres of land, with the appertenances in this town; this was purchaſed of them by Reginald, and conveyed by fine to him in the ſaid year. Soon after this the abbot of St. Bennet, at Holm, had an intereſt in it; in 1296, Sir Richard de la Rokele had licenſe from King Edward I. to exchange his manor of Greenſvill, or Greſville in Stoke Holy Croſs, for this of Woodhall.

In the 20th of Edward III. Roger de Sandringham, and Alice, late wife of John Rivet, were found to hold the fourth part of a fee in this town, which Peter, ſon of Robert, and Jeffrey Clerk formerly held: it came not long after into the family of the Cobbs, by the marriage of the daughter and heireſs of Rivet. In the firſt year of King Richard III. November 4, Jeffrey Cobbe de Sandringham was bound

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(*a*) Terre Rob. filij Corbutionis——Santderſingham, tenet Ranulfus, quam ten. i lib. ho. ſub Heroldō, t. r. e. tc. 7 p' i car. mo. n. tc. 7 p. v bor. mo. null. tc. 7 p'. iii ſer. mo. i 7 iii ac. 7 dim. pti. tc. 7 p' i car. ho'um. tc. 7 p' i ſal. ſep. val. xx. ſol.

in a bond for money to William Berdwell, Eſq; and in the 2d of Henry IV. John Cobbe, ſon and heir of Jeffrey Cobbe and of Alianora his wife, [b] releaſed to William Staundon, of Wympole, in Cambridgeſhire, and his heirs, all his right in the manor of Wympole, called Franceys. William Cobbe, of Sandringham, is mentioned in deeds of land, dated in the 8th and 13th of Edward IV. and is ſaid to have married a daughter of ----- Briſton, of Norfolk.

On the 1ſt of July in the 8th of Henry VII. William Cobbe, of Sandringham, by his will then dated, [c] bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, of Sandringham, by Elizabeth his wife; appoints Geffrey his ſon and heir, Symon Batchcroft, and Thomas Walpole, his executors: mentions William and Thomas, his younger ſons, and Agnes his ſecond wife, (who ſurvived him) and Ralph Geyton, his father in law, and gives this manor with thoſe of Babingley and Wolverton, to Jeff. his ſon. Thomas Walpole, of Lynn Biſhop's, Eſq; in his will dated 1512, calls this Jeffrey, his brother in law, having married his ſiſter, ----- Walpole.

William Cobbe, (ſon of Jeffrey) married Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Spelman of Narburgh, and was father of Jeffrey, who had livery of the lordſhips of Rivets, Butlers and Chapps, in this town, Babingley and Wolverton, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary: this Jeffrey married Elizabeth, daughter of Oſbert Mundeford, Eſq; of Feltwell, by whom he had William Cobbe, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who had livery of this manor, &c. about 1580, on the death of his father. This William married (as is ſaid) Elizabeth, or Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, and died May 16, 1612, as appears from an inquiſition taken at Watton, September 18, in the ſaid year, when Mary was found to be his widow, and Jeffrey Cobbe, Eſq; his ſon and heir, by the ſaid Mary, and ſhe preſented to the church of Sandringham, in 1614.

Jeffrey married Elizabeth, daughter and heireſs of Anthony Twaits of Hardingham, Eſq; by whom he had William, his ſon and heir, aged 10 years, on the death of his father Jeffrey, July 14. 1623: this William was a great royaliſt, and a colonel in the army, or militia, and ſuffered greatly on that account; he married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, and had by her, 4 ſons, and ſeveral daughters.

Jeffrey, his eldeſt ſon, was aged 25, in 1664, in which year his father preſented to this rectory; this Jeffrey, married Frances, daughter of Iſaac Aſtley, of Melton Conſtable, Eſq; and ſold this lordſhip about the year 1686, to Sir Edward Atkins, lord chief baron of the exchequer, who ſhortly after conveyed it to James Hoſt, Eſq; [d] (ſon of Theodore Hooſt and Jane, daughter of James Deſmarſtres) a rich merchant of London, who by Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Sley, alderman of London, had James Hoſt, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Walpole, knight of the Bath, of Houghton, in Norfolk, by whom he had James Hoſt, Eſq; whoſe ſon and heir, James, married Suſan, daughter of Anthony Hammond, Eſq; of South Wotton, by Lynn, leaving a daughter and heireſs, Suſan, who married Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq; lord in her right, and reſides in the hall, or manor-houſe.

The arms of Hoſt—azure, a bull's head, caboſed, argent, winged and horned, or.

The manors alſo of Weſt hall and Butlers, in Babingley, extended into this town. John de Tateſhale and Catherine his wife, and John Le Boteler, and their tenants, in the 21ſt of Edward I. were found to hold one fee here, in Babingley, and Wolfreton, and in the ſaid reign, Peter de Snetſham was found to hold a quarter of a fee in this town, of Robert de Tateſhale, who held it in capite.

The Botelers, lords here and in Babingley, were deſcended from Nicholas Pincerna, or Boteler, who was enfeoft in the reign of King John, in the lordſhip of Wickmere, in Norfolk, by Roger Bigot, earl of Norfolk, and appears to be lord there, and of Sandringham, Babingley and Wolverton. Emma Le Butiler, widow, and Thomas Le Butiler were living in 1232.

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[b] Claus. Hen. IV. p. 2. m. 9.

[c] Reg. Vox. Norw. p. 4.

[d] Theodoric Hoſte, father of James, was ſon of James Hooſt, of Midleburgh in Zealand, by Barbara, daughter of Derick Henricks, who fled into England, in Queen Elizabeth's time, on the perſecution of the duke of Alva. There is a curious picture here of a young lady of the family burned in thoſe times, for her religion, as a proteſtant.

Nicholas Le Butiler was lord here, &c. in 1249, and married Beatrice, who afterwards re-married William Fitz Reyner, and was his wiſe in 1272; this Nicholas had a daughter and co-heir, married to William de Sancto Claro, who ſold his right or moiety here, to William de Heveningham; and Felice occurs the widow of St. Cleer, in 1285; but after this it appears that John de Botiler, who married Ida, daughter and co-heir of John de Babingley, had a lordſhip here, in the 26th of Edward I. ſon (as I take it) of Sir Ralph Le Botiler, probably brother of the aforeſaid Nicholas; and in this family it continued till Margaret, daughter and heir of Sir John le Boteler brought it, about the end of Edward III's reign, to Jeffrey Cobbe, and ſo remained (as I have before obſerved) 'till conveyed to Sir Edward Atkins, &c.

Weſt hall, or Tateſhale manor, paſſed, as is mentioned in Babingley, from the heirs of Tateſhale, to the lord Scales, &c. and ſo to his heirs, till conveyed to the Cobbs, and ſold alſo with Wood-hall manor, to Sir Edward Atkins, &c. and the patronage of this church was in the Tateſhales and Cliftons, &c. who had a moiety of it as lords of this manor, and that of Babingley, † as heirs to Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin.

On Sandringham heath is dug up great plenty of ſtone, called carr, or iron ſtone.

The maſter of the preceptory of Carbrook, in Norfolk, held lands here at the will of the prior of St. John, of Jeruſalem, in the 41ſt of Henry III.

The temporalities of Flitcham priory were 2*s.* in 1428, and of Weſtacre 2*s.*

Nine acres of land here, lately belonging to Weſtacre priory, in the tenure of Jeſfrey, Cobbe were granted September 15, in the 3d of Elizabeth, to Ed. Warner and Robert Shelton.

The church of Sandringham is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, and is a rectory; the old valor was 4 marks and an half, and paid 8*d.* Peter-pence, was in the patronage of the prior of Weſtacre, and the lord of Weſt-hall, in Babingley, (the lord Tatiſhale) and his heirs, &c.

The preſent valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is diſcharged of tenths, &c.

It is a ſingle pile, with a tower at the weſt end.

In the chancel, on a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Franc. Seward, A. M. rector of this pariſh and of Newton, who dyed in* 1732.

One for—*Thomas Stringer, rector, who dyed in* 1696.

In the ſummit of the ſouth window—ſable, a croſs ingrailed, or.

In this church (as Weever ſays) was buried Richard Fitz John, patron of the church, as his epitaph [e] declares,—*Priez pur le Âlme du Richard Fitz-Jean, patron de ceſte Maiſon*, as ſtill appears by the inciſion on the ſtone, wherein the letters of braſs were fixed, and ſtolen off.

On a grave-ſtone near the font, with a braſs plate—*Here under lyeth William Cobbes of Sandringham, in the county of Norfolk, who marryed Dorothy, one of the dowghters of Syr John Spelman, Knyght, and had yſſue betweyxt them* iiii *ſons and* viii *dowghters, and the ſayd William deceſſed the* xviii *day of January in the* xxxviii *yere of Kyng Henry the* viii, *A°. Dni.* M. CCCCCXLI. Alſo on braſs plates the arms of Cobbe, per chevron, ſable and gules, in chief, 2 ſwans, proper, repectant, and in baſe, a herring cobb, naiant, or; and Boteler quarterly, impaling Spelman and Narburgh, quarterly.

On a grave-ſtone, Cobb's ſhield alone, and Cobb quartering Butler, and impaling quarterly, Spelman and Narburgh.

On the roof of the church at the eaſt end, on the ſouth ſide—ſable 3 cups, with their handles argent, Butler, impaling argent, on a croſs ingrailed ſable, 5 plates, between 4 choughs proper; and in a ſouth window—Butler impales, per chevron, ſable and argent, 3 croſſes flory, counterchanged.

In the church-yard, on the north ſide, are theſe altar tombs covered with black ſlabs.

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† See in Babingley.

(e) Weever's Fun. Mon.

One—*In memory of Theod. Hoſt, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of* ----- *Burleigh, Eſq;* impaling argent, a lion rampant, ſable, and a feſs wavy, azure, over all, and died in 1725.

Another of—*James Hoſt, Eſq; who dyed* 1729, impaling Walpole; he married -----, a daughter of Sir Edward Walpole, of Houghton.

Alſo one for—*Js. Hoſt, Eſq; who dyed* 1744, impaling Hamond; he married Suſan, daughter of Anthony Hamond, of South Wotton, Eſq; azure, 3 doves, between 2 chevronels, or.

RECTORS.

In 1232, a compoſition was made between the prior and convent of Weſtacre, patrons of a mediety of this church, and Sir Robert Tateſhale, patron of the other mediety, wherein they agreed to preſent alternately.

1321, Robert Algar, to both medieties, by the preſentations of Sir Robert de Ufford, Kt. *hac vice*, and the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1334, Mr. Alexander de Langley, to both medieties, ditto.——1372, John Burney, to both medieties, by the king, on account of the minority of the heir of Sir Adam de Clyfton, and by the prior, &c.——1387, John Berton, (exchanged for Pyryton) by the prior, and Sir John Clyfton.——1393, Jeff. Chantrell, (exchanged for Styndford in Chicheſter dioc.) by the king, as guardian of the heir of John Clyfton, and by the prior, &c.——1396, Roger Cobbe, (exchanged for Leringſet) by the prior, and by Margaret, late wife of Conſtant. Clyfton.

1405, Richard Brydbrook, *alias* Goodrams, (exchanged for Henney M. London dioc.) by the prior, and Lady Margaret Clyfton.——1408, Steph. Gamon, (exchanged for Ringſted St. Peter) by ditto.——1410, John Bridale, (exchanged for Saxham *Magna*) by the prior, and Lady Margaret Clyfton.——1422, Simon Kene, (exchanged for Samford *Magna*, Eſſex) ditto.——1427, Jeffrey Smith, ditto.——1476, Fr. Riverus Iſkolt, by the biſhop, a lapſe.—— ----, John Strongman.

1504, William Company, by the prior, and John, Earl of Oxford.—— ----, William Scott.——1548, Mr. Florence Semer, *S. T.* incep. by Thomas Heydon, Eſq; and Dorothy his wife, relict of William Cobb, in right of a moiety of the manor of Weſt-Hall.——1551, John Patteſon, or Packſon, by Sir Ant. Wingfield, Kt.——1564, Jeff. Lawſe, by Sir Robert Wingfield, Kt.——1566, Robert Radcliff, by Jeff. Cobbes, Eſq;——1592, Steph. Clark, by William Cobb, Eſq; united to Babingley.——1596, William Wiborow, ditto.

1614, William Gurdyn, by Mary Cobb, widow, united to Babingley.—— ----, Adam Webb.——1660, Steph. Baſſet, by William Cobb, Eſq;——cum Babingley.——1664, Thomas Stringer, ditto.——1697, John Lewis, by James Hoſte, Eſq;

1713, Robert Cremer, ditto.——1728, Andrew Rogers, ditto.——1731, Fran. Seward, ditto.——1732, James Sharp, ditto.

TILNEY.

THE Lord Bardolf's manor of Iſlington, and that of William de Scohies of Broughton, &c. extended here; and Heyld Montford, ſee in Iſlington.

LORD BARDOLF's FEE.

AT the ſurvey Hermerus, (de Ferrarijs) of whom ſee in Wirmegay, *alias* Wrongey, [*a*] had a lordſhip in Tilney, held by Turchetel, a freeman, in King Edward's time, and was depoſed.

It conſiſted of a carucate of land, 7 borderers, 2 ſervi, and 24 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and one amongſt the tenants, 7 ſalt pits, &c. 310 ſheep, always valued at 3*l*. *per ann*. and 6 acres of land valued at 12*d*. belonged to it.

A lordſhip alſo in Iſlington, (as I obſerved) of the ſaid Hermerus, extended into this town of Tilney.

It was part of the honour of Wirmegay, the barony of the lords Bardolf; and being a conſiderable lordſhip, ſeveral perſons were enfeoffed therein; from whence ſprung up many lordſhips, held by different parts of fees and tenures here, and the preſentation to the church of Tilney belonged formerly to the lord Bardolfs, as capital lords.

CHERVILE'S MANOR.

THE family of Cherevile, or Kervile, was early enfeoffed of part. In the 10th of Richard I. a fine was levied between Simon, ſon of Roger de Cherevile, petent, and Robert, ſon of Walter de Cherevile, of lands in Tilney.

Sir Frederick de Chervill held 2 fees in Tilney, Iſlington, Wigenhale, and Clenchwarton, (when an aid was granted, [*b*] on the marriage of King Henry III's ſiſter to the Emperor of Germany) of the honour of Wirmegeye; and was found in the 34th of that king to have a gallows, in Tilney, and the liberty, or power of trying and hanging offenders.

In the 4th of Edward I. William, lord Bardolf, was found to dye ſeiſed of a manor here, held in capite, by the ſervice of paying caſtle guard to the caſtle of Norwich, 7*s*. *per* month, and half a mark *per ann*.

From the Cherviles, it came partly to the Marmions, and to the Tilneys, probably by ſome marriage, Sir John Tilney having a lordſhip here, in Edward III's time, who was ſon of Sir Thomas de Tilney: Sir John was ſtiled of Quaplode, in Lincolnſhire, and left 2 daughters and co-heirs, Iſabell married to Geffrey Folvile, by whom he had Maud, a daughter and heir, married to Sir John Woodford, whoſe ſon, Sir Robert, of Sproxton, in Leiceſterſhire, gave his grandſon John, in the 26th of Henry VI. lands here. Alice, another daughther and co-heir of Sir John Tilney, married Edmund Kervile, of Wigenhale St. Mary's.

WEST DERHAM ABBEY MANOR.

THIS abbey had conſiderable poſſeſſions in this town. William and Adam, ſons of Turgis de Wigenhale, Walter, ſon of Herbert de Bintre, John Sculham, Alan, ſon of Philip de Tylney, &c. gave lands by deed *ſans* date, to this abby. In the 5th of King John, Adam de Weſenham, and Baſilia his wife conveyed lands in Tylney to Ralph, abbot of Dereham; and in the 34th of Henry III. it appears that the abbot had a manor here, and required ſervice on that account from William, ſon of Richard de Tylney.

A patent was granted to the abbot, to purchaſe of Robert de Gold, &c. 2 meſſuages, and 31 acres of land in the ſaid town, in the 17th of Edward II.

In the 3d of Edward III. he was found to hold 3 parts of a fee in Tilney, and Wigenhale, of the lord Bardolf; and in the 20th of that king, in thoſe towns, the

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(*a*) Terre Hermeri Tilingetuna, i car. tere. ten. Turchetel. lib. ho. t. r. e. ſep. vii villi. 7 vii bord. tc. ii ſerv. mo. i et xxiiii ac. pti. ſep. i car. in dnio, et i car. hom. 7 vii ſaline, tc. i runc. mo. null. ſep. vi an. tc. xvi porc. mo. vii. tc. cccx. ov. mo. cccxv ſep. val lx ſol. huic jacet vi ac. tre. et val. xiid.

(*b*) Plita Coron. 34, Hen. III. Rot. 29.

the 8th part of a fee of the ſaid lord, which William de Chervile and Thomas de Grangia, formerly held; and in the 33d of the ſaid king, he was found to hold lands by the ſervice of *6d. per ann.* here, given him and his ſucceſſors, by Henry de Weſting, capellane, and Steph. Talbot, of Fincham, held by knights ſervice of the lord Bardolf.

It appears from a roll of the honour of Wirmegay, that in the 3d of Henry IV. he held 2 fees in Tilney and Wigenhale, of the ſaid lord, which were ſold him by Robert Marmyon, with the rents and ſervices of all his tenants, which he held of the fee of Frederick de Charevile, of the anceſtrie of Adam de Mildenhale, coming by his father and mother, with the tenants of Sir John Tilney, in Tilney Chervile, and Tirington Chervile; and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey were valued at 13*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

On the diſſolution of this abbey, it came to the crown, and was granted, July 3, in the 2d of Elizabeth, to Richard Nicholls, of Tilney, with all its appertenances in Tylney, Tyrington, Iſlington, and Clenchwarton, with the rectory of Rougham, in Norfolk, belonging to Weſtacre priory, and the rectory of Dounton, in Norfolk, belonging to the priory of Marmound; and George Nicholls held it in the 27th of that queen.

FENN'S, and NOON's MANOR.

IN the reign of Henry III. Philip de Fenne, and his tenants were found to hold the 3d part of a knight's fee here, and in Wigenhale, of the lord Bardolf; and the heirs of John Noon held alſo, with the abbot of Derham, 2 fees in the ſaid towns of the ſame lord.

In the 14th of Edward I. Nicholas None, and John None occur as landholders here; and in the 31ſt of that king, a fine was levied between Edmund Bardolf, querent, John, ſon of William Noon, of Tilney, and Iſabel his wife, deforciants, of a meſſuage, a mill, 25 acres of land, in Tilney, and Tyrington, which William de Bradenham, and Maud his wife held in dower, and granted to Edmund, after their deceaſe.

In the 9th of Edward II. William de Fenne † is named amongſt the lords of manors here; and the ſaid William and Joan his wife, of Tylney, held it in the 2d of Edward III. as appears by a fine then levied.

In the 3d of the ſaid king, the heirs of John Noon held, as appears from the eſcheat rolls, the 4th part of a fee of the lord Bardolf, in Tilney; in the 7th year of the ſame reign a fine was levied between Edmund, ſon of John Noon, and Alice his wife, Walter de Glemeſford, &c. truſtees of this manor, then ſettled on Edmund and Alice in tail: the ſaid Edmund, by the inquiſitions taken in the 20th of the ſaid king, held the 3d part of a fee, which Philip de Fenne, and his tenants formerly held, and Edmund occurs lord in the 41ſt of Edward III.

John Marſhall, of Tyrington, &c. conveyed lands in Tydd St. Mary's to Robert, ſon of John Noon, of Tylney, and Margaret his wife, and the heirs of Margaret, in the 1ſt year of Richard II. and in the 22d of that king, lands here were conveyed by fine to John Noon.

Sir Edmund Noon occurs lord in the 3d of Henry IV. and in the 5th of Henry VI. Thomas Noon held the 8th part of a fee in Tilney, Wigenhale, and Clenchwarton, of Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, Lord of the honour of Wirmegeye.

A fine in the 18th of Henry VI. was levied between John Overell, &c. querents, Thomas Palmer, and Alice his wife, daughter and heir of Robert Noone, of Tilney, deforciants of lands here.

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† William de Fenn was a commiſſioner of the marſhes and ſewers, in the 9th of Edward III.

MARSHALL's-MANOR.

WILLIAM, ſon of John Le Mareſchalle, had alſo a lordſhip held of the honor of Wirmegay, and it appears from a pleading at Norwich, in Hillary term, in the 15th of Edward I. that the ſaid king had granted † to him *A*°. 12, a fair in his lordſhip of Tilney, for 5 days, beginning on the vigil, the day of St. Lawrence, and 3 days after, yearly; and produced then his charter of the ſaid king for the ſame, the Mareſchalls having alſo a manor in Terington, and living in that town, I ſhall there ſpeak more of them, and of the Duntons who held lands here.

WENDLING-ABBOT's MANOR.

IN the 24th of Henry III. the abbot held in this town and in Wigenhale the 8th part of a fee of the honour of Wirmegey, and in the 20th of Edward III. the inquiſitions ſay that William de Bradenham held it of the abbot for the term of his life; and in 1428, the temporalities of that abbey were taxed at 54*s*. 11*d*. in this town.

On the diſſolution of the religous houſes, in the time of Henry VIII. this monaſtery came to the crown; and on the 30th of Auguſt, Queen Elizabeth, in her 13th year, granted it, with all the lands and tenements, &c. belonging to it, in the towns of Tilney, Iſlington, Clenchwarton, Walpole, Emneth, and Gayton, to Thomas Jennyns and Ed. Forth.

I take the lands that Jordan Foliot, ſon of Sir Richard Foliot, confirmed to Sir William Foliot, his brother, by deed *ſans date*, in this town, and Iſlington, of the purchaſe formerly of Robert de Stoteville, his uncle, with liberties, &c. belonging, for 6*s*. 9*d*. rent *per ann*. made up part of this manor.

WESTACRE PRIORY.

JEFFERY SUTTON aliened lands in this town, Terington, Wigenhale, &c. to this priory, in the 6th of Edward II. and John Wigenhale, 60 acres of land, and 12 of paſture here, in Terington and Wygenhale, in the 7th of the ſaid king; and Thomas de Tilney granted to the prior 8*l*. *per ann*. out of land in Tilney, Wigenhale, and Clenchwarton, to found a chantrey in the church of St. Germans, of Wigenhale.

In the 3d of Edward III. the prior held a quarter of a fee, of the lord Bardolf, and his temporalities in 1428, were valued at 3*l*. 0*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*. or as ſome ſay 40*s*. 8*d*.

EARL of CLARE's FEE.

TORT, a free man, was lord of a manor in Tilney, in King Edward's time, which at the ſurvey, was poſſeſſed by Ralph Bainard, [*b*] and Gaosfrid, or Geffrey held it under him; it conſiſted of one carucate of land, 5 villains, 4 borderers, and 24 acres of meadow, there was one carucate alſo in demean, and one among the tenants, 5 ſalt pits, with the moiety of another, &c. formerly 15 ſheep, at the ſurvey 200; in King Edward's time it was valued at 40*s*. afterwards at 10*s*. and at the ſurvey at 60*s*. *per ann*.

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† Granted rather to the lord Bardolf, the capital lord.

(h) Terre Rad. Bainardi——Tilinghetuna, ten. Gaosfrid. i car. tre. qu. tenuit Tort, t. r. e. ſep. v villi. 7 iiii bor. 7 xxiiii ac. pti. ſep. i car. in dnio. 7 i car. houm. 7 v ſaline 7 dim. mo. i r. 7 v an. 7 vii p' tc. xv ov. mo. cc. tc. val. xl. ſol. p' x mo. lx.

Tort, or Torn, as he is alſo written in *Domeſday Book*, held ſeveral lordſhips in this county, in which I find this lord Bainard to ſucceed him, and is called a Thane, in the account of the town of Wheatacre, in the hundred of Clavering. Gaosfrid, or Geffrey, was either brother, or ſon to the lord Ralph; that he was a relation appears from his being ſtiled Gaosfrid Bainard, in the town of Kerdeſton, in the hundred of Eynesford; 'tis certain that this lord Ralph had by Juga, his wife, a ſon and heir, Geffrey Baynard, and was ſucceeded by William Baynard, who taking part with Helias, earl of Mayne, Phil. de Braoſe, William Mallet, and other conſpirators againſt King Henry I. loſt his barony, great part of which that king gave to Robert, ſon of Richard, ſon of Gilbert, earl of Clare, from whom the lords Fitz Walter deſcended; but as I do not find any mention of thoſe lords, it is moſt probable that this part of the Baynards' eſtate was granted to Gilbert Fitz Richard, or to his father, Richard Fitz-Gilbert, earl of Brion, &c. in Normandy, who married Roheſia, daughter and heir of Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks: this Walter had alſo a conſiderable lordſhip in the town of Iſlington, which alſo deſcended to Richard Fitz Gilbert. Gilbert Fitz Richard was earl of Clare, about the end of Henry I's reign. That the earls of Clare had a manor in this town appears from antient records; and was divided into ſeveral parts, or fees.

In the 8th year of the reign of King John, it appears from a pleading that Godfrey, ſon of Godwine, held part of a fee in Tilney; and in King Henry III's time, Jordan Foliot confirmed by deed *ſans date*, to his brother Sir William Foliot, (both of them ſons of Sir Richard Foliot) all his land in Tilney and Iſlington, purchaſed formerly of Sir Robert de Stotevile, his uncle, with all liberties, commons, and eaſements thereto belonging, with 3*s.* 9*d.* rent *per ann.*—witneſſes, Sir William Bardolf, Roger de Vaux, John de Ingaldeſtorp, John Strange, and William de Tirington, Kts. John de Wigenhale, Thomas de Weſenham, William de Medalers, &c. and in the 43d of the ſaid king a fine was levied between William de Wendling, clerk, querent, Gyles de Vernon and Joan his wife, impedients, of 40*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town, Wigenhale, Clenchwarton, North Lynn, &c. granted to William, to be held of Gyles and Joan, and the heirs of Joan.

John Fitz John, of Reynham, John de Fenn, and John de Wigenhale held the 3d part of a fee in this town, Clenchwarton, and Wigenhale, of Richard ſon of Simon, belonging to the honour of Clare.

In the 52d of Henry III. Thomas de Warblington, in Suſſex, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed to William de Sculham, a mark's rent here, and in Wiggenhale, and the homages and ſervices of ſeveral perſons, *viz.* Richard de Sculham, &c. who held by ſeveral rents and ſuits of court at Tilney.

In the 8th of Edward II. Thomas de Warblington held one fee here, in Middleton, Clenchwarton, Wigenhale, Weſt Winch, Hardwick, Seche, and South Lynn, of the ſaid honour.

Sir John de Fitton had alſo about this time a conſiderable eſtate here. In the 9th of the ſaid king, John Le Neve of Tilney, and Alice his wife, conveyed lands to Sir John, and Margaret his wife; and in the 17th year of that king, Ralph de Edyneſthorp, vicar of St. German's Wigenhale, conveyed to him, and Amicia, his then wife, 13 meſſuages, a mill, 250 acres of land, 62 of meadow, 34 of paſture, 60 of heath, and 6 marks rent *per ann.* &c. in Tilney, Terrington, Wigenhale, and Iſlington, ſettled on Sir John and Amicia, in tail, remainder to Thomas, firſt, and after to John, ſons of John de Tilney, who married Sir John Fitton's, ſiſter.

In fines of lands lying in this town, frequent mention is made of the Tilney family. Robert de Tilney lived in the reign of King Henry III. and Godfrey, his ſon, was found to have a manor here, in the 3d of Edward I.

William, ſon of Godfrey de Tilney, gave lands *ſans date*, to Caſtleacre priory—witneſſes, Alexander de Ingaldeſthorp, William de Dunham, &c.

In the 16th of that king, Walter de Tilney purchaſed of Roger de Plympton, and Maud his wife, Thomas Florentyn, and Katharine, his wife, lands in this town, by fine levied. In the 4th of Edward II. William, ſon of Nicholas, ſon of Geffrey de Tylney, conveyed lands here to John, ſon of Richard Sefoul, and Katherine, his wife, by fine; and John de Tilney, and Henry Blower, of Tylney, conveyed lands by fine to John Styward, in the 3d of Richard II.

Philip, ſon of Frederick de Tilney, who lived at Boſton, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; was poſſeſſed of a manor, or lands here, as appears by his will dated on the feaſt of St. Ambroſe, in the 11th year of King Richard II. and Frederick had 50 acres of land here, conveyed to him by fine, which Nicholas Blower held for the life of Agnes, widow of John, ſon of William Noon, of Tilney.

In the 47th of Edward III. and in the 43d of that king, John, ſon of Geffrey de Tilney and Agnes, his wife, had lands conveyed to them by fine.

John de Woodnorton, before this, impleaded in the court of King's Bench, John, ſon of Thomas de Reynham, for 60 acres of land, 30*s*. rent, with the moiety of a meſſuage, in Tylney, Suth Clenchwarton, and Wigenhale, and in the ſaid year, Alan, ſon of John de Reynham, uncle of Elias de Hauville, was ſeiſed in demean of 51 acres of land in this town.

In the 5th of Henry VI. a fine was levied between John Tyrell, Eſq; Robert Smith, &c. querents, Thomas Tyrell, Eſq; and Katherine, his wife, Robert Stonham, Eſq; and Mary his wife, deforciants, of a manor, in Tilney, conveyed to Smith.

Thomas Godſalve, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas Godſalve, of Norwich, releaſed on October 1, in the 30th of Henry VIII. according to his father's will, to Thomas, his brother, lands in ſeveral towns, with his manor, or meſſuages in Tilney.

Sir Robert Audley had livery of a lordſhip here, about the 18th of Queen Elizabeth.

Pentney priory had lands here, held of the Bardolfs, valued in 1428, at 41*s*. at the diſſolution, granted to Edward, Lord Clynton, November 26, *A*°. 5, Edward VI.

Wirmegey priory alſo lands, valued then at 21*s* 4*d*.

The monks of Thetford, in rents, 9*s*. *per ann.*——The priory of Ixworth, in meadow grounds 9*s*. *per ann.*

† Weaver, in his Funeral Monuments, gives an extract from a book, then in the hands of Thomas Tilney, of Hadley, in Suffolk, Eſq; which belonged (as in a note of the ſaid book is ſaid) to Sir Frederick Tilney, of Boſton, in Lincolnſhire, who was knighted at Acon in the Holy Land, by King Richard I. in his 3d year; a knight remarkable for his great ſtature, and ſtrength of body; and was buried with his anceſtors in the church of Tirrington, by Tilney, whoſe height was to be ſeen there at that time, *viz.* 1556.

After him 16 knights ſucceeded, (of the name of Tilney) and in the eſtate; who all lived at Boſton, 'till it came to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, by the marriage of a daughter and heireſs of an elder brother.

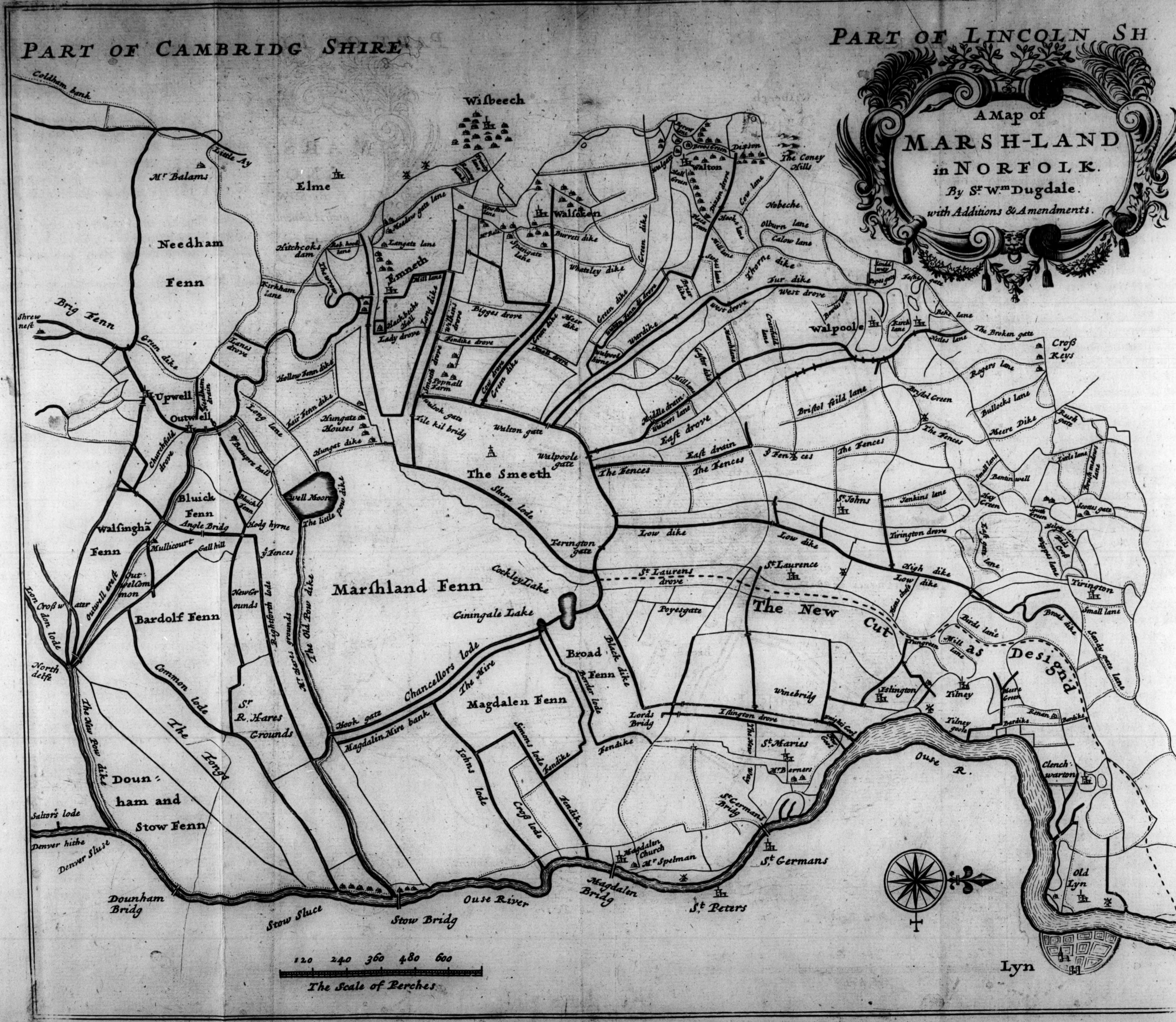
The laſt of this knightly family, was then Sir Phil. Tilney, of Shelleigh, in Suffolk, father of the above Thomas Tilney, of Hadley.

The book here mentioned, in 1727, was in the hands of Peter Le Neve Norroy, but the note abovementioned, appears by the hand to be written long after the ſiege of Acon, and about the reign of King Henry VIII. or Edward VI. and there was no ſuch ſucceſſion of knights, as here mentioned.

PRIOR of LEWES's MANOR, or KENWICK's,

WAS part of the capital lordſhip of that prior in Weſt-Walton, and granted by the name of Kenwick, in Tilney, in the reign of King Richard I. with the conſent of the abbot of Clugny, of Burgundy, in France, (to which abby, Lewes was a cell) to Alan, ſon of Robert de Snetſham, *alias* de Inglethorp, in

† P. 818.


A Map of
MARSH-LAND
in NORFOLK.
By Sr Wm Dugdale.
with Additions & Amendments.
PART OF CAMBRIDG SHIRE
PART OF LINCOLN SH
Coldham bank
Wisbeech
Little Ay
Mr Balams
Elme
Needham Fenn
Brig Fenn
Shrew nest
Green dike
Upwell
Outwell
Churchfeild drove
Walsingham Fenn
Bluick Fenn
Angle Brig
Mullicourt
Gall hill
Out well Common
Outwell creek
London lode
Croß water
Bardolf Fenn
North delfe
Common lode
The New Pow dike
The Tongs
Dounham and Stow Fenn
Saltors lode
Denver hithe
Denver Sluse
Dounham Brigg
Stow Sluce
Stow Brigg
Ouse River
Sr R. Hares Grounds
New Grounds
Rightforth lode
Mr Hares grounds
The Old Pow dike
The little pow dike
Well Moor
Long lane
Hollow Fenn dike
Haie Fenn dike
Hungate Houses
Hungat dike
Hitchcoks dam
Kirkham lane
Emneth
Meadow gate lane
Langate lane
Mill lane
Blackbeck hall
Lady drove
Lorty dike
Walsoken
Burrets dike
Springate lane
Whatelay dike
Green dike
Walton
Dixon
The Coney Hills
Cow lane
Nobeche
Olburn lane
Calow lane
Thorne dike
Tur dike
West drove
Walpoole
Biggs drove
Fendike drove
Smeeth drove
Cow drove
Meer dike
Wardike
Middle drain
Walbers lane
East drove
East drain
Bristol feild lane
Bristol Green
The Broken gate
Croß Keys
Rogers lane
Bullocks lane
Meere Dike
The Fences
St Johns
Jenkins lane
Hay Green
Bantin well
Tirington drove
Tirington
Small lane
Sandy gate lane
Tile kil brigg
Walton gate
Walpoole gate
The Smeeth
Shore lode
Terington gate
Low dike
High dike
St Laurens drove
St Laurence
The New Cut as Designd
Cockley Lake
Cuningale Lake
Poyesgate
Marshland Fenn
Chancellors lode
The Mire
Magdalen Mire bank
Hook gate
Broad Fenn
Black dike
Magdalen Fenn
Johns lode
Simons lode
Fendike
Croß lode
Lords Brigg
Islington drove
Islington
Winebrigg
St Maries
Mr Berners
St Germans Brigg
St Germans
Magdalen Church
Mr Spelman
Magdalen Brigg
St Peters
Birds lane
Tilney
Tilney gote
Clenchwarton
Ouse R.
Old Lyn
Lyn
120 240 360 480 600
The Scale of Perches

fee farm, at 20 marks *per ann.* moſt of the demean lands belonging to it, being exempted from tithe.

Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp was lord in the 8th of King John, and in the 3d of Edward I. John de Ingaldeſthorp was found to hold a knight's fee in this town, and Wigenhale, and had the aſſiſe of bread, beer, &c. he alſo held lands of the biſhop of Ely, and of William de Terrington, paying to them 31*s.* *per ann.* Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp had a charter of free-warren in his lands here, at Sneteſham, &c. in the 33d of that king, and Sir William de Ingaldeſthorp died lord in the 46th of the ſaid reign.

Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp founded a chapel, or oratory in this manor, for the eaſe of his family, and heirs; no tithe, or oblations belonged to it, and there was no inſtitution, or induction, as the jury found in the 1ſt of Richard II. but it was a falſe return.

On the death of Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp, the laſt heir male of this family, in the 35th of Henry VI. it paſſed (as may be ſeen in the manor of Bellaſe's, in Emneth) to the Nevills, Iſabell, his daughter and heir, being married to John Nevill, a younger ſon of Richard, Earl of Saliſbury, created by King Edward IV. Lord Marquiſs Montacute.

On a diviſion of the eſtate of his ſon, George Nevill, Duke of Bedford, between his 5 ſiſters and co-heirs, this came to the lady Elizabeth, one of the ſaid ſiſters, who married Thomas, Lord Scroop, of Upſale, and Maſſam, and preſented to the chapel of Kenwick, in 1510, then a widow: by an inquiſion taken October 14, in the 10th of Henry VIII. the jury find that the ſaid lady died in the 9th of that king; and left it to her niece, Lucy, on condition that ſhe married [*i*] John Cuttes, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir John Cutts, of Cambridgeſhire, which Lucy was daughter of Lucy Nevill, (ſiſter of the Lady Scroop) who married firſt, Sir Thomas Fitz Williams, of Aldwarke, in Yorkſhire, and afterwards Sir Anthony Brown; and John Cutts, Eſq; was lord in the 12th of Elizabeth.

The Earl of Fitz Williams, lord in 1750, and 1765.

The tenths were 30*l.* 6*s.*—Deducted 3*l.*

The abbot of Bury's manor, in Iſlington, extended into this town: this was poſſeſſed by the Keens in 1720, and by his excellency Sir Benjamin Keen, Kt. of the Bath, his majeſty's ambaſſador to the King of Spain, and is now held by the biſhop of Ely.

Here was alſo a lordſhip called Broughton's, from a family of that name: ſee in Iſlington.

This town gives name to a famous common, called Tilney Smeeth, whereon 30000, or more, large Marſhland ſheep, and the great cattle of ſeven towns, to which it belongs, are conſtantly ſaid to feed; about two miles in bleadth and -- in length, *viz.* Tilney, Terrington, Clenchwarton, † Iſlington, Walpole, Weſt Walton, Walſoken, and Emneth: a piece of land ſo fruitful, (as was reported by a courtier to King James the firſt, at his firſt coming to the crown) "that if over night a "wand, or rod, was laid on the ground, by the morning it would be covered with "graſs of that night's growth, ſo as not to be diſcerned;" to which that king is ſaid, in a jocoſe manner, to reply, "that he knew ſome grounds in Scotland, where "if an horſe was put in over night, they could not ſee him, or diſcern him in the "morning." Of this plain, or Smeeth, there is a tradition, which the common people retain, that in old time, the inhabitants of theſe towns had a conteſt with the lords of the manors, about the bounds and limits of it; when one Hickifric, a perſon of great ſtature and courage, aſſiſting the ſaid inhabitants, in their rights of common, took an axel-tree from a cart wheel, inſtead of a ſword, and the wheel for a ſhield, or buckler, and thus armed, ſoon repelled the invaders; and for proof of this notable exploit, they to this day ſhew (ſays [*k*] Sir William Dugdale) a large grave-ſtone, near the eaſt end of the chancel, in Tilney church-yard, whereon the form of a croſs is ſo cut, or carved, as that the upper part thereof (wherewith the carver hath adorned it) being circular, they will therefore needs have it to be the grave-ſtone of Hickifric, and to be as a memorial of his gallantry.

[*i*] Reg Manwaring, in Cur. prerog. Cant. fol. 19.

† Iſlington is looked upon as part of Tilney; Old Lynn, Weſt and North Lynn, do not inter common. Dugd. of Imb. p. 245—St. John's is an hamlet of Tyrington, as St. Lawrence is of Tilney.

[*k*] Dugd. of Imbank. &c. p. 244. Weaver's Fun. Monum. p. 866.

The ſtone coffin which ſtands now out of the ground, in Tilney church-yard, on the north ſide of the church, will not receive a perſon above 6 feet in length, and this is ſhewn as belonging formerly to the giant Hickifric; the croſs, ſaid to be a repreſentation of the cart-wheel, is a croſs pattee, on the ſummit of a ſtaff; which ſtaff is ſtyled an axle-tree; ſuch croſſes pattee on the head of a ſtaff, were emblems, or tokens that ſome knight templar was therein interred, and many ſuch are to be ſeen at this day in old churches.

Til, is the name of a river in Northumberland, and many towns take their names from Til; as Tilbrook in Bedfordſhire, Tilford, in Surry, Tilbury, in Eſſex, &c.

The church of Tilney is dedicated to all the Saints, and is a large building, conſiſting of a nave, north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the weſt end ſtands a ſquare tower, with pinnacles, and -- bells therein; on the tower, a ſpire of free-ſtone.

At the weſt end of the north iſle, is an old altar monument, but no arms, or inſcription on it: near this, againſt the loweſt pillar, may be obſerved a place for the holy water, ſome chapel and altar being here; in the ſecond window, as you aſcend, are the remains of ſome of the Apoſtles, with labels of the creed; alſo the figures of St. Catherine, and of the Virgin Mary, with the child Jeſus; and at the bottom,

Alicie uxoris ſue.

On the pavement hereby is a marble grave-ſtone, with theſe arms— -------, in a bend between 2 bendlets, 3 eſcallops, ---- on a canton, ----, a garb—King, impaling -----------, argent, 2 pallets vert, and on a canton, or, a mullet, gules, Heblethwayt.

In memory of Arthur King, late of this pariſh, Gent: who married Sarah, the eldeſt daughter of the Rev. Mr, Heblethwayt, rector of Great Snoring, in Norfolk, and had iſſue by her 6 *children, Robert, Lydia, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth, and Charles; Elizabeth only ſurviv'd him; he died Jan.* 15, 1693, *aged* 52.

On another adjoyning, the ſame arms, for—*Sarah, wife of Arthur King, who died* 18, *of July* 1717, *aged* 72, *and left one daughter, Elizabeth, married to Chriſt. Bedingfeld, Eſq; of Wighton, in Norfolk.*

In the 3d window, the figure of St. Chriſtopher, with Jeſus on his ſhoulder.

In the 4th window, other of the Apoſtles, with labels, and the effigies of a man and his wife, their heads broke off, and on their knees; at the bottom a broken fragment,

⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *Johane uxor. ej. et p. aiâ Joh. Ymberti quo'da' rect.* ⸗ ⸗ ⸗ *eccles. de Tilneye.*

In the 5th window, St. James the Great, St. Peter beginning the creed, &c.

The upper part, or eaſt end of this iſle, is taken in by a ſcreen; on the pannels are painted ſeveral arms; argent, a croſs patonce - -, probably it was vert, Sefoul, and now obſcure thro' time, as the reſt are (the Sefouls had an eſtate in this town in Edward I's time, &c.)—argent, a cheveron, between 3 mullets, gules—Broughton; on a feſs, argent, 3 roſes, gules; ſable, on a bend, argent, 3 flowers de lys of the firſt; and ſable on a feſs, argent, 3 roſes, gules, as they now appear; the whole ſcreen is ornamented with roſes, mullets and ſtars; within this ſcreen is a long, narrow chapel, probably dedicated to the Virgin Mary; the windows being painted with M and crowns over it, in many places, and with a lilly, in a flower pot; the lilly being the emblem of purity and chaſtity.

Ferdinando, King of Arragon, inſtituted an order of knighthood under the name of the lilly, about the year 1403. Here are alſo the figures of St. John the Baptiſt, St. John the Evangeliſt, that of Edward the Confeſſor, &c.

In a window, a perſon on his knees, at confeſſion, a prieſt ſtanding by him, and on the pavement, a graveſtone deprived of its ſhields, &c. of braſs, and now thereon is an inſcription for—*Mr. Tho. Say. who dyed Feb.* 20, 1683, *aged* 54; and another adjoyning—*In memory of Sarab, wife of Mr. Edmund Say, who died December 18, 1679, aged 46.*

The eaſt end of the ſouth iſle is alſo taken in by a ſcreen, and was an old chapel; in the eaſt window, the figure of St. John the Evangeliſt, and—*In principio erat verbum, &c.* and in a ſouth window that of the virgin; on the pavement, a marble ſtone, with the arms of Towers—ermin, a caſtle triple towered, gules, and *S. H. H. Jacet Georgius Towers, Gen: aub, obt. 25, die Apr. ætat. ſuæ 50, an°. ſalutis* 1714: *hic jacet Job. Towers, Gen: obt. 2, Apr.* 1713, *ætat ſuæ* 30.

A grave-ſtone—*In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Robert Say, who dyed Jan.* 7, 1633, *ætat ſuæ,* 20.

On a window here—: : : :, *Abr. Sayfield, : : Anne uxor. ej. qui fecerunt fieri feneſtram iſtam.*

Alſo grave-ſtones for—*Robert Say, Gent: who dyed the laſt day of January* 1633, *ætat. ſuæ* 60.—And *Hic jacet ſepulta Gratia, nuper uxor Mri. Robt. Saye de Tilney Fen-End que obt. primo die Febri.* 1625.

And one—*In memory of Mr. Edmund Say, who died June* 30, 1702, *aged* 75; with this ſhield, quarterly, or and gules, in the firſt quarter, a lion paſſant, azure, Say, impaling ermin, on a chief, ----, 3 owls.

Another—*In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Say, of Iſlington, Gent: by Deborah, the daughter of William Barney, Eſq, who died Oct.* 3, 1658.

On the walls of this chapel, are painted ſeveral ſhields, now much obſcured by length of time—quarterly, azure, a lion rampant, argent, collared, with a label of 3 points, in the 1ſt and 4th quarter, Colvil, of Newton, in the Iſle, and or, 3 cheſs-rooks, gules, (quere if not Pinchbeck) in the 2d and 3d quarter, gules, 3 waterbudgets, ermine, Roſs—gules, a croſs engrailed argent, Inglethorpe;—quarterly, or and gules, a bordure, ſable, bezanty, Rochford;—vairy, argent and ſable, over all a bend, gules; a lion rampant; azure, a feſs between two chevronells, argent, Tendering;—cheque, a feſs gules;—St. George's ſhield, a croſs gules; azure, 3 cinqfoils, or, Lord Bardolf; alſo Lord Scales,—Howard, ---- and or, a croſs ingrailed vert,—Noon; argent, 3 hunters horns, ſable, Blowere, as I take it.

Adam de Blowere was a commiſſioner for the banks and ſewers of Marſhland in 1294.

The roof of the nave is of oak, ſupported by principals, with angels, their wings extended: on a window over the firſt arch, on the ſouth ſide—argent, 3 hunter's horns, ſable, Blowere: on a window over the 2d arch of the nave, on the north ſide, argent, a cheveron between 3 wolves heads eraſed, gules, Lovell.

At the lower end of the nave, on a grave-ſtone,

Here lyeth interred the body of Thomas Bold, ſometym vicker of Tilney, worſhipfully deſcended of the ancient family of the Bolds, of Bold-Hall, in Lancaſhire, who changed this life for a better, Nov. 8, 1638, *and wayts the reſurrection of the juſt*; there has been a plate for his arms, but now tore off, under it, *Reſurgam.*

In the chancel eaſt window,—barry of 10, argent and azure, an orle of martlets, gules, Valence, Earl of Pembroke, impaling vairy, argent and azure, 3 pallets, gules, on a chief, or, a file, azure, Caſtilion, Earl of St. Paul, the arms of the foundreſs of Pembroke-Hall, in Cambridge, who married the ſaid earl.

This church, with the vicarage and the portions therein belonging to Nutteley abbey, in Buckinghamſhire, and to that of Bury, was valued in 1428, at 120 marks, Peter-pence 2*s.*

The preſent valor of the vicarage is 30*l.* and is not diſcharged.]

RECTORS.

Godfrey de Acre occurs rector in the 22d of Edward I.

1327, Ymbert de Monte Martino was inſtituted rector—rector alſo of Caſtre Holy Trinity, by Yarmouth, preſented by Sir Thomas Bardolf; he reſigned Bradwell juxta Mare in Eſſex.

1371, William de Humberſtone, preſented by the king; and in 1374, by the king to the rectory of Harlow, in Eſſex; and to that of Yoovil in Wells dioceſe, 1375.

In the 20th of Edward III. a fine was levied between Mary de St. Paul, Counteſs of Pembroke, and John, Lord Bardolf, of the patronage of this rectory, and an acre of land, *viz.* the church-yard held in capite, and conveyed then to the counteſs for 48 marks, the fine being levied by a ſpecial precept: the family of Bardolf is, by all accounts that I have ſeen, ſaid to have purchaſed it of Sir Frederick de Chervile in the reign of Henry III. but as the Chereviles manor in this town was held of the Lords Bardolf, who had the chief fee in it, it is moſt probable that it was always an appendix to their capital manor.

King Edward III. in his 32d year, granted a patent to appropriate it to Pembroke Hall, in Cambridge, by the gift of the foundereſs, (the ſaid counteſs of Pembroke) and a vicarage ſettled.

VICARS.

In 1372, February 15, John de Appelby was inſtituted vicar, preſented by the maſter and fellows of St. Mary Valence's Hall, in Cambridge, Pembroke-hall being at that time ſo called.

1394, Mr. William Moryn, ditto.

A patent was granted in the 15th of Richard II. for a meſſuage, one cottage, and 26 acres of land, in this town, to the vicar of this church, aliened by Richard Morice, &c. One of this name was maſter of Pembroke-hall at this time.

1409, John Spenſer, *A. M.* ditto, and occurs in 1423.

----, Robert Patchet, vicar.

Robert Houſſon, or Howyſſon, occurs vicar 1442, and 1430.——Richard Stubs, vicar about 1460, *S. T. P.* and maſter of Clare-Hall.

Thomas Bold occurs vicar 1630, and compounded then, March 22, for firſt-fruits.——1638, William Paris, compounded February 1.

Henry Jenkins, vicar, and rector of Rungton-Holm, *cum* Wallington, died 1732.——1732, John Whaley, *D. D.* maſter of St. Peter's college, in Cambridge, ditto.——1748, Mr. J. Peele, vicar, on Whaley's death, ditto.

Richard Peverell, Eſq; of Tilney, died ſeiſed of lands here, as by his will in 1423: he gives a horſe of 10*l.* value to his Lord, Thomas, Duke of Exeter, to be ſuperviſor of his will.

Robert Howſſon, vicar, wills to be buried in the place, where the font formerly ſtood, in the church of All Saints, Tilney; orders a prieſt to ſing for him 10 years at Trinity altar, in that church, and gives a ſilver cup to it;—10 marks to buy veſtments, and a portifory for the two chaplains ſerving in St. Laurence's, in Tilney, and a marble ſtone to be laid over him.

Robert Kervill, of Tylney, wills in 1514, to be buried in this church, gives to Gilbert his ſon, all his lands and tenements, in Tylney and Iſlington, except 40 acres to Katherine his wife, for life; to Richard his ſon 10*l.*

In this pariſh is a chapel (belonging to the mother church of Tilney All Saints) dedicated to St. Laurence.

In this chapel were the arms of Inglethorp, and Noon; and argent, on a chevron, azure, between 3 tygers heads eraſed ſable, 3 creſcents, ermin—Nicholas, impaling Hunſton.

Thomas Little, chantrey prieſt here, had a penſion in Edward VI's time of 4*l.* *per ann.* on the diſſolution of it.

There was alſo in the manor of Inglethorp, at Kenwick in this town, a free chapel dedicated to Sir Thomas the Martyr, founded by Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, in the reign of King John, and had a portion of tithes belonging to it in the church, given probably by the founder and valued in 1428, at 6 marks *per ann.* and here was the gild of the Trinity.

King Richard II. as guardian to the heir of Sir William de Inglethorp, enjoyned, in his firſt year, Alianore, wife of the late Sir William, to admit Hugh de Gandeby, to this chapel.

CHAPLAINS.

On the diſſolution of it, Ralph Cantrell, the late chaplain, had a penſion allowed him of 5*l.* *per ann.* which he held in the 5th of Edward VI. admitted October 15, 1532, by the biſhop, on a lapſe.

I find theſe perſons admitted chaplains.

April 30, 1377, Hugh de Gandeby, preſented by the king.

July 30, 1474, Richard Mitton, by Sir William Norrys, Kt. and the lady Iſabella de Montecute his wiſe.——September 10, 1481, Mr. Nicholas Goldwell, *L. L. B.* by ditto.

November 27, 1505, William Leigh, by Sir William Norys, Kt.——May 9, 1510, Thomas Blithe, by Elizabeth, Lady Scroop, widow.

TYRINGTON.

THIS town tho' very conſiderable in its bounds and lands, is not mentioned in the book of *Domeſday*, and the reaſon is, that there was at that time, no independent manor, or lordſhip, with its lands here, held of the king; all the lands herein, belonged to, and depended on ſome neighbouring lordſhips and towns, where they had their ſcite, and extended themſelves in to this; and were under thoſe lordſhips and towns, valued and extended and accounted for.

The ſubject and deſign of that moſt valuable record, (*Book of Domeſday*) being to ſet forth and aſcertain thoſe lands only, which were held in capite, and that in the proper place, where the heads of ſuch fees and tenures lay, and immediately appertained and belonged. Many indeed have maintained that if a town was not to be found in that book, it was not at that time, in being; not conſidering and reflecting rightly on the true ſubject and deſign of that book: this led Camden, and after him others, to aſſert Roiſton, in Hertfordſhire, not to have a being in the time of the Conqueror, the caſe being the ſame with that town, as with this of Tyrington, as will appear.

The town of Roiſton being included under the account of the manors and lordſhips of Berkwey, Tharfield, Melburn, Baſſingbourn, &c. all which extended into it, and included the whole townſhip of Roiſton: and many inſtances of the ſame kind might be mentioned, and often here occur.

That the town of Tyrington was in the Saxon age, long before the Conqueſt, appears from a grant [a] of Godric, brother to Ædnoth, abbot of Ramſey, about the year 970, who gave to that abby his lands, in Turingtonea, on condition that Ædnoth ſhould free it from the ſervice called Heregeat; which was wont to be paid to the lord by free heirs, after their father's deceaſe, now called a Hariot.

By this it appears that the aforeſaid Godric had, about a century before the conqueſt, a lordſhip in this town of Tyrington.

BARDOLPH'S FEE.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS, who held a manor in Tilney, and Iſlington, in the Conqueror's time, [b] was alſo lord of part of this town, into which the ſaid manor extended; this came after to the lords Bardolf, and was a member

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(a) Gale's Script. v. 1. p. 430.

(b) See in Tilney and Wirmegay.

member of the honour, or barony of Wirmegay: part of this was held by the antient family of Terington, who aſſumed their name from this town.

In the 7th of King John, a fine was levied between Ralph de Tirington, petent, and Robert de Tirington, his brother, deforciant, of lands in Terington. In the 12th of the ſame king, Mr. Richard de Tyrington was a great favourite of that king, to whom he gave an annuity of 20 marks *per ann.* for his life; and in the 34th of Henry III. John, ſon of [c] Geffrey de Tirington, impleaded Adam Prudekyn for the right of a way beyond the land of Adam de Terrington.

William de Tyrington, in the 49th of the ſaid reign, had a charter for free-warren, in his demean lands here, and in Middleton; about the ſame time lived Ralph de Tirington; and in the 3d of Edward I. Sir William de Tirrington had wreck at [d] ſea, aſſiſe of beer and bread, and the amercements of his tenants, as he had in the 52d of Henry III.

Ralph de Tirrington, alſo, held 3 virgates of land in Tirington, of the biſhop of Ely, paying 5*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and And. de Tirington, half a virgate of the biſhop, in Walpole, paying 47*s.* 5*d.* *per ann.* in Henry III's reign.

In the year 1300, William Battayle, Eſq; had an intereſt in this manor, and was patron of the free chapel of St. James belonging to it.

In 1323, one of the ſame name, was a commiſſioner to view the banks and ſewers of Marſhland; William Batail married, as I take it, Ida daughter of Sir William de Terington, and was lord in her right.

In 1338, Thomas Howard, of Wigenhale, ſon of William Howard, and Margaret his wife, daughter of William Noon, of Tilney, William Aliſaundre, Sir John Bardolf, &c. preſented to the chapel.

By an inquiſition taken in 1346, the heirs of Ida, late wife of William Batail, were found to hold the 3d part of a fee of the lord Bardolf; ſo that Thomas Howard, William Aliſaundre, and Sir John Bardolf married, moſt likely, 3 of the daughters and co-heirs of William Batail and Ida his wife; and it appears that John Avenell married Joan, and Sir Robert de Caſton married Iſabell, 2 other of the ſaid daughters and co-heirs.

Afterwards the whole right above, was in the Lovells. Thomas Lovell of Barton Bendiſh, Eſq; preſented in 1416, by his will dated September 10, *A°.* 9, of Henry V. he gives it to his 2d ſon, Nicholas, who preſented in 1424: from the Lovells it came to the Howards, and Wentworths, being united to Howard's manor, as I ſhall ſhow.

HOWARD's MANOR.

RALPH DE STRETTON, and his partners, held the fourth part of a fee. Hamo de Nerford, and William, ſon of Herlewin, held each the fourth part of a fee, in 1234, of the honor of Wirmegeye; on the aid then granted at the marriage of King Henry's ſiſter, Iſabel, to the emperor; and in 1239, William de Kerdeſton granted to William, ſon of Herlewin of Tirrington, a meſſuage, with a carucate of land, by fine, in this town.

William Howard purchaſed lands here, in Walpole and Tylney, in the 20th of Edward I. of John de Hoyland and Sibill his wife.

In the 21ſt of Edward I. Peter, ſon of † John de Spalding, and Hamon de Narborow, held the 4th part of a fee, John de Fytton, Philip de Fenne, and their tenants the 12th part of a fee, and William Howard, William Batail, and Robert de Caſton, or Cauſton, the 3d part of a fee, of the lord Bardolf.

Meſſuages

(*c*) Plita de Jur. et Aſſiſs Rot. 33.

(*d*) Rot. Hundred. in Cur. Recept. Sccij, Weſtm.

† Sir Henry Walpol, Kt. by deed ſans date, granted to this John de Spalding, all his lands in the fields of Tyrington, to be held of him and his heirs, paying yearly to the lord of the fee 6d. per ann. and one clove for all ſuits, aids, and demands, &c. whatever; witneſs, Sir William de Tyrington, Sir John de Wygenhale, Kt. Hugh de Duntone, Nicholas de Hecham, Walter Marſhall, &c.—Seal a ſeſs, between 2 chevronells.

Meſſuages and lands here, were ſold (by fine levied in the 27th of that king) by John de Dulingham, to William, ſon of Andrew Howard; and William Howard had lands in Terington, Walpole and Tilney, conveyed to him, by fine, in the 33d of the ſaid reign, from Robert de Cauſton; and in the following year, William Howard was querent in a fine, Robert de Cauſton and Iſabel his wife, deforciants, of the 4th part of 70 meſſuages, 2 mills, 500 acres of land, 6 of paſture, 200 of marſh, and 40ſ. rent in this town, Walpole and Tilney, granted to William, who granted to Robert and Iſabel 60 acres of land, 40 pence rent, and 2 parts of a meſſuage, in Terington, and Tilney, to hold to them and their heirs: this I take to be Sir William, the judge, anceſtor of the dukes of Norfolk.

The ſaid William Howard, bought of John Gybon, and Lucia his wife, the 3d part of 3 parts of the manor of Tyrington, by fine, in the 1ſt of Edward II. In the following year John Howard and Joan his wife had 3 parts of a manor in Tirington, one meſſuage, and 2 carucates of land in Pentney, Aſſewell, Thorp, (Geyton Thorp) Walton Eaſt, and Nareford, conveyed to them by Richard de Cornwall.

This was Sir John Howard's, (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Willam the judge) on his marriage with the ſaid Joan, daughter of Richard, and ſiſter of Richard de Cornwall, yet the ſaid Richard had ſome right ſtill in this town, for in the 3d of the ſaid king, Richard de Cornwall, the father, as appears from the eſchaet rolls, was found to hold with Battayle the fourth part of a fee.

In the 20th of Edward III. John Avenell and Joan his wife, held the fourth part of a fee, which Peter, ſon of John Spalding, formerly held; and the ſaid John and Joan, with Robert de Cauſton and the heirs of Ida, late wife of William Bataile, held the 3d part of a fee of the lord Bardolf; and at the ſame time John de Tilney, and his parceners, held the 12th part of a fee of the ſaid lord, which John de Fitton formerly held. Peter Spalding ſold his part, or manor, (having infranchiſed ſeveral villains) to Sir John Howard the elder.

In the 3d of Richard II. a fine was levied of the manor of Howards, in Tirrington, with that of Wigenhale, &c. between William Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, Sir John Lovell, Sir John Tudenham, Kts. &c. feoffes, querents, and Sir Robert Howard and Margaret his wife, deforciants; and in the 3d of Henry IV. Sir John Howard was lord, which Sir John on his death, in 1437, left to Henry Howard, his ſecond ſon, by the lady Alice, daughter of Sir William Tendring, his 2d wife, the manor of Terrington Howard's, and Eaſt Walton, &c. whoſe daughter and ſole heir Elizabeth brought it by marriage to Henry, 2d ſon of Roger Wentworth, Eſq; of Nettleſted in Suffolk, (who died ſeiſed of it the 22d of Edward IV.) by whom he had Roger Wentworth of Codham, Suffolk, Kt. who died in the 33d of Henry VIII. and by Anne his wife, daughter and heir of Humphrey Tyrell of Warley, in Eſſex, (ſecond ſon of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, of Heron, in Eſſex) had Sir John Wentworth of Codham, and Goſteld, who had livery of this manor in the 31ſt of Henry VIII. and dying September 3, 1567, was buried at Goſfield, in Eſſex; leaving by Anne, his wife, daughter of ----- Bettenham, of Pluckley, in Kent, Eſq; two daughters and co-heirs, Mary (married to Thomas, lord Wentworth) who died without iſſue; and Ann, married firſt to Sir Hugh Rich, ſon and heir to Richard, lord Rich; afterwards to Henry lord Matrevers, ſon and heir to Henry Fitz Alan, Earl of † Arundel, and third to Sir William Dean, of Deans Hall, in Great Mapleſted, in Eſſex: this lady Anne, then lady Matrevers, had livery of this lordſhip, about the 13th of Elizabeth, and being ſole heireſs to her father, had a great inheritance; the manors of Wyſton, thoſe of Overhall, and Netherhall, in Poſſingford, Cavendiſh, Impeys, Hinktons, and Bully Hall in Clare, in Suffolk; Gereners, in Withermondeford, &c. and in jointure, Syllingham manor, Nortofts, in Finchingfeld, Chilterditch, Belchamp-Otto, Belchamp William, Overhall, in Geſtingthorp, Hodinge, with Park-Hall, in Goſfield, Belhous-Hall, and Shardelows, Codham-Hall, Toſtington, Cheyneys, Hampton Wychards, Woodmancote, *cum* Northwood, Nutbeams, Wolbeding, Nicholls, in Schaldeford, and Gorings, all in Eſſex.

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† He was ſon and heir of Henry, Earl of Arundel, by Katherine his wife, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquis of Dorſet, and died without iſſue, aged 19, at Bruſſells, and was there buried in 1556.

In the 11th of Elizabeth, this manor was conveyed to her huſband, Sir William Dean, with the manor of Eaſt Walton, by fine, but this had no effect, for in the 19th of Elizabeth, [f] by indenture dated April 24, ſhe demiſed to Jerome Bettenham, and James Walton, the manor of Tyrington Howard's, in Tyrington, and that of Eaſt Walton, and that of St. John's in Norfolk; thoſe of Overhall, Netherhall, Howton, Impey, and Bulley-Hall, in Poſlingford, Hindon, Stansfield, Candiſh, and Clare, in Suffolk, for 200 years, next after the death of the ſaid lady Matrevers, who was buried at Goſfield, in Eſſex, January 10, 1580.

By an inquiſition taken (poſt mortem) January 14, in the 7th of Charles I. at Ipſwich, it was found that Sir Edward Villiers, Kt. died ſeiſed of the manor of Terrington Howard's, Overhall, and Netherhall, in Poſlingford; the manors of Impeys and Bully-Hall, &c. in Suffolk, and that by Barbara his wife, daughter of Sir John St. John, he had a ſon and heir, William Villiers aged 20, in 1625; the will of Sir Edward bears date Auguſt 3, 1625, but he died February 2, 1626.

After this it came to the Hovels, and ſo to Fowlkes.

In 1653, Martin Fowlks, Eſq; was lord of Tyrington Howard's, &c. ſee in Hillington.

William Folkes, Eſq; the preſent lord.

Ralph de Stretton (who in 1234, with his parceners, as is obſerved before, held the fourth part of a fee in this town) had heirs of the ſame name, who inherited it.

Sir Godfrey de Stratton, the laſt, had a daughter and heir Alice, who married Roger Cavendiſh, whoſe daughter and co-heir, Margaret, married 1ſt to ------ Leveney, after to Thomas Barſham: his daughter and heir Catherine, by William Southcote, of Battlebridge, in Surry, Eſq; had a daughter and heir Elizabeth, married firſt to Richard Langham, and after to Richard Weldon: this Elizabeth Weldon, widow, by a letter of attourney dated February 19, in the 15th of Edward IV. empowers Thomas St. John, Eſq; to enter into all lands in Tirrington, and Feltwell, Norfolk, and in Aſſington, in Suffolk.

DUNTON'S, *alias* MARSHALL'S MANOR and MONK'S.

HUGH DE DUNTONE was lord in Henry III's time.

In the 12th of Edward I. Hugh, ſon of Alan de Dunton, had lands conveyed to him by fine, which he purchaſed of Thomas Picot of this town, and Agnes his wife; and in the ſaid year, Walter, ſon of Adam, of Tirington, ſold lands to him here.

William, ſon of John Le Moyne, or Monk, held here with his tenants the 12th part of a fee, in the 21ſt of the ſaid reign, as he did in Henry III's time, of the lord Bardolf.

In the 14th of Edward II. a fine was levied between William de Dunton and Alice his wife, and Maſter John Howard, of lands conveyed to William and Alice; and in the 17th of the ſaid king, another was levied wherein lands here were conveyed to Geffrey Le Mareſhall of Tirington, from Thomas le Grey, of the ſame town, and Alice his wife. Walter Marſchall was witneſs to a deed of Sir Henry Walpole, in the time of Henry III.

William Monk was found (as appears from the eſcheat rolls) in the 3d of Edward III. to hold a manor called Terington Monks, by the fourth part of a fee, of the lord Bardolf.

In the 16th of the ſaid king, there was a pleading between Peter Fawks, and Robert, ſon of William Moncks, for a meſſuage, 55 acres of land, and 200 of marſh, in this town and Tilney; which Peter proved to be conveyed by William Moncks, father of Robert, to Robert, father of Peter; and in the 20th of the ſame king, Adam de Walſham, and his parceners, were found to hold the 12th part of a fee of the lord Bardolf, which William, ſon of John Monk and his te-

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(f) Term. Trinit. N. 4.

nants formerly held: Sir William de Dunton was then a commiſſioner of the banks, &c.

John Dunton was, in 25th of that reign, by an inquiſition poſt mortem, found to hold lands here, in North Clenchwarton, and North Lynn; and another John Dunton was found to die poſſeſſed of the ſame, in the 43d of the aforeſaid king.

In the 1ſt of Richard II. John Marſhall, of Terington, &c. conveyed lands in Tydde St. Mary, to John Noon, of Tilney, and Margaret his wife; his ſeal was quarterly, in the 1ſt and 4th -----------, in the 2d and 3d a mullet; and Laurence Truſbut, John Kervil, &c.

Walter Noon, clerk, confirmed to Walter Trayt and Katharine, his wife, for the life of Katharine, an annuity of 5 marks, iſſuing out of 6 meſſuages, 130 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 40 of marſh, paſture for 300 ſheep, 40*s*. rent, and the rent of one quarter of ſalt, in this town, formerly belonging to John Marchall; —witneſſes, Sir John de Ingaldeſthorp, Sir Henry de Rocheford, Robert Kervil, Walter Godard, Richard Blowere, Steph. Gyboun, Symon Calwe, and Walter Balding; dated at Tyrington, in the 11th of Henry IV.

In the 5th of Henry VI. Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, had the 4th part of a fee in this town, held by Sir John Howard, the 8th part of a fee held by Sir Philip Braunch, and the 8th part of one, held by William Marchale, as parcel of the honor of Wirmegay, as appears from the eſchaet rolls, and John, Earl of Somerſet, was his ſon, aged 24 years.

By an inquiſition taken poſt mortem, in the 9th of Elizabeth, Henry Repps, Eſq; was found to have held the manor of Dunton's, *alias* Marſhale's, in this town, of that queen, as of the honor of Wirmegay, by the 8th part of a fee; a meſſuage and 33 acres of land, (in Walpole) with 12 of paſture, of Sir John Wenteworth, of his manor in Terington, by fealty, and paying 6*s*. *per ann.*

GODARD'S MANOR.

IN 1233, Thomas, ſon of Godard, held the third part of a fee in Middleton, of the lord Bardolf, and lands here, and a fine was levied in the 31ſt of Edward III. of lands conveyed by William Alyſander and Margaret his wife, to Nicholas Godard; as William Howard, of Wigenhale, and Elizabeth his wife, did to Nicholas and Walter Godard, in the 3d of Richard II.

About this time Walter Godard was lord of Denver's, in Walpole, as may be there ſeen, by the marriage of the heireſs of that family.

Robert Godard, Eſq; was living in the 12th of Henry VI. ſon and heir of Walter, and held a lordſhip here and in Walpole, of Joan, abbeſs of Elneſtow in Bedfordſhire, and was buried in Tirington church, in 1448.

After this William Godard, Eſq; a judge of the king's bench, had an intereſt herein, and Catherine his wife, who died in 1464; and in the 12th of Edward IV. John Well, of Wiſbeach, and Agnes his wife, daughter and heir of John Godard, conveyed lands to Henry Balding, Eſq; and Gregory Gybbon, of Weſt Lynn, Eſq;

BISHOP of ELY's MANOR.

THIS was the principal manor of this town, and belonged to the biſhop's great lordſhips [g] of Weſt Walton, Wiſbech, &c. which extended into this town.

In the 31ſt of Henry III. a fine was levied between Hugh, biſhop of Ely, petent, and John, ſon of Wace, deforciant of cuſtoms and ſervices, which the biſhop demanded for the free tenement, held of the biſhop, in Tirington, with 45

(g) See in Weſt Walton.

acres, for which he was to pay 20*s.* ſterling yearly, granted to him by the biſhop, on the payment of 15*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* ſaving to the biſhop the general aid, when it was to be levied thro' the biſhoprick, upon his freemen, by the king's precept.

In the 35th of that king, the biſhop had a grant of free warren in all his deamean lands here.

In his 52 year, a fine was levied between Walter de Hemenhale and Hugh, Biſhop, wherein Walter releaſed all his right in this manor and advouſon, to the biſhop and his ſucceſſors; except 40 acres of land, 40*s.* rent, 10 acres of meadow, 20 of marſh, and 10 of paſture. About this time Ralph de Tirington held 3 virgates † of land of the biſhop of Ely, in Liverington, paying 5*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and Andrew de Tirington half a virgate, in Walpole, paying 17*s.* 10*d.*

In the 5th of this king there was an extent made of this manor, as appears from the [*b*] regiſter of the biſhop of Ely, in the Cottonian library, now in the Muſeum: the jury preſent it to be in the liberty of that biſhop in Marſhland, that his bayliff might hold pleas of all that the ſheriff might, with writ and without, aſſiſe of bread and beer, and amercements of his tenants, wreck at ſea, the patronage of the church of Tyrington, and of the chapel of St. John's, towards the marſh, with all the tithes, except two parts of the tithe of the land of William, ſon of William here; and the fee of Sir William Bardolf, called Knight's-Land: the demeans of the manor conſiſted of 497 acres, 1 rood and a half, by the leſſer hundred, and the perch of 7 feet, which might be plowed with 6 oxen, and 6 Scotts to harrow, and carry the corn and dung; the meadows were 269 acres and half a rood, freſh paſture 46 acres, 3 roods and a half, ſalt paſture 1210 acres, all held by ſeveralty.

The towns of Tyrington, Tylney, Walpole, Walton, and the ſoke of Walſokene, were to common and dig turfs, &c. in the marſh, called Weſt-Fen, but none could ſell, or give any turfs away without leave of all the lords, having common within the boundary thereof, being 3 miles long, and 2 and a half broad, &c. the ſtock was 12 cows, one bull, 6 hogs, one boar, and 1400 ſheep, by the greater hundred, 2 windmills: the free tenants are there named, and one of them had a ſalt pit, or work, called Collwayneſhill, paying 10 ‡ bleds of ſalt: the biſhip ought to have 2 parts of wreck at ſea, and royal fiſhes, and the prior of Lewes one part, the finder to have 4*d.* the biſhop and prior to pay all charges, &c.

In an account of the biſhop of Ely's revenue here, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, (Edmund Peirpont, receiver) it amounted to 173*l.* 7*s.* *ob.* *q.* *per ann.*

It remained in the ſee of Ely till the death of Dr. Cox, in 1581, when it came to the crown by an act of parliamant made in the 4th of Elizabeth, which empowered her to grant and convey the impropriate tithes, glebe lands, &c. of rectories, (lodged in the crown on the diſſolution of religious houſes) to ſeveral epiſcopal ſees; and for her to take into the right of the crown, (on the vacancy of any ſee) any part of the honours, caſtles, manors, lands, &c. of the ſaid ſees; as ſhould amount to the yearly value of ſuch rectories impropriate, to be ſettled on them for ever; and thus this goodly manor, with many other belonging to the ſee of Ely, came to the crown, on the death of biſhop Cox aforeſaid.

In 1590, Thomas and Richard Ladd, *alias* Baker, farmed it of queen Elizabeth: Richard had a leaſe from biſhop Thirlby, dated April 20, in the firſt of her reign, of the ſcite of the manor of Terington, with all the houſes, barns, &c. alſo certain cuſtomary rents, called bond-days works, with certains lands thereto belonging, but the advouſons of the churches, wards, and many lands were exexcepted; and the queen in the 17 of March, in her 27 year, renewed the ſame.

King James I. granted this manor, with all its appertenances, to his eldeſt ſon Henry, and after to Charles, Prince of Wales. In the 21ſt of that king, the receiver accounted for 175*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* *q.* for rent of the ſaid manor lands; 10*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* *ob.* *q.* perquiſites of court, in fines of land only; and for moneys due to the prince from the cuſtomary tenants at the prince's firſt coming to this manor, and then paid, 11*l.* 13*l.* 4d. in the whole 197*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*

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† A virgate, or yard-land, contained 40 acres, or 4 fardels; tho' ſome make a virgate but 24 acres, &c.

(*b*) Claudius, C. 11. fol. 182.

‡ 12 bleds made one wey of ſalt.

After this, it was aſſigned to Queen Catherine, conſort of King Charles II. as part of her dowry, and was farmed by Sir James Chapman Fuller, baronet; and in the year 1696, was granted to William Bentink, earl of Portland, by King William III.

Count Bentink, a younger ſon of this family, who lives in Holland, is lord of it, and of the greateſt part of this town.

The priory of Ely had alſo lands here in 1428, held of the biſhop's fee, valued with their rent in ſalt, then, at 50*s. per ann.*

PRIOR of LEWES's MANOR.

THIS was part of the ſaid prior's manor of Weſt-Walton, and extended into this town, to which the reader is referred. The temporalities of the priory in 1428, were valued at 12*l.* 3*s.* 2*d. ob.*

And in the 5 of Edward III. Sir John Howard was found to hold part of this fee of the prior, as appears from the eſcheat rolls.

Walter Tirington L.L.D. was a celebrated writer and author, and born in this town, as was John Colton, firſt maſter of Gonvile Hall in Cambridge, and preferred to the primacy of Ireland, [*i*] by King Henry IV. archbiſhop of Armagh in Ireland.

Simon, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed in 1262, to the monks of Caſtleacre, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of William Alwin, held by him of the Lord Bardolf. This was the portion that priory held here, valued at 30*s. per ann.* in 1428.

In the 6 of Edward II. Jeffrey Sutton aliened to the priory of Weſtacre, 60 acres of land here, and in Tilney, Wigenhale, &c.

John Wigenhale aliened in the 7 of the ſaid king, to the ſaid priory, a meſſuage and 60 acres of land, and 12 of paſture here, in Tilney and Wigenhale.

There were certain rents of ſalt here payable by diverſe perſons who held of the fee of Sir William de Tirington, to the prioreſs of St. Croſs of Bungey, viz. of Walter, ſon of —— de Marham, for one meſſuage, 3 acres and a half in his croft, 2 combs of ſalt, &c. as appears from a roll of the prioreſs of St. Croſe of Bungey, *ſans* date, amongſt the evidences of the duke of Norfolk.

It may be obſerved that few towns in this hundred, lying near the Ouſe, &c. were without ſalt pits, or ſaltworks, at the conqueſt and after.

In the 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary, Thomas Walbot held a cloſe of paſture (given to find a lamp burning for ever in this church) of the manor of Eaſt-Greenwich, by knight's ſervice.

This was an antient family; Sir Robert de Cauſton purchaſed lands here, of Adam Walbode and Julian his wife, in the 21 of Edward III.

Queen Elizabeth, in her 27 year, demiſed to Thomas Sidney, gent. 5 acres of of land called Bower's Hill in Terrington, with 4 acres and 3 roods called Cobbeſhill, and Tookeſhill, for 21 years, paying 22*s.* 6*d. per ann.* dated July 3, probably belonging to the biſhop of Ely's land.

The tenths were 14*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

The church of Tyrington is dedicated to St. Clement, and is a very beautiful, large, and noble building of free ſtone, in the form of a cathedral church.——On the battlements of the ſouth iſle of this church, are theſe ſhields carved on the ſtone-work,——gules, an eagle diſplayed, or, Godard;——quarterly, or and gules, in the firſt quarter, an annulet in a bordure, ſable, bezanty, Rochford;——gules, 3 dexter gauntlets, pendant, argent, one ſurmounted by a canton, checque, or and azure, Denver;——gules, a bend between 6 croſſlets, fitche. argent, Howard;——Sable, a chevron, between 3 croſſes, patonce, or, Fordham, biſhop of Ely, in whoſe time this church ſeems to be built;——a feſs, ingrailed between 3 roſes, or cinquefoils;—gules, a feſs, between 6 croſs croſslets, or, Beauchamp;—azure, 3 cinquefoils, or Bardolf;——3 eſcallops, —— —— on a chevron, 3 lys, - - - - -, ——; benefactors no doubt to this building.

[*i*] Bale Scriptor. Britan. p. 93.——Fuller's Worthies in Norfolk.

At the weſt end of the nave is an altar monument——*Sub hoc marmore dormiunt Jobs. Henſon, A.M. vicarius hujus eccleſiæ p. annos* LX, *obt. Ao. D'ni.* MDCC.XI. *ætat.* LXXXVI, *et Elizab. dulciſſima ejus conjux, filia et ſoror Jobs. Dickinſon de burgo St. Petri. Mane evigelaverimus*; with the arms of Henſon, azure, a chevron, between three ſuns in their glory, or, and a bordure, ermine, impaling Dickinſon, on a ſaltire, 5 croſſes.

The top of the font is neatly carved; it opens, and on the pannels are painted our Saviour and the four Evangeliſts.—*Voce pater natus, corpore flamen ave. Mat.* 3.

In the north tranſcept or croſs, lies a graveſtone with the arms of Barker, per feſs, nebulee, azure and or, 3 martlets counterchanged, and a canton, ermin, for *Peter Barker, gent. who died May* 23, 1688, and for *Elizabeth, wife of Thurgood Upwood, gent. firſt wife of P. Barker, buried April* 12, 1690.

On a pillar here, a copartment of marble, with the arms of Aſkham, gules, a feſs, or, between 3 dolphins embowed, argent, impaling Bury, ermine, on a bend, azure, between 2 cottiſes, gules, 3 lys, or; creſt, a dolphin embowed.

Near to this place lyeth John Aſcham, Eſq; born at Boſton in Lincolnſhire, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters of Sir William Bury of Grantham in Lincolnſhire, knight, and ſiſter to the Lord Chief Baron Bury; he departed, &c. May 3, 1675, *ſhe June* 8, 1704.

Anthony, firſt ſon, died unmarried.——2d, Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Rookby, Eſq;——3d, Dingly Aſcham married Frances, daughter of Robert Clarke, gent. who in remembrance of his parents ſet this up at his charge.

At the eaſt end of the nave, on a graveſtone with a braſs plate,——*Orate p. a'i'ab; Jobs. Coraunt, et Johanne conſortis ſue, qui quidem Jobes deceſſit* iii *die menſis Aprilis, Ao. D'ni. Mill'imo* ccccc xxviii, *quorum a'iab; p'pitietr, Deus; Amen.*

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle in the ſouth tranſcept, on a graveſtone,——*H.S.E. Richard. Pratt denat.* 15 *Novemb.* 1669, *qui annum agens ſupra ſeptuageſſimum, poſtquam fatis ceſſit, extinct. vivit, et nunc ſepults. loquitur, te rogans (viator) ut mori cogites, priuſquam moriaris, hujus conjux chariſſima Lucia, filia Jobs. Orwell Elienſis, non procula ſe repoſita dormit, cujus epitaphium ſcripſit ipſe Solomon* 31, *Prov.* 29, 30, *prolem ſi quæras en Luciam, Annam, Janam, Catharinam, filias* iiii, *præter filium unicum Gervaſium adhuc ſuperſtitem, qui hocce amoris ſimul et mæroris monumentum, L. M. Q. P.* with the arms of Prat, impaling Orwell——a chevron, ermine, between 3 lions rampant.

Here alſo is an old marble graveſtone, deprived of its braſs plate, and has now a modern inſcription for *Robert Wardele, Eſq; late major in the militia, and juſtice of the peace in this county, who died October* 24, 1700, *ætat.* 60, with this ſhield,——a chevron between 3 boars heads, couped, on a chief 3 roundlets.

On a graveſtone in the middle of the nave or body of the church, *In memory of Henry Pratt, firſt ſon of Richard Pratt of Terrington, gent. who died* 1653, *and for Chriſtopher his 7th ſon, (by Ann his 3d wife) who died* 1655, *both infants.*

On a graveſtone in the chancel, with the arms of Upwood, quarterly, in the firſt and fourth, a chevron, between 3 heads, eraſed, ſable, quartering, argent, 3 cocks, gules——Cockain, in 2d and 3d,

In memory of Samuel Upwood, Eſq; who died September 7, 1716, *in his* 38 *year.*

Againſt the north wall of the chancel is a ſmall mural monument for *Dorothy, wife of Mr. John Edwards, daughter of Thorogood Upwood, Eſq; who died Feb.* 15, 172$\frac{1}{2}$, *aged* 40; with the arms of Edwards,——ermin, a lion rampant, guardant, azure, on a canton, an eagle diſplayed, ſable, impaling Upwood.

Here was alſo formerly buried in this church, Thomas Dudley, deſcended from the Lord Dudley, with this epitaph,——*Hic jacet Tho. Sutton, filius Thomæ Sutton,* * *nuper de Milton, filij D'ni Jobs. Sutton, D'ni de Dudley.*

Alſo a graveſtone for Elizabeth Sutton, wife, as I take it, of the aforeſaid Thomas Sutton, Eſq;

Hic jacet Eliz. Sutton, filia Roberti Godard; with the arms of Sutton, impaling † Godard and Denver quarterly.

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* Weaver's Funeral Monuments, p. 818.

† By this it appears that the Godards married an heireſs of the Denvers.

The ſaid Robert Godard was alſo here buried.

Hic jacet Robt. Godard, armiger, 1448; and on his graveſtone Godard and Denver quarterly.

And on another graveſtone,——*Hic jacet Rich'us Zorke quondam burgenſ. ville Berwic ſup. Tweade.*

Alſo William Baldyng, prieſt, in 1509, and Thomas Howard, as appears (and requeſted by his will) in 1548.

In a window over the uppermoſt arch on the ſouth ſide of the nave, are the arms of Godard and Denver impaled.

On the woodwork of the roof of the nave, is an anchor carved, the inſignia of St. Clement, to whom the church is dedicated. Alſo a plain croſs.

And formerly here was or, a demy eagle in pale, ſable,—impaling, or, ſemy de lys, ſable, Mortimer, as I take it;——and ſable, a ſword in pale, argent, hilted and pomelled, or.

In the churchyard, by the ſouth porch door, an altar tomb, *In memory of William Crane, ſenior, who died November* 26, 1709, *aged* 65, *and of his* 3 *ſons, Robert, Nathaniel and William.*——Alſo memorials for *Peter Darley, ſenior, who died October* 28, 1710, *aged* 65.——for *Peter Darley, junior, who died November* 11, 1716, *aged* 45.——for *Edmund Richars, gent. who died December* 18, 1624, *in his* 52 *year*; and for *Mr. John Richars who died July* 14. 1713, *aged* 67.

The rectory of the church of St. Clement's was antiently valued at 100 marks, *per ann.* Peter-pence were 18*d.* The preſent valor is 34*l*, 06*s*. 8*d*. and is now a ſine cure, and pays firſt fruits, &c.

The prior of Caſtleacre had a portion of tithe valued at 30*s*. *per ann.*

RECTORS.

Luke de Flete, *temp.* Edward I. rector.——Brancalco de Lavanne, occurs rector 24 of Edward I.

(*k*) 1336, Richard de Muryemouth, preſented by the king, the temporalities of the ſee of Ely being in the king's hands; he was the king's chaplain, and preſented by him in 1328, to the rectory of North Fambridge in Eſſex, rector of Ryſeburgh, dean of Wymbourn free chapel, prebendary of Oxgate in St. Paul's, and of Banbury in the church of Lincoln.

1342, Mr. William Bryan.——1342, Edmund de Gunvill, founder of Gonville Hall in Cambridge, preſented by the biſhop of Ely.——[*l*] 1351, Mr. Thomas Loring, by ditto, (rector alſo of Hinton in Cambridgeſhire) on Gunvill's death.——1370, Mr. Thomas Wyrmenhale, ditto, L.L.D. chancellor to the biſhop of Ely, maſter of St. Peter's college, Cambridge, and brebend of Chicheſter.——1381, Arnold Pynkeny, ditto; he was buried in the chancel of Cookham church in Berkſhire; on his graveſtone——*Hic jacet Dominus Arnoldus de Pinkenny, quond. rector eccles. parochialis de Tyrington, Norwic. dioc. qui obijt* 29 *die menſis Dec. Ao. Dni.* 1402.

1402, Mr. John Metfield, L.L.D. licenciate.——He was chancellor of the diocele of Ely, rector of Leverington and Pulham, archdeacon of Ely.——1408, John Breccles, by the biſhop, on the reſignation of Metfield——1410, John Bremore, (on an exchange with Breccles for a canonry in the church of Chicheſter) by the biſhop of Ely.——1418, William Derby, ditto,—archdeacon of Bedford, 1431.—1429, Mr. William Hertlond, L.L.B. vicar alſo of this church.—Mr. Dreuco Malefrount.——1454, Mr. Robert Thwaits, S.T.P collated by the biſhop.——1458, Alexander Woderington.——1466, Mr. John Rowclyff, decret. Dr. by the chancellor of Ely.——1499, Mr. William Plome.

1504, Edward Redmayne.——1543, Mr. John Crayford, S.T.P. rector of Stanford Rivers in Eſſex, maſter of Clare-Hall in Cambridge, afterwards maſter of University

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[*k*] Newcourt's Repertor. v. 1. p. 198.

[*l*] About this time Fuller, in his Worthies, ſays John Colton was rector: he was the firſt maſter of Gunvil Hall in Cambridge, and afterwards archbiſhop of Armagh in Ireland; but it does not appear that he was rector here.

Univerſity college in Oxford, prebendary in the churches of St. Paul's, Saliſbury, and Wincheſter, chancellor of Saliſbury and archdeacon of Berks.——About 1550, Miles Spencer, L.L.D. prebend of the church of York, rector of Wilby, then of Heveningham and Redenhale in Norfolk, chancellor of Norwich, archdeacon of Sudbury, dean of the college of St. Mary in the fields at Norwich, vicar of Soham in Cambridgeſhire.

1569, William Sanderſon, A.M. by George Gardiner, S.T.P. *hac vice.*——1589, Edward Stanhope, L.L.D. by William Cooper, Eſq; *hac vice*: he was rector of Brockley in Suffolk, prebend of Botevant in the church of York, and of Kentiſh Town in St. Paul's, chancellor to the biſhop of London, and vicar general to the archbiſhop of Canterbury, died in 1608, being then a knight, and was buried in St. Paul's; he was brother to John, Lord Stanhope of Harrington.

1608, Simon Wells, S T.P. by the executors of Sir Edward Stanhope.——1609, Richard Hunt, S.T.P. (on Wells's reſignation) alſo vicar of this church, prebend of Canterbury, dean of Durham, and there buried; preſented by Sir John Stanhope, knight.——1638, Samuel Ward, S.T.P. preſented by the chancellor, maſter and ſcholars of the univerſity of Cambridge patrons; King James I. on Auguſt 26, *ao.* 3, granted it to that univerſity to be annexed to the Margaret profeſſorſhip of divinity, and Dr. Ward was the firſt that enjoyed it, prebend of Ampleford, in the church of York, and maſter of Sidney college, Cambridge.——† 1660, John Pearſon, S.T.P. afterwards biſhop of Cheſter.——1673, Ralph Widdrington, S.T.P——167 , Humphrey Gower, S.T.P. maſter of Jeſus, after of St. John's college, Cambridge, and prebend of Ely.

1711, Robert Jenkin, S.T.P. maſter of St. John's college, Cambridge, by the univerſity of Cambridge.——1727, Thomas Lambert, D.D. maſter of St John's college, Cambridge.——1735, John Newcome, D.D. dean of Peterborough.

In the 19 of Henry VI. a fine was levied between Lewis, perpetual adminiſtrator, in the ſpirituals and temporals of the church of Ely, querent, Thomas Shouldham and Margaret his wife, deforcients, of the advouſon of this church, ſettled on the church of Ely, quit of the heirs ot Margaret.

The antient valor of the vicarage was 40 marks *per ann.* the preſent valor is 23*l.* 6s. 8*d.* and ſtands charged for firſt fruits, &c.

VICARS.

In 1266, Semannus occurs vicar.

1313, Mr. John de Felmingham, by the biſhop of Ely.——1332, Mr. Walter de Iſtelop.——1335, John le Moygne.——1348, John de Bonyngton, by the biſhop's vicar general.——Mr. Walter de Eſton, prebend of Huntingdon, the church of Hereford.——1383, John Billing, an exchange for Aldenham in Herefordſhire.——1388, John Billing, by the king; the temporalities then in the king.

1414, Simon Derby.——1420 Mr. John Oteringham.——1424, Mr. John Gryme, *L. L. B.* on an exchange for Dry-Drayton.—— ----, William Hertland, rector alſo, (buried in the chancel 1454, as he wills) by Mr. Derby, late rector.——1454, Mr. John Peyrſon, *S. T. B.*——1474, Robert Fenton.——1489, Mr. William Doughty, *L. L. B.*—— ----, Mr. Henry Mynnes.

1500, Richard Porter admitted to the church of Tyrington, [n] (the vicarage, as I take it, but not ſaid which) the ſee of Norwich being void.

1540, Mr. Robert Evans.——1554, Mr. Christopher Barton.—— ----, Marmaduke Wood.——1569, William Sanderſon, *A. M.* by the queen.——1574, Henry Warren.——1582, John Waters.

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† Rich. Love, clerk, was preſented to this rectory in 1644, and then compounded October 4, for firſt fruits; he was D.D. maſter of Corpus Chriſti college in Cambridge, &c. and died ſoon after, and is not entered in the Inſtitution Books.

[n] Regiſt. Cantuar.

1603, Richard Hunt, *S. T. P.* (alſo rector) by the king.——1638, Thomas Drayton.—— ——, Michael Beresford, vicar.——1661, John Henſon.

1711, Henry Swetenham, by the queen.——1740, Henry Robinſon, by the king.

There is a chapel dedicated to St. John, belonging to this church, where the vicar of Tyrington is to perform duty and ſervice; and ſeems to be built in 1423, licence being then granted to John Billing, vicar, to build a chapel in the lordſhip of the biſhop of Ely, at the croſs, called Peykes-croſs, to the honor of God and the Holy Croſs; and in 1428, mention is made of a pilgrimage to [o] Tyrington St. John's.

It is ſaid to be made parochial and free from the church of St. Clement, by Thomas, arch-biſhop of Canterbury, in 1530, but I find no inſtitution to it as a parochial church, and remains at this time a chapel to the ſaid church, for the ſervice of the pariſhioners, being about 2 miles from the mother church.

It is a regular pile, with a nave, 2 iſles and a chancel covered with lead, a ſquare ſtone tower with four pinnacles and 4 bells ſtanding at the ſouth weſt corner.

In this chapel were the arms of Denver, and Inglethorp, alſo ſable, 3 anchors, argent; and argent on a cheveron, azure, 3 cinqfoils in a bordure, or;——and an effigies of one on his knees, holding the arms of Denver, and a legend,

Orate p. aia. Joh. Denevere.

In the chapel-yard is an altar tomb erected—*To the memory of John Farthing, of Gayton, in Norfolk, Gent: who dyed May* 18, 1712, *aged* 56: *erected by his brother James Farthing, of King's Lynn, merchant.*

The biſhop of Norwich, on September 5, 1422, tranſlated the feaſt of the dedication of the church of St. Clement, from the octaves of St. Martin, and of the church, or chapel of St. John annexed to it, from the feaſt of the ſeven ſleepers, to the 24th of September.

Here was alſo a free chapel dedicated to St. James, as appears from the following inſtitutions.

CHAPLAINS.

1300, Roger Mayl, preſented by the biſhop of Norwich, to the chapel of the manor of William Batayle, of Tyrington.——1302, Peter de Creyk, to the free chapel of St. James, by William Batayle.——1304, Giles de Thorp, ditto.——1313, Richard de Tyrington to the chantrey, &c. by William Batayle.——1338, William Oky, to the free chapel, in the manor formerly Sir William Tyrington's, by Thomas Howard, William Aliſandre, Sir John Bardolf, &c.——1340. Thomas Marſhall, by William Aliſaundre, Thomas Howard and John, ſon of William Howard, of Wigenhale, and Sir Thomas Bardolf.——1349, William Briton, by John Bardolf, Thomas Howard, &c.——1351, Thomas Walbot, by William Aliſandre, &c.—— ——, Martin Andrew.——1367, Thomas Caylly, by Sir Robort Cauſton, Kt. and William Aliſandre.——1384, Robert Atte-Bek, by Sir John Tudenham, Kt. &c.

1416, Alan Gele, by Thomas Lovell, Eſq;——1424, Mr. Thomas White, by Nicholas Lovell.——1473, Mr. John Saucer, *A. M.* by the biſhop of Norwich, a lapſe.——1479, John Thorn, by Henry Wentworth, Eſq;

1503, Richard Paorte, by William Lovell, of Wretton.——1522, John Knight, by Roger Wentworth, Eſq;——1529, Robert Wentworth, by Sir Roger Wentworth, Kt.

This free chapel on its diſſolution in King Edward VI's time, was valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in 1571, the tithe corn and hay belonging to it, is ſaid to be worth 7*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*

Several towns in England take their names from Ter, as Terlinge, in Eſſex, Terring, in Suſſex, Terſal, in Nottinghamſhire.

(o) Reg. Surflete, Norw.

WALPOLE.

TAKES it name from the great wall, or ſea bank, raiſed to defend it, and from a pool, or deep water near to that wall. Of this great pariſh, only this account is to be found in the great ſurvey, or book called *Domeſday*.

John, nephew of Waleran, held in Walpola [a] half a carucate of land, with 6 borderers, who had half a carucate valued at 5*s*. *per ann.* which was poſſeſſed by a free man in the Confeſſor's time. Waleran was ſome officer under the Conqueror, and Earl of Mellant, in Normandy. He held alſo one in Ringſtead, one in Hunſtanton, and in Titchwell, in Smithden hundred;—alſo in Weyland hundred, the lordſhips of Carbrook *Magna* and *Parva*;—in Shropham hundred, one at Bretenham; and one at Saxlingham, in the hundred of Henſted. All which he had of the gift of the Conqueror, and dying before the ſurvey was made, they were then held by John, his nephew and heir.

EARL of CLARE's MANOR.

HOW long it continued in this John's poſſeſſion does not appear; probably on his death it was granted to the Giffard's family, Earls of Bucks, who had conſiderable poſſeſſions in this tract and neighbourhood; and by the marriage of a daughter and heireſs of Giffard the ſecond earl, was brought into the family of the Earls of Clare.

In the 47th of Henry III. Richard de Clare, Earl of Clare, was found, as appears from the eſcheat rolls, to have held lands in Walpole, by knight's ſervice.

In the 52d of that king, Hamon Moynſtrail had a manor here, which I take to be this; and then gave licence of diſtreſs for rent due to the prioreſs of Carhow, for lands in Hecham; and in the 7th of Edward I. Adam Muſtroil ſettled lands here, and in Hunſtanton, on Hamon his ſon, by fine.

In the 21ſt year of King Edward I. John Lovell and his tenants held this manor by the 3d part of a fee, of the earl of Glouceſter, and in the 1ſt of Edward II. John Lovell of Tichmerſh, ſettled it with that of Hunſtanton, on William Lovell, and the heirs of his body, by fine then levied: the ſaid William was found in the 8th of that king to die ſeiſed of it, held of the honor of Clare.

It appears, in the 20 of Edward III. from the inquiſitions, that William Lovell, and his tenants held in Walpole the 3d part of a fee of the earl of Glouceſter, which John Lovell formerly held, and had a charter for free-warren in all his demean lands here, and in Hunſtanton; and in the 22d of Richard II. Roger Mortimer, Earl of March, was found to hold in capite, one fee in this town, Hunſtanton and Walton, held by William Lovell, as parcel of the honor of Clare, and John Lovell held the 3d part of a fee of the earl of March, in Walpole, and was under age, and the king's ward in the 3d of Henry IV.

Edmund Mortimer, Earl of March, was found to hold one fee in Walpole, Hunſtanton and Walton, held by William Lovell, in the 3d of Henry VI. and in the 13th of Edward IV. the jury preſent that Robert Fitz Symon, held the day he died the manors of Hunſtanton and Walpole, Mocking, in Eſſex, Lillingſton, Lovell, in Oxfordſhire, the moiety of the manor of Archeſter, in Northamptonſhire, and that Joan, the wife of Robert Timperley, was his daughter and heir, then 22 years old.

John Pell was lord of Lovell's manor, with meſſuages, lands and tenements in the 13th and in the 42d of Elizabeth.

John Richards, *alias* Glover, and Joan his wife had a præcipe to deliver to John Moore, the manor of Lovells, in this town, and Terrington, &c.

By

(a) Terre Joh. nepotis W.——Walpola ten. lib. ho. t. r. e. dim. car. tre. ſep. vi bor. 7 dim. car. 7 val. v. ſol.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, October 1, in the 5th year of King Charles I. after the death of Henry Reppes, Eſq; who died the 23d of March, 1628, it was found that he died poſſeſſed of this manor of Lovells, held of the king, of his honor of Clare, by knight's ſervice; and is called a decayed and reputed manor.

Valentine Upwood, Eſq; lord, and Samuel Upwood in 1716.

Beſides this little lordſhip, there were two very conſiderable ones in this townſhip of Walpole, one belonging to the church of Ely, another to the earl Warren, at the time when *Domeſday Book* was made; and yet no account occurs, or is to be found in *Domeſday Book*, of theſe, or any mention made of Walpole, (excepting the account of John, nephew of Waleran's manor above obſerved) and the reaſon is that the manor of the aforeſaid John, was the only independent manor, held in capite of the king, in this town, and had its ſcite herein: whereas the lordſhips of the church of Ely, and the Earl Warren, tho' held alſo in capite, were dependent manors, on the church of Ely's capital manor of Weſt Walton, and Wiſbeach, and the earl Warren's capital manor, in the ſaid town of Walton, which had their ſcites there, and extended into Walpole, Tyrington, &c. and ſo were valued and accounted for under the capital manor of Weſt Walton, &c. where no doubt all duties and ſervices of thoſe who held lands in Walpole, and Tyrington, of the aforeſaid biſhop, and earl, were conſtantly performed and due.

ELY MANOR.

OSWI, a noble Saxon, and Leofleda his wife, father and mother of Alwyn, gave on the admiſſion of their ſon Alwyn into the monaſtery of Ely, (where he became a monk, and was after biſhop of Elmham, in Norfolk, in 1021) the manors of Walpole, [b] with thoſe of Wiſbeach, Walſoken, Weſt Walton, Tyrington, in Norfolk, Statchworth, Catlidge, Dullingham, and March, in Cambridgeſhire, Denbenham, Woodbridge, and Brightwell, in Suffolk: the ſaid Leofleda was daughter of Brithnod, duke and alderman of the Eaſt Angles, ſlain at the battle of Maldon, in Eſſex, by the Danes, in 1093.

On the back part of the ſtalls, on the north ſide of the quire, facing the north tranſcept of the cathedral of Ely, are ſome very antique paintings of Saxon biſhops, &c. one repreſenting the biſhop aforeſaid, with this writing,—*Alwyn°. Epiſc°. Helm.*

Another repreſenting Brithnod, and—*Brithnod Dux Northumb.* both being here buried, as tradition will have it.

This lordſhip continued in the priory, till it was changed into an epiſcopal ſee, in the reign of Henry I. when it was aſſigned to the biſhop, as part of his revenue, and in the 35th of Henry III. the biſhop of Ely had a charter of free warren in all his demean lands in this town.

In the 3d of Edward I. the biſhop was found to have return of all writs, and pleas *de namio vetito*, and would not permit the king's bayliff to enter into his liberty within the towns of Weſt Walton, Walſoken, Walpole, and Tyrington; the amercements of all his men within the ſame, with wreck at ſea, aſſiſe of bread and beer, a gallows, &c. and beſides this, about the ſaid time he was found [c] to have the patronage of the church of St. Peter, in Walpole, the fees and homages of Sir Stephen de Mariſco, and Sir Roger de Muſtrail, the demean lands were 141 acres, a rood and a half of arable land, to be tilthed with two plows of 6 oxen each, and three Scots to harrow; the meadow lands were 30 acres, with 17 of paſture, common of paſture in Weſt Fen, &c. the ſtock was 6 cows, one boar, and 200 ſheep, one windmill; the free tenants were Henry, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole, Sir Stephen de Mariſco, the lady Agnes de Walpole, widow, Sir William, ſon of Herlewin, of Terrington, the heirs of Alan, ſon of Algar, &c.

In

(b) Hiſt. Elienſ.
—Dugd. Mon. Angl. v. 1, p. 94.

(c) Cotton. Libr. Claudius, C. 11, fol. 192, &c.
Now in the Muſeum.

In the 16th of Edward III. the Biſhop of Ely, and the prior of Lewes, brought their action againſt ſeveral perſons in this town, for hindering the weekly mercate, which they had here on Thurſday, breaking in pieces the ſtalls, tumbrell, and pillory, for which they were outlawed, but in the 21ſt of the ſaid king, had a pardon.

In the year 1454, (William Grey, then biſhop of Ely) this lordſhip was valued at 49*l.* 4*s.* 10*d. per ann.* but in an account of it, made in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, it was but 40*l.* 8*s.* 9*d. q. per ann.* It remained in the ſee of Ely, till the death of Dr. Cox, in 1581, when it came to the crown, by act of parliament in the 4th of Elizabeth, and [*d*] Thomas Bendiſh, Eſq; farmed the demean lands in 1500: and in the 8th of James I. the quit rents of the free and cuſtomary tenants amounted to 25*l.* 4*s.* 8*d. q. per ann.* and the farm 18*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*

And that year granted, November 12, to John Eldred, and J. Verdon, Gent: (valued at 48*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*) to farm.

MARSHE's, or COLEVILE's MANOR.

IN the 2d year of King Richard II. Sir William Marſh, Kt. and Mary his wife conveyed 60 acres of land here by fine, to Thomas de Cockfield, clerk, Henry de Leſingham, and James Walſham; this Sir William was lord of a manor held under the biſhop of Ely; and in the 3d of Edward I. Geffrey de Mariſco, or Marſh, held a knight's fee of the biſhop in this town, Walton, and Walſoken, had the aſſiſe of bread and beer, of his tenants, and at the ſame time Sir Stephen de Mariſco was a free tenant, or lord of part of this town, whoſe daughter and heir, Deſiderata, brought the manor of the family de Mariſco, to Roger de Colvile (by marriage) ſon of Sir Roger de Colvile, of Caxton in Cambridgeſhire.

In the 15 of Edward I. a fine was levied between Jeffrey de Sandiacre, and Roger, ſon of Roger de Colvile and Deſiderata his wife, of this manor, who acknowledged it to be the right of Deſiderata, and ſhe and her huſband Roger, conveyed it to Jeffrey for life, remainder to the heirs of Deſiderata,. This Roger died in the 28 of that king, and left Jeffrey his ſon and heir.

[*e*] Sir John Colvile and his tenants, held in the 3d of Henry IV. (as appears by an inquiſition then taken at Biſhop's Lynn, on Monday before the feaſt of St. Agnes the virgin, before Sir John White, knight, &c.) half a fee in Walpole, Walton, and Walſoken, of the biſhop of Ely, and the biſhop held it in *capite*. In the ſaid year, on Monday next after the feaſt of the Epiphany, John Lynſtock, Nicholas Deguiſſon, capellani, grant by deed to Sir John Colvil, Kt. John Manning of Crimpleſham, John Karvill, of Wigenhale, Richard Peverell, of Tylney, Simon Derby, vicar of Terrington, Edmund Maſſingham, of Walton, &c. all the manors and lands which they had in Walpole, Weſt Walton, Walſoken, Emneth, Well, Barſham, Hyndryngham, Kettleſton, and Creyk, of the gift of Richard Bennett;—witneſſes, Walter Goddard, Sim. Calow, Richard Boure, Thomas de Vere, and Thomas de Geyton; and in the 9th of Henry VII. Francis Colvile died ſeiſed of it, and left Richard, his ſon and heir, who died lord of this manor, and one in Walſoken, *A*°. 17, of Henry VIII. held of the biſhop of Ely.

WALPOLE's MANOR.

THE truly antient family of the Walpoles, of Houghton in Norfolk, Earls of Orford, were many ages paſt, enfeoft in lands, and a lordſhip in this town, from which, according to the Norman cuſtom, they aſſumed their name. Of this family was Jeffery de Walpole, † ſon of Reginald, as appears by deed *ſans date*.

Amongſt

(*d*) Of this fee in Tyrington, Ely manor.

(*e*) See a particular account of this family in Walſoken.

† Notum, &c. quod hoc eſt finale excambium factum inter Hamonem de Tidd, fil. Rici de [illegible]

Amongſt the names of thoſe knights who owed ſervice to the biſhop of Ely, as appears from an exchequer book, Jocelinus de Walpol is named to hold half a [*f*] a fee in Walpol, Walton and Hakebech; and among the free tenants of the ſaid biſhop, Adam de Walpol is ſaid to hold half a virgate, and a piece of paſture, paying one mark *per ann.* and Jocelinus de Walpol half a virgate; Oſbert de Stradſett the fourth part of a virgate, John Norman, William de Sculham, Alan, ſon of Algar, Ralph, ſon of Joceline, and Roger his brother, Andrew de Tirington, and William de Camera, &c.]

Ralph, ſon of Joceline, appears to have 3 ſons, Thomas, Alan and Richard de Walpole, from a pleading in the 34 of Hen. III. when Peter and William de Walpole, were ſons of Thomas de Walpole. And before this, in the 12 of the ſaid king, a fine was levied between Claricia, daughter of Alan de Walpole, Thomas de Cheyle and Chriſtian his wife, Robert Chamberlain, and Mariona his wife, petents, and Henry de Walpole, tenent, of 40 acres of land in this town, granted to Henry; and in the 19 of the ſaid reign, Richard de Walpole was petent in a fine, and Walter, ſon of Alan, and Katherine his wife tenent, of lands here. A ſon of Joceline, was a benefactor to the priory of Lewes.

About this time lived Sir Henry de Walpol, knight, who by deed, *ſans* date, granted to Thomas de Spalding, burgeſs of Lynn, for his homage and ſervice, and for 20 marks ſterling, certain lands in Terington, to be held of him and his heirs, paying to the lords of the fee the accuſtomed ſervices and dues, viz. 6*d.* (*de cenſu*) at the feaſt of St. Michael, and to him and his heirs one clove at the feaſt of St. John Baptiſt; witneſſes to this deed, *ſans* date, are Sir William de Tyrington, Sir John de Wygenhale, knights; Hugh de Dunſtone, Nicholas de Hecham, Walter Mareſchal, William de Mundeford, Nicholas de Burw. John de Bauſey, clerk, &c.

To this is affixed his ſeal, ——a feſs between 2 chevrons; which arms are born at this day by the earl of Orford; of the ſame family was Ralph de Walpole, who was biſhop of Ely in the reign of Edward I. and bore the ſame arms.

Before this, it is ſaid that the family removed from Walpole to Houghton in Norfolk, on the marriage of Richard, ſon of Reginald de Walpole, with Emme, daughter of Walter, ſon of William de Havelton or Houghton; but they ſtill continued to have an intereſt and a manor here.

For in the 5 of Edward II. Henry de Walpole, (and Alice his wife) appears to be lord both of Houghton and Walpole, by a fine then levied.

In the 3d of that king lands in Tylney and Wigenhale, were ſettled on Jn. ſon of Alexander de Walpole, by Alexander his father; and in the 6 of the ſaid reign, Bartholomew de Walpole, ſon of John de Walpole, and Catharine his wife, held lands in Walpole.

Henry, ſon of Henry de Walpole, by his will, dated 1442, orders his truſtees of this manor, to enfeoffe Henry his ſon, in tail, in the ſame; and Thomas Walpole, gent. ſon of John Walpole, Eſq; by his deed, dated March 30, in the 12 of Henry VII. granted to Thomas Aleyn of Walpole, a meſſuage, lands, and a ſaltwork with the grains, &c. in this town.

John Walpole of Houghton, Eſq; by his will, dated February 28, in the 30 of Elizabeth, and proved in April following, bequeaths to Katharine his wife, all his lands in Walpole and Walton, to her and her heirs, towards the preferment of the marriage of his daughters.

ROCHFORD's-MANOR.

THE antient family of de Rochford, had alſo a manor in this town, held as it ſeems of the ſee of Ely. Of theſe I ſhall treat as I find them in due order and time, from antient authentic records and evidences. They take their

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unâ parte et Galfr. fil. Reginaldi de Walpole ex alterâ parte, qd. p'dict. Hamo dedit p'dict. Galfr. un. acra' terre in Walpole p. una acr. terre in Tydd, &c. Hijs teſtib; Galfo. Capellano. de Tidd, Tho. Capello. de Newton, Jordano de Roſs, Johs. et Robo. filijs ſuis, &c.

[*f*] Lib. feodor. militum in S'ccio, ſub titulo Com. Cantab.

name from a town in Eſſex, of which they were enfeoffed ſoon after the conqueſt.

Waleran de Rochford was witneſs to a deed of Thomas, ſon of Thomas Darcy, of lands given [*b*] by him to Kirkſted abby in Lincolnſhire, in the reign of King Stephen.

About this time lived Simon de Rocheford, who gave lands at Soberie in Berkſhire, to the priory of [*i*] Clarkenwell, and Emme his wife lands to the abby of Vaude or Valle Dei † in Lincolnſhire.

Wido de Rochford was a witneſs to the foundation deed of the abby of Nutely in Bucks, founded by Walter Giffard, earl of Bucks, in the reign of Henry I. and John de Rocheford, ſon of Guy or Wido de Rocheford, was under age, 16 years old, had a brother [*k*] aged 12, and a ſiſter 13.

This John was a ward of King Henry II. in his 30 year, and his land at Rocheford in Eſſex, was valued at 12*l.* *per ann.* and half Bereden in Eſſex, with one hide of the fee of Earl William, was 11*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*

William de Rocheford by deed, *ſans* date, gave to the church of Beverley in Yorkſhire, Thomas de Newton his villain, *cum tota ſequela*;——witneſſes, Sir Thomas de Becock, Waleran de Sancta Letitia, Rayner de Aldeburgh, and Maſter Roger de Richmond.

Digarius de Rocheford was ſeneſchal of Anjou in France, in the firſt of Richard I.——John de Rocheford, ſon of Guy, (as I take it) paid 10*s.* ſcutage to the ſheriff of Norfolk, towards the redemption of the king, in the 6 of Richard I. and in the 8 of that king, paid 20*s.* for one fee, ſcutage, for the army in Normandy.

Robert de Rocheford was a witneſs to the grant of Elſenham church, in Eſſex, to the monaſtery of Walden, by Beatrix de Maundevile, Lady Say; about this time, John de Rocheford abovementioned was living, and had an intereſt in Appleton, and Flitcham, in the 20 of Henry III.

In the 9 of that king, John Donetland conveyed by fine the fourth part of a fee, in Langeford, to Ralph de Rochford, who granted it back to the ſaid John for life, remainder to Robert de Rocheford his brother, and his heirs; and John was patron of the church of Rochford in Eſſex, in 1219, and lord.

John de Rochford de Kirby, and Margaret his wife, were living in the 34 of Henry III. and in the 40 of that king, Sir Ralph de Rochford was querent, and Eudo or Guy de Rochford, and Grecia his wife impedients, of lands in Seneberch in Somerſetſhire; and in the 45 of that king, the manor of Hyptoft Hall in Freſton, and Toft and Holland, in Lincolnſhire, were conveyed by fine to Sir Ralph, &c.

Sir Guy de Rochford, lord of Rochford, purchaſed of John de Burgh, earl of Kent, all his marſhes in Rochford, and held in *capite* at Berden, a meſſuage with a garden, dovehouſe, above 600 acres of arable land, 6 of meadow, 30 of paſture, and 3*s.* rent *per ann.* with a wood, windmill, and advouſon of the rectory, by the ſervice of one fee, and the patronage of Rochford.

In 1272, he was witneſs, with 10 other Norfolk knights, to a deed of John de Burgh, earl of Kent, (ſon and heir of Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent) whereby he granted to his valet, Baldwin de Cankewell, the lordſhip of Newton by Caſtleacre;——the witneſſes were Sir John de Vaux de Shoteſham, Tho. Roſſelyne, William de Weyland, Guy de Rochford, Richard de Sandchirche, Anſelm de Gyſe, John de Bretton, Richard de Belhouſe, William de Gyney, William de Calthorp, knights, &c. Sir Guy died in the following year, 1273.

He was found to hold Rochford as the head of his barony, and Margaret his widow had her dower in that manor, and marſhes of Foulneſs.

On the death of Sir Guy, his eſtate deſcended to Sir John de Rochford, ſon of a brother of Sir Guy, on a *Quo Warranto* brought in the 3d of Edward I. on account of wreck of ſea, and other privileges belonging to the manor of Rochford. The ſaid John pleaded that they were given to his uncle Guy, by John de Burgo, earl of Kent, and confirmed by King Henry III.

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(*b*) MSS. in Bibl. Cotton. Tiberius C. 8. p. 135.

(*i*) Reg. Clerkenw. in Bibl. Cotton, p. 9.

† Guy de Rochfort, a Poictovin, to whom the king had given the caſtle of Rocheſter, is baniſhed, and all his goods confiſcated.——Baker's Chron. p. 86.

(*k*) Rot. de D'nab; Prioris, &c. in S'ccio.

To this John, Ralph de Rochford and Agnes his wife, conveyed lands by fine, in the counties of Stafford, Derby and Nottingham; and Theobald de Nevile conveyed to the ſaid Ralph, the manor of Fenne in Lincolnſhire, and Grave in Warwickſhire, in the 12 of the ſaid king.

Sir John de Rochford, Sir Richard de la Rokeley, &c. were witneſſes to a grant of Sir William Baud, knight, of Coringham in Eſſex, of a fat buck and doe, yearly, to the church of St. Paul in London, in the 30 of that king, in which year he died.

Sir Robert de Rochford was his ſon and heir, and preſented to the church of Rochford in 1321. In the 17 of Edward II. the king confirmed to him, and Chriſtian his wife, the grant of the marſhes abovementioned, and it appears by the eſcheat rolls, that he died in the eleventh year of Edward III. that he and Iſabel his wife, daughter of William Fitz-Warin, held the manors of Rochford and Berdon, with 1100 acres of marſh in Rochford, and that Thomas was his ſon and heir, aged 25.

About this time lived Sir Waleran de Rochford, who with Jeffrey de la Legh, was a knight of the ſhire of Hertford, in parliament, in the 8 of Edward II.

Sir Thomas Rochford, ſon of Sir Robert, releaſed to Adam, ſon of Geffrey de Derham, of Suffolk, in the 11 of Edward III. all his right in the manor of Bernehalle.

After this I meet with nothing more of this family in Eſſex. Newcourt obſerves that [*l*] ſoon after the year 1324, there being no heir general, the eſtate eſcheating to the crown, King Edward III. in his 14th year granted the honour of Rayleigh, (to which the lordſhip of Rochford belonged) with the hundred of Rochford, to William de Bohun, earl of Northampton. But that there were other branches of the family is manifeſt.

Sir Ralph Rochford (as I have obſerved) was living in the 40 of Henry III.* and in the 30 of Edward I. Sir Ralph, with Henry Spigurne were the king's juſtices, and held the aſſiſe, tried ſeveral cauſes at Lynn, in Norfolk, on Tueſday after Whitſunday-week; and in the 7 of Edward II. had a pardon for adhering to Thomas, earl of Lancaſter, and for the death of Peirs de Gaveſton, the king's great favourite. He was father of Sir Saier de Rochford, a commiſſioner of the banks and ſewers in Lincolnſhire, in the 16 of Edward III.

In the 22 of Edward III. a fine was levied between him and Joan his wife, and John Cleymond of Kirkton, who conveyed lands in Walpole, and at Brandeſton in Suffolk, St. Botolph, Benington, Tofts, and Shirbeck in Lincolnſhire, to Sir Sayer and Joan, in tail.

Ralph de Rochford in the 26 of Edward III. was a commiſſioner to view and repair the banks in Marſhland. And in the 28 of that king, Sir Ralph, (ſon of Sir Sayer de Rochford, knight, and Maud his wife) were querents, and Sir Sayer de Rochford of Stivekey in Norfolk, and Ralph de Bigeney deforcients, of lands in Walpole, Hindringham, Barſham, Keteleſton, Creyke, and Geyſt in Norfolk; and in the ſaid year, Sir Ralph, and Maud his wife, granted to Sir Saier de Rochford of Stivekey, a meſſuage with a windmill in Walpol, with all his lands and tenements in Walpol, Walſoken, Enemeth, and meſſuages in Hindringham, with all the ſervices, rents, wards, reliefs, eſcheats, villains, by deed, dated on Thurſday after the feaſt of St. Winwaloy.

To this Sir Ralph and Maud his wife, Robert Lacock of Walſingham, clerk, &c. in the 41 of Edward III. granted meſſuages, lands, tenements, rents, ſervices, &c. in Eaſt Barſham, Norfolk.

Sir Ralph was buried in the church of St. Peter's, in Walpole, with his wife Maud, who is ſaid to be a daughter and coheir of Sir James Walpole, and was here buried in 1369.

About this time lived Sir John de Rochford, probably eldeſt ſon of Sir Ralph; to whom John de Atte-Chambre, and Margaret his wife, conveyed lands in the

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(*l*) Newcourt Repert. v. 2. p.

* Sir Ralph his ſon was living in the 12 of Edward I. The manor of Grevo Park in Warwickſhire was then conveyed by Theobald Nevill, to Philip de Geyton for life, remainder to Sayer de Rochford, ſon and heir of Sir Ralph; and Sir Sayer the elder was living the 28 of Edward III.

32 of Edward III. and Sir William Skipwith and Alice his wife, in the 40 of that king, ſurrendered to him the manor of Calthorp, Covenham, and Uphall in Lincolnſhire.

There was alſo John Rochford, Eſq; who married Joan, daughter of Sir Ralph, ſiſter and heir of Robert de Grendon, of Grendon in [m] Warwickſhire, by whom he had Sir Ralph Rochford, which John married to his 2d wife Iſabella, widow of John de Rochford, who had dower granted her by her ſon in law Sir Ralph in the of the ſaid king.

This Ralph married Joan, daughter of Sir Hugh de Meynill, by whom he had a daughter and heir Margery, and Joan his widow remarried Hugh de Aſkeby.

Sir Sayer de Rochford, probably brother of Sir John, and a ſon of Sir Ralph, was an eminent ſoldier in the wars of France; in the 33d of King Edward III. undertook to keep ſafely the king of France (then a priſoner in England) at Somerton caſtle in Lincolnſhire, and was to be [n] allowed him 2*s.* per day; Sir John de Kirton was joyned with him in this charge, and being a banneret was to have 4*s.* per day; and they were allowed for each eſquire with them, 12*d.* per day.

This ſeems to be the Sir Saier at Stivekey, who married Joan, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Roger Hillary, by whom he had Sir John de Rochford; and by his firſt wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ralph Perlye, Sir Ralph Rochford.

John, ſon of Sir Sayer de Rochford, and Alice his wife, is mentioned in a fine levied in the 5 of Richard II. and Sir John de Rochford, knight, in another fine of lands in Holbeach, in the 6 of that king; and was witneſs to a grant of John de Halmeton, of an *annual* rent of 10 marks, iſſuing out of the lands of Sir John de Litſbury in Tyd St. Mary's, to Frederic de Tilney.

In the ſame year Sir Ralph Rochford had the manor and advouſon of the church of Aſkele, by Parteney in Lincolnſhire, conveyed to him by Reginald Curteys and Cecilia his wife.

This Sir Ralph is ſaid to be the ſon of Sir Saer the elder, by his firſt wife, Eliz. daughter of Sir Ralph de Arley, and dying in 1401, was buried in the church of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, and found to die ſeiſed of Arley and Slowley, in Warwickſhire, held of Sir John Odingſels by the ſervice of one knight's fee; and John Rochford, Eſq; was his ſon and heir.

Sir John de Rochford was ſteward to the biſhop of Ely, and conſtable of Wiſbeach caſtle, in the 20 of Richard II. whoſe only ſon, William, was buried in the church of St Peter's of Walpole.

I alſo find mention made of Sir John de Rochford, alderman of the gild of Boſton, in 1383, where he ſeems to have had his chief reſidence; and in the 10 of Richard II. was appointed a commiſſioner to aſſeſs the loan demanded of 200 marks from the inhabitants thereof, for the king in his neceſſities, dated September 22, and died on the feaſt [o] of St. Lucia the virgin, in 1410; leaving, as ſome ſay, three daughters and coheirs, by Alice his wife, daughter of Sir Hugh Haſtings; his mother Joan, dying, as appears by the Eſchaet Rolls, in 1403.

Sir John Holbeach married a daughter and coheir of Sir John Rochford of Lincolnſhire; and Anne, one of Holbeach's daughters and coheirs, married Thomas Barrington, ſheriff of Eſſex, *ao.* 30 Henry VI.

On a diviſion of the eſtate of Sir Roger Hillary, in the 13 of Henry IV. Elizabeth, Lady Clinton, was found to be a couſin and coheir (by a daughter of Sir Rog. and ſiſter of the Lady Joan Rochford) as were Joan and Margaret, two of the daughters and coheirs of Sir John Rochford, and Alice his wife, Joan being then the wife of Robert Roos of Gedney in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; and Magaret the widow of Sir Frederick Tilney of Boſton.

At the ſame time John Gibthorp, a minor, ſon of Sir William Gibthorp, and Alice his wife, daughter alſo and coheir of Sir John Rochford, were proved to be couſins of the Lady Elizabeth Clinton, and coheirs of Sir Roger Hillary, knight and baronet.

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(*m*) Dugd. Warwickſ. p. 792, &c.

(*n*) Rymer vol. 6. p. 131.

(*o*) Boſton Leidgerbook of the gild in Muſeo Johs Anſtis Eſq;

The Rochfords were ſuch a numerous family, and of ſo many branches, that it is not eaſy to diſtinguiſh, or make a regular deſcent of them, and we find that they varied on this account their arms: ſome bore quarterly, or and gules, in a bordure ſable, bezanty: others the ſame quarterly, in a bordure indented, uncharged: I find alſo an annulet bore in the firſt quarter, alſo a de lys, bore by ſome: the creſt of the Rochfords, was a man's head, with a prolix beard, thereon an high almain cap, on a wreath, mantelled ermin.

We muſt now return to Henry Rochford, Eſq; who was found to be ſon and heir of Sir Ralph, in 1401, which Sir Ralph, with Sir Robert de Leek, Sir Philip de Tilney, Sir John Buſſey, and Sir John Rochford, Kts. had a patent from King Richard II. in this year, September 25th, to proclaim, and take care that the graſiers in Holland and Keſtevan, in Lincolnſhire, preſume not to ſell any of their cattle, or horſes, at a higher price then was cuſtomary, and was father of Sir Ralph brother of Henry, who in 1401, had order from King Henry IV. to pay 50 marks out of the lordſhip of Newenton Longevile, in Buckinghamſhire, (which he farmed of the king) to Sir Thomas Erpingham. On the attainder of Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk, in the 6th of the ſaid king, he had with Sir John Tiptot, a grant of all the apparel, pertaining to the body of that duke, and all his harneſs for peace and war, as well for great horſes called courſers, or ſaddles for tilts and tournaments; was governor of the caſtle of Hammes, in France, and lieutenant of Guien.

In the 5th of Henry VI. Sir William Mallory and Margaret his wife, conveyed meſſuages and lands to him, and Richard Leek, Eſq; in North and South Stoke, in Lincolnſhire, and in the ſaid year he ſurrendered his right in the manor of Wychampton, in Dorſetſhire, to Sir Gilbert Kyghley. He was living at Walpole, in 1446, and died before 1455. In the leidger book of Boſton, Margaret, late the wife of Sir Ralph Rochford, is ſaid to die in that year.

In the eaſt window of the north iſle of St. Peter's church of Walpole, is to be ſeen the effigies of this knight in armour, (as I take it) and that of his lady, on their knees; on his ſurtout are the arms of Rochford, quarterly, or and gules, in the 2d quarter an annulet ſable, in a bordure of the ſame, bezanty. On the outward veſt, or mantle of the lady are the ſaid arms, and on her inward veſt—gules, an eagle diſplayed, or, with an annulet, on the breaſt of the eagle, ſable, ſhe being a Godard: the ſame arms of Rochford and Godard, impaled, are, or were to be ſeen in a window of the north iſle of the church of Braintree, in Eſſex.

In the 3d of Henry IV. Sir Henry Rochford conveyed in truſt to Richard Revel, vicar of Walpole, all his manors, lands and tenements in Walpole, Weſt Walton, Emneth, Well, Barſham, Hindringham, Kettleſton, and Creke; he was alſo lord of Arly, and Sloley, in Warwickſhire, which he ſold to Thomas Bate: in the 7th of Henry V. he was returned by the juſtices of the peace of this county, as a perſon of antient coat armour, and one of the 20 lances, able to ſerve the king in his wars.

He is ſaid to have married two wives; by Iſabel the firſt, daughter of Sir Steph. Burdet, he had 3 daughters; Alice, married to Sir Robert Leake, Mabel, to Sir John Hamelyn, and Iſabel to Clement Derby, 4 ſons; Ralph, John, Thomas, and Henry: by Elizabeth, his ſecond wife, daughter of Nicholas de Rereſby, two daughters; Mary, the wife of Thomas Aungvine, and Margaret, the wife of Henry Bellingham.

William de Worceſter, in his MSS. above mentioned, ſays he married a daughter of ------- Braunche, relict of Sir ---------, and it appears that the lady Catherine Braunche, widow of Sir ------ Braunche, by her will [*p*] dated in 1420, and proved September 5, following, bequeaths to Catherine, daughter of Sir Henry Rochford, Kt. 10 marks, and to John, ſon of Sir John Rothenale, a ſilver cup with a foot. In the 7th of Henry VI. Sir Henry, with John, and Thomas his ſons, Eſq; ſold lands in Tilney, and in the 14th of that king, was a commiſſioner for the fen banks, &c.

(*p*) Reg. Hurnings, Norw. pt. 2. fol. 64.

Ralph Rochford, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Henry) was by ſome called a knight. Thomas Rochford, Eſq; his brother, by his will dated January 30, 1438, [q] and proved February 25 following, requires to be buried in the chapel of St. Mary, in the church of St. Peter of Walpole, names Margaret his wife executrix, to whom he gives his lands in Ringſted and Holme, to pay his debts, and if ſhe ſhould be with child, the iſſue to have them, and ſhe her dower in his lands at Walpole.

In the 33d of Henry VI. in a deed of this Ralph, of lands in Caſtle Ryſing, dated September 26, at Walpole, he ſtyles himſelf Ralph Rochford, late Eſq; now clerk, *(nup. Armiger modo Clericus)* by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Conſtable, he had 3 ſons; Henry, the eldeſt, Ralph, of Langholm, and Saier, of Barton.

Henry had a lordſhip in Boſton, called Fenn's, and that of Rochford in Shirbeck, and in the 7th of Henry VII. Sir Henry Rochford, Kt. was one of the juſtices of the peace, and of the goal delivery, within the biſhop of Ely's liberty in Norfolk.

After this I find nothing more of the Rochfords; as the biſhop of Ely was the capital lord, and their eſtate was held of him, it was veſted in that ſee, and ſo continued, 'till granted by act of parliament, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to the crown, on an exchange of lands with the biſhop.

DENVER's MANOR, or GODARD's

HAD its riſe from a diviſion of that lordſhip, which Henry de Walpole, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole held, who dying without iſſue, his two aunts, Iſabel and Alice, ſiſters of Oſbert, were heirs to it. In the 41ſt of Henry III. a fine was levied between Iſabel, and Walter de Denver, and Alice his wife, tenents of a moiety of 2 carucates of land, 4*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* ½ rent, with the moiety of the rent of 8000 turf in Walpole, Tylney, Well, and Lynn, which Iſabel claimed as her part of the inheritance of Henry, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole, nephew of Iſabel and Alice, which Iſabel releaſed to Alice, with the land which William de Wendling held for life, of the ſaid inheritance in Wiſbeach, Littleport and Crekemere, in Cambridgeſhire, and which Robelina, widow of the ſaid Henry, and Sarah, widow of Oſbert de Walpole held in dower. Oſbert was ſon of Sir Walter de Denver, and in the 21ſt of Edward I. John, ſon of Oſbert and Egelina, his mother, and Sir Robert de Hackbeach held alſo lands here; Sir Robert Howard, and their under tenants, held half a fee here, in Walton, and Hackbeach, of the earl Warren.

The aforeſaid Walter de Denver and Alice his wife, in the 34th of Henry III. ſued James de Creik and Sarah his wife, Henry de Walpole having granted to her the wool of his ſtock of 300 ſheep in his manor of How, by Eaſt Derham, in Norſolk, 'till the marriage of Alice; and was detained from her.

Sir John de Denver, Kt. de Hakebeche, &c. held in the 20th of Edward III. half a fee here, in Walton, &c. of the biſhop of Ely, which John, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole, and Egelina his mother, &c. formerly held.

Walter Godard held it in the 5th of Richard II. and Catherine his wife, with 2 meſſuages, 140 acres of land, 4*l.* rent *per ann.* &c. in Walpole, Tilney, Walton, Well, &c. and the advouſon of Walpole chapel. Catherine ſeems to be heireſs of Denvers. Walter preſented to that church in 1395.

From the Denvers, it came by marriage to the Godards, who quartered the arms of the Denvers, of whom ſee in Tyrington; of this family was Sir John Goddard, governour of Loviers, in Normandy, in the 6th of Henry V. under the duke of Clarence, on whoſe death in the 9th of Henry VI. ſeveral lands, in Lincolnſhire, &c. came to his ſon and heir John, a minor, who dying without iſſue, Agnes, (wife of Sir Brian Stapleton) then the wife of Robert Wadeſley, Eſq; of Yorkſhire, and Sir Robert [r] Ughtred were his cozens and next heirs. But in the ſaid reign, it

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(q) Reg Doke, pt. 12. p. 85.

(r) Thomas Ughtred, grandſon of Thomas, a parliamentary baron, was found to be his heir aged 18, Ao. 3, of Henry IV. and married to Margaret, daughter of Sir John Godard, Kt.

it appears that Robert Godarde was lord, and was buried in the church of Tyrington in 1448, into which town this manor extended, and he quartered the arms of Denver; Elizabeth his daughter and heir ſeems to have married Robert Sutton, Eſq;

In the 20th of Henry VII. a fine was levied between Sir James Hobart, Sir Richard Southwell, Sir Henry Ogard, Kts. and Richard Braunche, Eſq; querents, and Thomas Sutton and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of Robert Godard, (as I take it) deforciants, of the manor of Denvers, and lands in Walpole, Tylney, Terrington, Clenchwarton, Walton, Lynn, and Well, and the advouſon of the chantrey in the chapel of St. Catherine, in Walpole; and Sir James Hobart in the 2d of Henry VIII. ſettled on Walter Hobart, his ſon and heir, and Anne his wife, and their heirs male, a rent charge of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* out of this manor, and Sir Walter Hobart of Hales Hall, in Lodne, had the advouſon of the chapel of St. Mary, at the Fen end, in Walpole, in the 20th of the ſaid king.

Afterwards it came to the Hunſtons, a family of good account in Lincolnſhire, Marſhland, &c. John Hunſton, Gent. had an eſtate in the 40 of Edward III. in Tydd St. Maries, Lincolnſhire, and Thomas Hunſton, Gent. had lands, and lived at Walpole, in the 1ſt of Richard II. Thomas Hunſton, in the 17th of Edward IV. and Thomas, in the 19th of Henry VIII.

Henry Hunſton, of Walpole, Eſq; was living in the reign of Henry VIII. and married Jane, daughter of Sir John Audley, of Swaffham, Kt.

William Hunſton, of Walpole, Gent. had a patent from Sir Gilbert Dethick, dated February 6th, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, of theſe arms and quarterings, 1ſt ſable, 4 lozenges, 1, 2, 1, ermine, in a bordure engrailed, or;—in the 2d quarter the arms of Denvers;—in the 3d quarter, ſable, 3 lozenges, in a triangle ermin, the arms of Haltoft, as I take it;—and in the 4th quarter, a lion's head caboſhed, or, linqued gules, in chief, 3 plates between 2 flaunches, ermin; the creſt, a hind's head couped or, in his mouth a holly ſlip, vert, with berries, gules. He died in the 9th of Elizabeth, and left William, his ſon and heir, aged 26, who was lord in the 38th of that queen.

Thomas Hunſton, Eſq; ſold it to John Hare, Eſq; ſon of John Hare, citizen, and mercer of London, with ſeveral meſſuages, lands, &c. that came to the Hunſtons from the Godards, Walpoles, and Rochfords, called in the conveyance, the manors of Denvers, and Walpoles; and Henry Hare, Lord Colraine, his direct heir, died poſſeſſed of it in 1749, and on his death deſcending to an alien, was in the king's hands.

PRIOR of LEWES's MANOR

WAS a part, or member of the prior's capital manor in Weſt Walton, given by William, the firſt Earl Warren, as is obſerved in that town.

In the reign of Henry II. the prior had a mill of the gift of Sowline, ſon of Nicholas de Walpole, and Sir Henry de Walpole gave the tithe of 300 ſheep in the marſhes of Fridland, and Redland, in Walpole, which he and his father Joceline, held of them.

John, ſon of Robert, ſon of Gilbert de Walpole, granted all the lands which his anceſtors held here, for 10 marks; witneſſes, Sir William de Terington, Sir Hugh de Pinkeney, Sir Drue de Acton, Geff. de Mariſco, &c.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior was found to have wreck at ſea, a gallows, aſſiſe of bread and beer. &c. of his tenants in Marſhland, the advouſon of the church of St. Andrews, of Walpole, of the gift of Hamelin Plantaginet, Earl Warren, a weekly mercate, on Thurſday, and a fair on the feaſt of St. Peter and St. Paul, and for two days more, which belonged equally to the prior and the biſhop of Ely.

Adam Grey, of Weſt Walton, gave a meſſuage, a toft, and 16 acres of land, in this town, Weſt Walton, with the right of a free bull, late Julian's, widow of Richard Betele; Bedel of Cambridge, by deed in the 4th of Henry V.

The temporalities of it in 1428, were valued at 34*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

After the diſſolution it came to the crown, and was granted December 22, in the 29th of Henry VIII. to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, with the appropriated rectory, and advouſon of the vicarage, and paſſed from that family to the Hares, as may be ſeen at large in Weſt Walton.

Henry Hare, Lord Colrain, died poſſeſſed of it in 1749; on his death it came as an eſchaet to the crown.

There were lands in this pariſh called Wyldole, belonging to the late nunnery of Elveſtow, in Bedfordſhire, granted in the 2d of Queen Mary, to Thomas Reve and Giles Iſham.

PANNEL's MANOR.

THE Welbys of Lincolnſhire, had a conſiderable intereſt in this town. Joan Welby, widow, of Moulton, poſſeſſed it, and on her ſon Richard Welby's Eſq; marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Calthorp, of Ludham in Norfolk, ſettled it on them September 10, in the 8th of Edward IV. Chriſtopher Langholm, Eſq; on the death of his brother, had livery of it in the 29th of Henry VIII. held, as is ſaid, of the prior of Lewes; in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, Chriſtopher Langholme conveyed it to Richard Goodrick; and Thomas Hewer had præcipe, in the 3d of Elizabeth, to deliver it to Andrew Ogard.

After this it came to the Coneys. John Coney lived here in the reign of Henry VIII. and Thomas Coney, Gent. of Sutton in Lincolnſhire, was father of William Coney, Eſq; of Walpole, who bore ſable, a feſs between 2 cottiſes, or, and 3 coneys ſejant, argent: the creſt, a talbot's head couped, iſſuing out of a mural coronet, or.

This William was a juſtice of the peace, and by Abigail his wife, daughter of --- Tilſon, of Gedney, had a ſon Robert, who married Alice, daughter of Sir Robert Barkham, Kt. of Waynfleet, in Lincolnſhire, and was father of Robert, a minor, in 1664, who dying ſans iſſue, William Coney, Eſq; his brother, was his heir, and by Edith, daughter of Sir Humphrey Edwin, Lord Mayor of London, in 1697, was father of Edwin Coney, Eſq; high ſheriff of Norfolk, in 1734, whoſe ſon, by --------, daughter of ------ Turner, Eſq; of Lynn, now poſſeſſes it.

St. PETER's CHURCH

IS one of the moſt beautiful pariſh churches in England, built of free-ſtone, conſiſting of a nave, 2 iſles, and a chancel, all covered with lead; at the weſt end ſtands a noble, ſtately tower of ſtone, embattled.

On the ſtone work of the ſouth porch, as you enter, are the arms of Goddard, and Denver, quarterly, with Goddard's creſt, an eagle's head erect; and on the ſtone-work towards the eaſt end, near the great arch, the arms of Rochford: theſe families (as I take it) were the chief benefactors to the building of the church, which was about the beginning of the reign of King Henry VI. In the year 1423, I find the windows to be glazed and ſet up.

At the eaſt end of this ſouth iſle, lye ſeveral marble grave-ſtones.

Hic jacet Robertus Coney, Armiger, de Walpole, in comit. Norf. qui ex uxore Alicia, filiâ Rob. Barkham de Wainfleet, in comit. Lincoln. Equitis aurat; 8 filios et 6 filias ſuſcepit, Norfolciam, A°. 1673, Vicecomes tuebatur, vir in patriam devotus, in Deum devotiſſimus, in regem fidelis, in ſuos liberalis, in alios benevolus, in probos ſuavis, in malos ſeverus, in omnes humanus; obt. 5, *Apr.* 1707, *ætat.* 72.

On the ſummit are the arms of Cony, ſable, a feſs between two cottiſes, or, and 3 coneys ſejant, argent, impaling Barkham, argent, 3 pallets, gules, and a chevron over all, or.

Another—*In memory of Robert Cony, ſon of Robert Cony, Eſq; and Alice his wife, &c. who died Nov.* 8, 1683, *aged* 21.

One——*In memory of Alice, wife of Robert Cony, Eſq; who died Oct.* 3, 1676, *ætat.* 41.—Alſo one—*In memory of William Cony, Eſq; ſon of Robert Cony, Eſq; and Alice his wife, &c. who died Jan.* 6, 1742, *aged* 82: *who married Edith, daughter of Sir Humphrey Edwin, Kt. of the city of London:* with the arms of Cony, impaling -----, a croſs flory engrailed between 4 birds, -----.

On an altar monument here, now deprived of its braſſes, were painted antiently theſe arms—ſable, 4 fuſils, or lozenges, 1, 2, and 1, ermine in a bordure engrailed, or—Hunſton; impaling, azure, a chevron, between 3 bucks trippant, or—Green; alſo Hunſton, with Audley and Touchet, quarterly, *viz.* gules, a frett, or, and ermin, a chevron, gules. By this it appears that this was for one of the family of Hunſtons, who had a lordſhip in this pariſh.

On the pavement here are ſeveral graveſtones for the family of Richers.

John Richers, Gent. who dyed a batchelor, Sept. 1, 1707, *aged* 40.——*Bernard Richers.*——*Valery Richers, Gent. who died a batchelor, in* 1708, *aged* 75.—*Matthew Richers, Gent. who died June* 19, 1713, *and Sarah his wife, in* 1716.

In the eaſt window of this ſouth iſle, which was formerly ornamented with curious painted glaſs, is to be ſeen the effigies of a perſon on his knees, with a great broad belt hanging over his ſhoulder, therein a great broad ſword, and this label,

Tu ſis memor mej, Jacobe, in p' ſe'tia Dej.

In the ſaid window, no doubt, was the figure of St. James, before whom he was a ſupplicant.

Here was the altar and chantrey of St. James. The perſon here repreſented was Sir Thomas Daniel, a perſon of eminency in the reign of King Henry VI. governour of Riſing Caſtle, in Norfolk, and had a patent in the 16th of Edward IV. to found this chantrey, and endow it with 32 acres, &c. of land, who bore argent, 4 fuſils in pale, ſable.

In one of the upper windows of this iſle, is a profane repreſentation of the Supreme Being, habited in a looſe purple gown, with a long beard, reſting his right hand on a ſtaff of gold, and crowned with glory; pointing out the forefinger of his left hand, as dictating to the Virgin Mary, who is ſeated before him, with a pen in her hand, and paper on a deſk before her. The Deity ſtands at the door, or entrance of a caſtle, embattled, and with turrets, ſurrounded by a wall embattled; within this wall is the Virgin, and many angels are looking down from the tower, &c. there has been a legend, and the word—*Convertit*—is now legible.

The artiſt has repreſented a great degree of Majeſty in the face of the Deity, and ſeems, like Phidias of old, to have had thoſe verſes of Homer in his thoughts,

H, KAI KUANEHΣIN &c. Hom. Iliad. lib. 1, &c.

On the font is this date—*An°.* ❀ *Dni.* ❀ M. ❀ C. C. C. C. C. ; ; ; ; ; ; ; *and* ❀ *thanks* ❀

Againſt the walls of the nave are painted the inſignia of the 12 tribes of Iſrael; and at the upper end a graveſtone—*In memory of Robert Butler, Eſq; who took to wife, Elizabeth Wright, and died Auguſt* 1, 1630, *in her* 59*th year:* with the arms of Butler—a chevron between 3 cups, with handles.

In the windows on the north ſide of the nave, (over the arches) were theſe arms; —argent, 3 flowers de lys, azure, between 7 croſs croſlets fitche, in a bordure, ſable, Hillary;—argent, 3 buglehorns, ſable, garniſhed, or, Blower;—gules, a ſpread eagle, or, Goddard;—gules, 3 dexter gauntlets, pendant, or, and a canton cheeque, or and azure, Denver; quarterly or and gules, in the 2d quarter, an annulet ſable, in a bordure of the laſt bezantee, Rochford;—quarterly, (in the firſt and fourth) argent and ſable, Hoo;—in the 2d argent, a creſcent ſable, in the 3d argent, a mullet, ſable;—azure, on a feſs ſable, 3 roſes between 3 acorns, argent, Daniel; Rochford, with his creſt, a man's head, with a long beard, and an high cap, ermine.

Againſt the upper pillar of the nave, on the north ſide, was the ſtair-caſe leading to the rood loft; over the door is to be ſeen an old piece of painting of the Virgin, and the child Jeſus, and on a ſcroll,

Orate p. bono ſtatu Joh. Nelſon, et p. aiab; parentu. et benefactor. ſuor.

And on the oppoſite pillar on the ſouth ſide, the painted figure of St. John the Evangeliſt.

On the windows of the north iſle, are the arms of Goddard, Denver, Howard, of the eaſt angles, and the ſee of Ely, the triangular emblem of the Trinity, St. George's arms, and argent, a ſaltier, vert, Noon;—alſo argent, a chevron between 3 wolves heads eraſed, gules, Lovell; here were alſo, argent, a chevron, between 3 griffins heads eraſed, gules, Tilney,——Rochford, and Goddard, impaling Denvers.

The eaſt end of this iſle is taken in by a ſcreen, and was the chapel and burial place of the Rochfords. On the pavement lies a large marble graveſtone, whereon has been a long great croſs of braſs, ſtanding on a pedeſtal of four ſteps, with a croſs on the head of it, and 6 ſhields, 3 on each ſide, all reaved, as is the inſcription, which was on a rim of braſs, round it, of which this only remains;

Hic jacet Willm. filius : : : : conſtabularij caſtri de Wiſbeache : : : Januarij A°. Dni. Mill°.

This is ſaid to be in memory of William, only ſon of Sir John Rochford, who left 3 daughters and co-heirs.

South of this ſtands a large altar monument, ornamented with curious braſs work, and the effigies of a knight in armour, a lion at his feet, with that of his lady, and a dog at her feet, over his head are two ſhields, with Rochford's arms and a flower de lys, in the 1ſt and 4th quarter, the 2 ſhields over the lady are gone, and ſo is the rim of braſs that went round it, with its inſcription, this only remaining;

: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : Domina Matilda, uxor ej. que obijt : : : : Anno Dni. Milleſimo, tricenteſimo, ſexageſimo nono.

† Weaver ſays this is the monument of Sir Ralph Rochford, Kt. this Sir Ralph (as I have above obſerved) was ſon of Sir Saier de Rochford, and married Matilda, daughter and co-heir (as is ſaid) of a Walpole.

The eaſt window of this chapel is beautified with the effigies of many ſaints, &c. at the bottom of the pannels, are the pourtraitures of a man in armour on his knees; on his ſurtout, argent, a bend ingrailed, azure, and a chief gules: this I take to be for Ralph, Lord Cromwell, Lord Tateſhale, governour of Riſing Caſtle, in the time of Henry VI. and that of his wife, who appears by her arms, on her veſt, or inward garment, to be a Rochford, quarterly, or, and gules, &c. and on her outward garment, the arms of Cromwell. Alſo the pourtraiture of a Rochford in armour, with the ſhield of Rochford, and an annulet ſable, in the 2d quarter, and his lady with the arms of Godard, on her inward veſt, with an annulet, azure, on the breaſt of the eagle. Another pourtraiture of a Rochford, and a lady with the arms of Rochford on her outward veſt, and of Cromwell (tho' obſcure) on her inward veſt.

On the pavement of the chancel, lye ſeveral graveſtones—one with a braſs plate, *In memory of Henry Frencham, A. M. ſometime fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and for the ſpace of* 30 *years parſon of Walpole, a faithful feeder of his flock, who took to wife Anne Walvard, widow, daughter of Robert Baynard, Eſq; by whom he had Barnabas and Anne, he died Jan.* 31, 1629, *in the 71ſt year of his age:* with theſe arms cut in ſtone, *viz.* 6 coats, quarterly—1ſt a feſs between 2 chevrons—2d an eagle diſplayed, with 2 necks—3d a bend fuſily—4th a croſs ingrailed—5th a croſs moline—6th as the firſt; the creſt, an unicorn's head eraſed.

On another with a braſs plate—*Of your charite pray for the ſoule of Syr John Whetom, ſu'tyme p'ſone of Walpole, and of Leveryngt. whiche deceſſy'd the* XXIIII *day of July* M. V. XXXVII, *on whoſe ſowle J'hu have m'cy.*

On a braſs plate—*Si quæris advena, ſuas hic depoſuit reliquias Barnabas Frenchamus, juvenis ultra annos pius, ſupra vires ſedulus, cujus in interitu, duplex hoc potuit malum,*

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† Fun. Mon. p. 818.

malum, herede patrem orbare et conjuge. Proh flebile fatum conſumptio rapuit filium et triſtitia conjugem. Tam chari pignoris damnum, non prius deflere deſtitit luctuoſâ parens, quam eundem cum filio tumulum habuit; et in cælo, ſolium, audijt Deus, et dedit; obijt filius Auguſti 25°. mater Novemb. 15, *A°,* 1652, *A°. Æt.* 87: with a quartered ſhield as above.

A graveſtone—*In memory of Francis Ireland, vicar* 32 *years, died Janu.* 7, 1632, *in his* 69*th year.*

Another with a braſs plate for—*John Auſtin—Sub hoc marmore tanquam incarceratum jacet corpus Joh. Auſtin, Gen. donec D'nus apparet in judicio, et ſepulchra reddant mortua, in cujus memoriam Maria nuper uxor ejus hoc condit; filios eorum ſi numeras tres ſunt, unicam tantum filiam, pie et religioſe, et pacifice vixit; et non ſine dolore multo de ſuis et bonis accubuit. Sepult: decimo tertio Junij An°. Dnj Mil'imo, ſexcenteſimo, viceſimo, octavo:* with this ſhield, -----, a chevron between 3 croſſes patteè.

Elizabeth Frencham, the virtuous wife of Michael Beresford, deceaſed May 31, 1654, *aged* 21.

Here lyeth William Crane, Gent. ſon of William Crane, miniſter, in Burford, in the county of Wilts, who departed this life the 10*th of Nov. in the* 33*d year of his age, an°. D'ni* 1682.

On a marble grave-ſtone—argent, 3 lozenges, azure, each charged with an eſcalop, or; creſt a ſtag's head eraſed, with a branch in his mouth,—*Hart.*

H. S. E. Gulielmus Hart, clericus, rector et vicarius de Walpole, digniſſimus, rectoris munus, per unum et quinquaginta, vicarij per duos et quadraginta annos fideliter executus eſt, officio ſatisfecit; Theologus ad primævæ religionis normam fide, moribuſq; incorruptiſſimus, ingenij, facundiæ, pietatis laude florentiſſimus, variæq; eruditionis elegantiâ, ornatiſſimus vir. Vitæ ad amuſſim diſpoſitu atq; ordinatæ ſanctitas, ſumma comitas, par ab omnibus diligebatur, colebatur, probiſſimus, graviſſimus, venerabilis ſenex. Amicitiâ ejus nihil fidelius, ſermonibus nihil jucundius, nihil doctius, perpetuâ mentis, corporiſq; ſanitate et vigore uſus eſt, et in ipſo fere ætatis flore tantum non octogenarius deceſſit. In altiſſimâ tranquillitate, pariq; veneratione ad mortalitatis finem pervenit menſis Maij die 2d°. *A. D.* 1726, *ætat. ſuæ* LXXIX.—*Juxta jacent Alicia Hart, Gulielmi et Suſannæ filia, quæ decem annos nata, animam Deo reddidit, et Gulielmus eorund. nepos, Gulielmi et Mariæ Hart de Boſton, in com. Linc. filius primogenitus ad cælum redire maturavit quinq; menſes natus, infantulus.*

On a mural monument under an arch in the ſouth wall, is the ſmall effigies of a man kneeling before a deſk, with a book—

En pius ornator Templi, benefactor egenis,
Solamen patriæ conſorti fidus amicus.

Robertus Butler, obijt primo die Aug. An°. 1630, *ætat. ſua* 59, *ej. monumentum hoc, Gulielmus Coney, generoſus, ſtatuit A°. Dom.* 1632. *Abi viátor, et ad tuos reverſus narra te vidiſſe locum in quo Pater Patriæ jacet:* and Butler's arms as above.

On the windows on the ſouth ſide of this chancel, have been painted ſeveral ſaints;——St. Alban, St. William, Arch-biſhop of York; St. Hugh, Biſhop of Lincoln; St. Cuthburga, St. Etheldreda, with a croſier; St. Sexburga, with a palm branch, are ſtill remaining: at the bottom an orate for the perſons that glazed it, the date of the year 1423, is to be ſeen in three of the windows, and under the 5th window,—*Orate p. aiab; Rich. Bowre,* :::::: *ejuſd.* :::::: *iſtá feneſtrá vitrari fecerunt A°. Dni.* M. CCCCXXIII.

On the windows on the north ſide alſo, have been many; in the 3d window is St. John the Evangeliſt, and—*Orate p. aiâ Joh. Frecup,* :::::: *A°. Dni.* M°. CCCCXXV.—St. John, of Beverly, archb. of York. In the 4th M. CCCCXXIII, and in the 5th, St. Edmund, Arch-biſhop of Canterbury.

The aſcent to the communion table, conſiſts of many ſteps, under it is an arch, which will contain many horſes, for the uſe of thoſe pariſhioners, who are obliged by the badneſs and length of the ways, to come on horſeback to church.

REC-

RECTORS.

John de Langton was rector in the reign of King Edward I. Biſhop of Chicheſter, &c.

1300, Roger de Noſton.——1305, John de Leek, collated by the biſhop of Ely.——----, Bernard de la Bret.——1310, Richard de Ideſhale, preſented by the king; the temporalities of the ſee of Ely, being then in his hands, ſaid to be void by the reſidence of Bret, in the court of Rome.

1310, Guicard, ſon of Amadeus, Lord De La Bret, by papal proviſion.——1319, John de Gyſſlingham, by papal proviſion.——1320, Mr. John de Brecham, *L. L. D.* by the biſhop of Ely, an exchange for Red grave, in Suffolk.——1326, Mr. Ralph de Pagrave (exchanged for Sudburn, &c. in Suffolk) by the biſhop.——1328, Mr. Laur. Falſtof, ditto.——1330, Mr. John of Oxford, ditto.——----, Robert de Fulborn, occurs rector, either of this church, or St. Andrew's Walpole, the time not mentioned.

1361, John de Swynleigh, by the king, in the vacancy of the ſee, he was chaplain to King Edward III. who gave him the prebend which [ſ] William de Cuſantia held in the collegiate church of St. Stephen, Weſtminſter, Auguſt 6, 1360, and the cuſtody of the free chapel, of St. Anne de Alvedeley, in 12 days after, on the 21ſt of October, in the ſaid year, the king alſo gave him the prebend of Iſſedon, in the church of St. Paul's, London.

1375, Thomas de Cockfield, by the biſhop, prebend of Carlton-Kyme, &c. in the church of Lincoln.——1393, Mr. Matthew de Aſhton, ditto.

1400, Thomas Pateſley, ditto, arch-deacon of Ely in 1387.——1411, Bartholomew Colman, (exchanged with Pateſley, for Denington, in Cambridgeſhire) ditto.

John Whetom, died rector 1537.——----, Andrew Pern, *S. T. B.* afterwards dean of Ely.——1594, William Brown, compounded for firſt fruits, May 13, 1594.——1598, John Fox, compounded December 15, ----.——1599. Henry Frenchham, compounded Auguſt 4, 1599, preſented by the queen.

1675, William Hart.

1726, Henry Fiſh, by the king, vicar alſo of Middleton, in Norfolk, preſented by the crown.——1743, William Everard, ditto.

This rectory was formerly valued at 46 marks *per ann.* and was called the portion of John de Langton, ſo taxed when he was rector: Peter-pence 13*d.* the preſent valor is 21*l.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

Beſides the chantrey of St. James, there was in this church the chantrey of St. Catherine, alſo the chantrey of St. Edmund and St. Thomas, but in which church they were I cannot ſay. The chantrey of St. Thomas was valued at 4*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* and that of St. Edmund, at its diſſolution in king Edward VI's time, at 6*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*—and I find theſe penſions paid to the late chantrey prieſts.—William Clerk, late incumbent of a chantrey, in 1555, 4*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.*—William, *alias* Robert Lynne, late incumbent of a chantrey in Walpole church 5*l.* *per ann.*—William Ebden, late incumbent of, &c. in Walpole church 5*l.* *per ann.*

On the firſt of June, in the 5th of King James I. the chapel called the chantrey chapel of St. Edmund, in Walpole, with one rood of land adjoyning, (by which it ſeems to be diſtinct from the church, and in ſome part of the townſhip) was granted to William Herick, and Arthur Ingram, together with 20 acres of land and paſture, in the village and fields of Walpole, in the tenure of John Repps;—alſo 12 acres of arable land in Walpole, in the tenure of John Neale;—5 acres in Walpole, in the tenure of St. Edmund's chantrey;—20 acres of land and paſture in Walpole, in the tenure of William Catharn;—9 acres of land and paſture there in the tenure of William Bynns;—13 acres of land and paſture in the tenure of John Brewer;——5 acres of land and paſture in the tenure of the chantry;—2 acres of land and paſture in the tenure of William Daniel, alſo all thoſe lands, tenements, &c. whatſoever, belonging to the ſaid chantrey of St. Edmund, which came

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(ſ) Newcourt's Repert. v. 1.

came to King Edward VI. on its diſſolution, and were valued at 10*l.* *per ann.* In 1590, all this was farmed by Mary Butler at 10*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* *per ann.*

Here was alſo the chantrey of St. Mary in Walpole Fen, valued at 5*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* *per ann.* the advouſon of this was in the Godards, &c. afterwards in the Hobarts, &c. as above mentioned.

In the 38th of Henry VI. John Glodesforth and Anne his wife, conveyed meſſuages and lands in Tilney, Iſlington, Walpole, &c. with the advouſon of St. Mary's chapel of Walpole, to John Lyhert, and Henry Hobart conveyed this chapel in the Fen end, in the 36th of Henry VIII. to Nicholas Rookwood.

There is a curious print of this church, dedicated to the late lord Colerain, who was (as I preſume) at the charge of it.

St. ANDREW's CHURCH.

THIS is a regular well built church, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, a chancel, with a ſouth porch, all covered with lead.

At the weſt end is a ſquare ſteeple, with 4 bells.

In the north windows of the chancel were theſe arms—Blower;—Rochford, impaling, argent a feſs dauncette between 6 croſs croſſlets, ſable;—Rochford, impaling, argent on a feſs, between 3 cinqfoils, ſable, 3 creſcents, or—Denver; —argent, a lion rampant and cruſily of croſs croſſlets, gules, crowned, or, Brews; —azure, 3 creſcents, argent, Thorp;—azure, a ſaltier and chief or, Bruce;—— Calthorp;—Carvile;—Derham;—Stapleton; ſable, a croſs engrailed or, Peyton; and argent, a croſs flory, ſable, Haſilden, quarterly

On the ſouth windows—ermine; Earl of Richmond, and Duke of Britain;—— Woodhouſe;—gules, a bend nebuleè between 3 cinqfoils, argent, ----; argent, a croſs ſable, Norwich priory;—ſable on a bend, argent, 3 lys of the firſt;—ſable, 3 martlets, or;—or, 2 lions paſſant, azure, Dudley;—vairy, gules and argent; —argent, a bend ingrailed gules, Culpeper;—argent, a chief ermine;—ſable, a bend between 3 creſcents, or, Debenham.

RECTORS.

In 1229, Alexander was rector, [*t*] when it appears that he had a vicar under him. Ralph, then his vicar, perceiving the tithes of certain lands in this pariſh, of right belonged to the prior and convent of Lewes, and that Adam, his predeceſſor, by violence took the ſaid tithes by the aſſent of Alexander, rector, reſtored the ſame. The tithes here mentioned were thoſe which William the firſt earl Warren gave to the aforeſaid priory; and in 1230, Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, ordained that the rector of this pariſh ſhould pay to the priory aforeſaid 6 marks *per ann.* and ſo take the ſaid tithes to himſelf, and the rector of Lewes's mediety in Weſt Walton 4 marks *per ann.*

----, Briſgotus, rector, *ſans date.*

1294, Boga de Clare occurs rector of Walpole; this church, as I take it.

John de Brews was rector in the reign of Edward I. the rectory was then taxed at 64 marks *per ann.* Peter-pence 16*d.* the prior of Lewes had a portion of tithe, valued at 5*l.* *per ann.*

Robert de Spiney, reſigned in 1325.—1325, William de Cliff, by the prior, &c. of Lewes, an exchange for Leek, in York dioceſs.——1339, Thomas de Lewes, by John, Earl Warren, on a grant from the king, of the advouſon; the priory of Lewes being in the king's hands, on account of the wars.

1344, the king preſented to this church, the temporalities being in him.

(*r*) Regiſt. Lewes.

VICARS.

1362, Walter Colton, preſented to the vicarage, (newly erected) by the prior, &c. of Lewes. In the 26th of Edward III. the prior had a grant to appropriate this church.

Hugh de Chintriaco, prior of Lewes, ordered May 5, 1361, that whereas the churches of Walpole, and Eaſt Greenſted, in Suſſex, were appropriated to that houſe, 30*s. per ann.* ſhould be paid to the ſacriſt, and another ſum to the monks for cloathing, out of the profits of the ſaid churches; this appropriation was confirmed by Andrian, miniſter of the order of the Ciſtercians, on the feaſt of the purification in the ſaid year; and on this the prior was taxed for tithes of the rectory at 42 marks, 8*s.* 10*d. ob. q.* and the vicar at 21 marks 4*s.* 5*d. q.* and on July 31, 1372. it was agreed by indenture between the prior and Walter, vicar, that he ſhould obtain a confirmation to be made between them.

----, Richard Bennet.

1409, Richard Chamberlain, on Bennet's reſignation, an exchange for Aſkeby Terreby, in Lincoln dioceſe, by the prior of Lewes.———Richard Revell occurs vicar in 1401——— ----, John Cannock.———1472, William Canyngſton.

1504, Thomas Leman, inſtituted.———1504, John Daycot, vicar, wills to be buried on the north ſide of this church, before his hall; gives 30 ſtone of lead to the church work, and a ſuit of veſtments of white damaſk branched with angels of gold, or lilly pots, like the red ſuit in the ſaid church, and a cow to the pariſh.

On the 22d, of December, in the 29th of Henry VIII. this appropriated rectory, with the advouſon of the vicarage, was granted to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, which was conveyed by fine to the king, by Robert, the prior, and the convent of Lewes.

The prior, from time beyond memory, uſed to pay to the biſhops of Norwich, an annual penſion of 3*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* out of this rectory appropriated, but Robert, the late prior, and convent having demiſed this rectory to Nicholas Fordham, Gent. for 60 years, the biſhop of Norwich releaſed the penſion to Fordham, for the term of his leaſe July 12, *A*°. 1. Edward VI.

1597, Robert Dixon, on March 22d, compounded for firſtfruits.———1599, Francis Ireland, October 23d compounded, preſented by John Holland, Eſq; *hâc vice.*

1632, William Sandford, March 17, compounded.———1684, William Hart.

1725, Thomas Coleborn, by Henry, Lord Colerain, on Hart's death.——— 1762, Mr. Smith, by the lord chancellor.

The preſent valor is 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays tenths and firſtfruits.

In this town the Romiſh ſaint, St. Godric, is ſaid to have been born, who was at firſt [*u*] a pedlar, and after went on a pilgrimage to Rome and Jeruſalem, and lived an hermit at Finchale, near Durham, where he died in 1170; many miracles are aſcribed to him, and his girdle that he left had ſo great a virtue in it, as to make barren women fruitful.

The ſea bank at this town from St. Hellin's chapel next Terrington, to Novech gate in Weſt Walton, is 3 miles in length.

At a place called Croſs Keys, in this pariſh is a paſſage over the waſhes, at the mouth of the river Nene, to Long Sutton, in Lincolnſhire, (when the tide is out, and before its reflux) for horſes and carriages, and King John paſſing over here into Lincolnſhire, a little time before his death, not obſerving this, loſt moſt of his baggage, or carriages, by the reflux of the tide.

Here is a guide always attending to conduct paſſengers over, bearing a wand, or rod in his hand, probably in imitation of Moſes, who held a rod, when he conducted the Iſraelites thro' the Red Sea.

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[*u*] Bale's Engliſh Votaries, lib. 2. fol. 94. Cupgraves Legend, &c.

WALSOKEN.

RAMSEY ABBOTS, or POPENHOW MANOR.

THE principal manor of this town was given to the abby of Ramſey, in Huntingdonſhire, by Ailwin, Duke of the Eaſt Angles, alſo ſtiled alderman of the Eaſt Angles, on his founding of that abbey in 1069, by the name of Five Hides, in Walſokne, and was confirmed to that houſe by King Edgar: the ſaid abbey held it at the grand ſurvey by the name of the Land of St. Bennet of Ramſey, [a] the abbey being dedicated to that great patron of the monaſtick order; it conſiſted then of one carucate of land held by 11 villains, and 6 borderers, with 12 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongſt the tenants, a fiſhery, &c. and 7 ſocmen belonged to it, with 13 acres, valued at 20*s.*

This manor was called by the name of Popenho; and in the 44th of Henry III. a fine was levied between Hugh, abbot of Ramſey, lord, and Geffrey de Mariſco, or Marſh, one of his chief freeholders, about the repairing of the walls, and cleanſing the drains, which Geffrey and his heirs were to repair, &c.

In the 3d of Edward I. the abbot was found to have wreck at ſea, aſſiſe of bread and beer, in Walſoken, Popenho, the 3d part of the village belonging to him, with the advouſon of the church held in capite of the king, and belonging to his barony.

In the 26th of the ſaid king, there being a conteſt between William de Luda, biſhop of Ely, and John de Sautre, abbot of Ramſey, about the lete of this village, it was agreed that the lete of it ſhould be jointly held by the bayliffs of the biſhop, the abbot, and the prior of Lewes, (which ſhews that there were 3 diſtinct manors here then) in common, and that the ſecrets of the lete, with the verdict ſhould be given to the biſhop's ſteward, or bayliff, who ſhould communicate it to the other bayliffs who ſhould declare it to their proper tenants; and the profit of their lete, &c. ſhould be taken by each ſteward, of their proper tenants. About this time this manor was worth 15 marks *per ann.* to the abbot.

About the year 1400, in the 5th year of Thomas, the abbot, Richard, ſon of John Atmere, of Walſoken, carpenter, being a villain of blood of this manor, paid the abbot a fine of 2*s. per ann.* for liberty to live out of it, tho' ſtill to be his villain; and in or about 1428, the temporalities of the abbot in this town in rent, mill, perquiſites and cattle, were valued at 23*l.* 19*s.* 9*d. per ann.*

On the diſſolution of this abbey, it came to the crown, and was granted by King Henry VIII. February 26, in his 36th year, by the name of Popenhowe, *alias* Walſoken manor, with the advouſon of the rectory, to Sir Thomas Wriotheſley, and Sir Richard Southwell, (which Sir Richard was one of the king's viſitors of the abbies, priories, &c.) with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the abbots, and as ſpecifyed in the 14th of Edward I. by a *quo warranto*, together with the manor of Weſtfield in Mitford hundred Norfolk, which belonged to the Charter-Houſe, London: and in the 3d of Elizabeth, it appears, that the rent of aſſiſe of the free tenants was 24*s.* 8*d. ob.* Jeffrey Colvile's, Eſq; rent 8*s.* aſſiſe of the cuſtomary tenants 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d*, the cuſtos, or chaplain of Trinity 4*s. ann.* perquiſites of court 2*l.* 19*s.* 10*d ob.*

On the 25th of January, in the 24th of Elizabeth, it was conveyed by Sir Richard Southwell, to Thomas Barrow, Eſq; of Cranworth, in Norfolk, together with the pention of 40*s. per ann.* payable to the lord by the rector; being then valued at 101*l.* 14*s.* 8*d. per ann.* in the whole, as by a particular account under the hand of Sir Richard appeared.

Thomas

(*a*) Terra ſci. Benedicti de Rameſio——Walſocam ten S. B. ſep i car. tre. ſep. xi. vill 7 vi. bor xiii acr. pti. i car. in d'nio. dim. car. hom. i piſc. vii an. huic maner. jac. ſemp. vii ſoc. de xiii ae. val. xx ſol.

Thomas Barrow, Eſq; and William his ſon and heir, ſold it April 2, in the 31ſt of the ſaid queen, to Richard Catlyn, of Honingham, Eſq; and Dionyſia his wife, who October 12, in the 33d of Elizabeth, conveyed it to Sir Henry Gawdy, of Claxton, in Norfolk, whoſe ſon, Sir Robert, conveyed it by fine levied in Michaelmas term, in the 20th of James I. to Everard Buckworth of Wiſbeach, Eſq; John Adderley, John Hewar, &c. truſtees for Sir Thomas Hewer of Emneth, who by will dated January 21, in the 5th of Charles I. ſettled it on Laurence Oxburgh, and his heirs male, ſon of his nephew Thomas Oxburgh, Gent. ſon of Thomas Oxburgh, Eſq; and Thomaſine his wife, ſiſter of the ſaid Sir Thomas Hewer, enjoyning him and his heirs to write themſelves Hewer, *alias* Oxburgh, and for want of ſuch iſſue, on Thomas Hewer, ſon of John Hewar, late of Mileham, in Norfolk, &c. the aforeſaid Laurence Hewer, *alias* Oxburgh, with his ſon Laurence, conveyed it July 15, 1669, to John Colvile, Eſq; and John Wiſe, whoſe ſon Joſiah Colvile, Eſq; (to pay his father's creditors) ſold it April 21, 1685, to John Creed, Eſq; of Oundle, in Northamptonſhire, and in this family it remained in 1742, and in 1762.

MARSHES, or ELY MANOR.

HERE was a manor called Marſhes, from the family of De Mariſco, who held lands of the ſee of Ely, and of the abbot of Ramſey. In the 4th year of King Henry III. a month after Eaſter, a fine was levied before Hubert de Burgo, chief juſtice of England, Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Martin de Pateſhull, Ralph Hareng, Steph. de Segrave, juſtices, between Henry, Abbot of Ramſey, petent, and Stephen de Mariſco, tenent of 60 acres of land here, the abbot having impleaded him for 11 virgates of land in this town, which he releaſed to the abbot, who grants to Steph. the 60 acres aforeſaid, and 60 more in this fine for the free rent of *5s. per ann.* the ſaid Steph. held alſo in Walſoken, and Newton, one fee of the biſhop of Ely.

In the 44th of the ſaid king, Geffrey de Mariſco covenanted to repair the walls and banks of the ſea and marſhes, for which the abbot was diſtrained, and on this, Geffrey and his heirs were received into all benefits and prayers made in the abbey church for ever; the cuſtom in this town and all Marſhland being then, that the freeholders of the manors repair the banks ſo far as their lands lye; and the ſaid Geffrey in the 3d of Edward I. held in this town, Weſt Walton, Walpole, &c. one fee of the biſhop of Ely.

This lordſhip came on the death of Geffrey, by marriage, to Sir Roger de Colvile, a family of great antiquity in Cambridgeſhire. Robert de Colevile was living in the 3d of Henry III. Sir Henry de Colevile was ſheriff of Cambridgeſhire and Huntingdonſhire, in the 35th of that king; Philip de Colevile defended in the 53d of the ſaid reign, the caſtle of Glouceſter, againſt that king's ſon, and had a pardon on December 25 in the ſaid year.

In the year 1277, the biſhop of Ely was the capital lord, had the lete, return of writs, cogniſance of all pleas, when 'tis ſaid that the whole town entered commoners in Weſt Fenn, and were to clean their portions of the Pokedyke, 5 furlongs and 16 perches; the biſhop, and the abbot of Ramſey had each a moiety of the ſea wreck, royal fiſhes, &c. with free warren.

A fine was levied in the 15th of Edward I. between Geff. de Sandiacre, querent, and Roger, ſon of Roger de Colevile, and Deſiderata his wife, of this lordſhip, ſettled on Geffery for life; this Roger was, as I take it, ſon of Sir Roger, (who was ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, in the 51ſt of Henry III. and Nicholaa his wife) and married Deſiderata, daughter of Stephen de Marſh, and had by her alſo the lordſhips of Tydd St. Gyles, and Newton.

Jeffrey de Colvile was ſon of Roger, and Deſiderata his wife: between this Jeffrey, and Robert de Watervill and Deſiderata, (his wife) a fine was levied in the 2d of Edward II. of this manor, ſettled on Jeffrey; and in the 11th of the ſaid king, a compoſition was made between the biſhop of Ely and him, about the view of frank pledge, the lete, and amerciaments of the tenants here.

By the inquiſitions taken in the 20th of Edward III. it appears that John Colvile then held half a knight's fee in Walſoken, Weſt Walton, and Walpole, of the biſhop of Ely, and in the 35th of the ſaid king, [c] Sir John de Colvile died beyond ſea, ſeiſed of the ſaid manors, with thoſe of Newton, Tydd St. Gyles, Merſh, (or Marche) in Cambridgeſhire, and Sir John Colvile, Kt. was his ſon and heir aged 23; this Sir John Colvile, Sir John Shardelowe, Sir William Cheynee, and John Leverington, were appointed, in the 10th of Richard II. in the county of Cambridge to proclaim that no graſiers, or ſellers of cattle, or horſes, &c. ſhould ſell them at a higher price then uſual: he married Alice, and held together a moiety of the manor of Strete, in Kent, (probably Stone Strete) called Chiveler's, and dying poſſeſſed of this lordſhip, &c. in the 17th of Richard II. John Colvile was his ſon and heir, 29 years old, as appears from the eſchaet roll, which ſays he held 207 acres of land here, belonging to his manor. This Sir John ſealed * with the arms of Colvile, as his father, and quartered, or, 3 cheſs rooks, gules; creſt, a lion paſſant, in the 46th of Edward III.

About this time lived William Colvile, Eſq; who was one of thoſe who accompanied John, Duke of Lancaſter, into Spain, in the 9th of Richard II. and by the eſchaets, in the 14th of the ſaid king, Joan Colvile, firſt the wife of John Engayne, afterwards of Sir William Colvile, Kt. aged 30, then died. John de St. Quintin is therein called her brother. Sir John Colvile, and his tenants on an inquiſition taken at Lyn Biſhop's on Monday before the feaſt of St. Agnes, Henry IV. *A*°. 3°. before Sir John White, Kt. held half a fee here, in Walton, and Walpole, of the biſhop of Ely.

Sir John Colvile, in the 8th of Henry IV. had a patent to found a chantrey in the chapel of St. Mary, in Newton, on the ſea coaſt (*ſuper Coſteram Maris*) and to endow it with 40*l. per ann.*

In the 8th of Henry V. Sir John Colvile granted to Thomas Langley, Biſhop of Durham, Sir Thomas Erpingham, &c. feoffees, this manor; and to Thomas, Duke of Clarence, Humphrey, Duke of Glouceſter, &c. feoffees, his manors of Newton, in Cambridgeſhire, and Tydd St. Gyles; and is ſaid to die in the 4th of Henry VI. Some of theſe Colviles married a daughter of Mackworth of Normington, in Rutlandſhire; and in the church of Newton, was a ſhield of Colvile, impaling Wythe, azure, 3 griffins paſſant, in pale, or.

In the 8th of Henry VI. Sir John Colvile, of Newton, had an inquiſition, *ad quod damnum*, on his ſettling 5 meſſuages, 110 acres of land, in Newton, Leverington, Wiſbeach, Elme, and a fiſhery, called Depewere, in Wiſbeach, on a chantrey in the church of Newton, and died as is ſaid about the 24th of Henry VI. leaving Sir John Colvile, his ſon and heir, who married Ann, daughter of Sir Henry Ingels, of Dilham, in Norfolk, and died in the fourth year of King Henry VII. and in the 9th of the ſaid king, it appears ſhe was re-married to Sir Robert Brandon.

Francis Colvile, Eſq; ſucceeded his brother Sir John, and died ſeiſed of this manor in the 9th year, and then a knight, leaving Richard, his ſon and heir, by Katherine, daughter of John Townſend of Reynham, in Norfolk, Eſq; which Richard, by an inquiſition taken at Thetford, November 2, in the 17 of Henry VIII. was found to dye September 5, in the ſaid year, ſeiſed of this manor, that of Newton, &c. and Geffrey was his ſon and heir, aged 11 years, by Etheldreda his wife, who had livery of it &c. in the 27th of the ſaid king: he married Katherine daughter of Sir John Hind, of Madingley, in Cambridgeſhire, who joined with him in conveying by fine, to Edward Thwayts, and Elizabeth his wife, the manor of Strete in Kent, and dyed in the year 1575, leaving John Colvile, his ſon and heir, who was found to hold this manor of Queen Elizabeth, as of her manor of Weſt,

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(c) Eſchaet, Nr. 51, he ſealed in the 20th of Edward III. with azure, a lion rampant, argent, and a label of 3 points, gules, as appears from a deed dated at Newton, by Leverington.

* Colviles creſt—on a chappeau gules, turned up, argent, a lion paſſant of the ſame, collared, with a label gules—quere, if the cheſs rooks, were the arms either of Marſhe, or Pinchbeck.

Walton, by the 8th part of a fee, late parcel of the biſhop of Ely's lands; which John Colvile, Eſq; married Ann, daughter and heir of Nicholas Pincebek, of Pincebek, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; by whom he had Richard Colvile, Eſq; lord here and of Newton, who by Mary his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Bernardiſton, of Ketton, in Suffolk, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Thomas Hauchet, had Sir Thomas Colvile, Kt. his eldeſt ſon, who married Alice, daughter of Sir William Spencer, of Yarnton, in Oxfordſhire, and dying ſans iſſue, October 17, 1611, was ſucceeded in this manor, &c. by his brother Richard Colvile, Eſq; who in 1638, ſued Sir Philip Landen, Kt. in the court of chivalry for words, &c. and dying in 1650, left by Sarah his wife, daughter of Sir John Laurence, of Iver, in Buckinghamſhire, Bt. ſeveral ſons; John who died unmarried, William Colvile, Eſq; who was juſtice of peace for Cambridgeſhire, and married Ann, daughter of Sir Richard Stone, of Stewkley, in Huntingdonſhire, and died *ſine prole*.

I meet alſo with 2 younger ſons of the ſaid Sir Thomas Edred, and Jeffrey Colvile, who by -----, daughter of ----- Peak, of Walſoken, had Richard Colvile, of Newton, in the Iſle of Ely, who married Frances, daughter of Thomas Carter, alderman and Lord Mayor of York, [*d*] which Thomas died in 1686, aged 52.

Alſo John Colvile, Eſq; who is ſaid to have been a goldſmith of London, and purchaſed the manor of Popenhoe, in this town, and had by Dorothy his wife, daughter of -------, Biſhop of London, Joſiah Colvile, Eſq; of Lincolns Inn, London, in 1685, then aged 27, died at Wiſbeach December 25, 1705, and was buried at Newton, leaving Ann his ſiſter and heir. Robert Colvile, Eſq; of Newton, in the iſle of Ely, is now lord.

I find alſo a little manor, called Colleter's, or Collectors, in this town, held of the Colviles. In the 9th of Henry VIII. Sir John Audley, and Elizabeth his wife conveyed to Thomas Spring, &c. a meſſuage, 380 acres of land, 10s. *per ann.* rent, by fine, in this town, Walpole, Weſt Walton, Tirrington, &c. and in the 15th of that king, Thomas Spring was found to hold the manor of Collectors, of Sir John Colvile, Kt. in ſoccage, and the rent of 13*s.* 8*d.* with one cock, and one hen, *per ann.* and in the 11th of Elizabeth it was conveyed from the Springs, to Henry Hunſton, of whom ſee in Walpole.

John Low, Eſq; was lately poſſeſſed of a manor, after him Thomas Potter, Eſq; youngeſt ſon of arch-biſhop Potter, and his widow now holds it.

The prior of Lewes in Suſſex had alſo a manor here belonging to his lordſhip of Weſt Walton, which in 1428, was found to be worth 6*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* *ob. per ann.* which on the diſſolution was granted to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk: of this ſee in Weſt Walton.

The church of Walſoken is dedicated to All Saints, and has a nave, north and ſouth iſle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the weſt end is a tower, with a ſpire of free-ſtone.

Againſt the wall of the ſteeple, facing the nave of the church, is the effigies of King Solomon, ſitting in a chair, or throne, in royal robes, projecting from the wall, and on each ſide of him, a large piece of painting, repreſenting the hiſtory and judgement of that king, on the two harlots; and at the eaſt end of the nave, that of King David, with his harp; and under it the picture of King Charles I.

On the pavement here a grave-ſtone,—.

M. S. Petri Wenſley, Generoſi, Rob. Wenſley, clerici, filii, qui obt. 18°. *Martij, A. D.* 1711, *æt.* 28, *hec non Eleanoræ conjugis, ipſius quæ morti ceſſit* 13, *Julij æt.* 25. *Juxta hos inhumatur Rob. Petri frater, ob. Oct.* 4, 1733. *æt.* 49, and this ſhield, -----, 4 eſcallops, with their heads meeting in the feſs point, -------, impaling ----, a chevron between 3 mullets, on a chief, 3 bucks heads caboſed.

Near this one—*In memory of Elizabeth Wenſley, widow, and only daughter of Peter Robertſon, of Cheſhunt in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; relict of Robert Wenſley of the ſaid town, clerk, who dyed Sept.* 26, 1697, *aged* 47.

The

(*d*) Drake's Hiſt. of York.

The font is curiouſly ornamented with imagery work of many ſaints, our Saviour's paſſion, and the ſeven ſacraments of the church of Rome; and round the foot of it,—

Remember the ſoul of S. Honyter and Margaret his wife and John Beſorth chaplin.

A grave-ſtone alſo—*In memory of Thomas, ſon of Edw. Southwell, Gent. and Alice his wife, grandſon to Rob. Wenſley, who died March* 11, 1692, *aged* 25 *years.*

One for—*Rob. Wenſley of Walſoken, Gent. buried Nov.* 3, 1691, *aged* 77.

Alſo for—*Alice wife of Rob. Wenſley, Gent. who dyed Nov.* 9, 1678, *aged* 65.

One for—*Mary, wife of John Gardener, of Wiſbeach, Gent. daughter of Rt. Wenſley, Gent. died Nov.* 4, 1691, *aged* 40 *years.*

At the end of the north iſle, one with—*Orate p. aia Thome Honyter, qui obt.* 1°. *Apr*, 1505.—Alſo one—*Orate, p. aiab; Tho. Mey et Katerine, uxor. ſue.*—Alſo a copartment for—*Anne, wife of Hen. Ferrers, Gent. who died June* 3d. 1692, *aged* 38; and this ſhield, a lozenge, between 4 horſe ſhoes.

At the eaſt end of the ſouth iſle an altar monument covered with a marble ſtone.

H. S. corpora Joh. Oldman, Generoſi, et Gratiæ, primæ uxoris ejus; ille obt. 27, *Martij anno ſalut.* 1733, *æt.* 57, *illa* 15, *Jan.* 1727, *æt.* 50, *juxta etiam Anna, eor. filia, uxor Edw. Wignal, de Wiſbeach in Elienſi inſula, pharmacopolæ.*

One for—*Elizab. daughter of William Scales, who died Sep.* 27, 1694.

Grave-ſtones alſo—*In memory of William Edwards, of Walſoken, Gent. who died May* 29, 1680, *in his* 46 *year*; and for *Steph. Edwards, his ſon, who died Jan.* 30, 1709, *aged* 34.—*For Eliz. late wife of William Edwards, Gent. who died May* 31, 1701, *aged* 53.

Alſo for—*Thomas Edwards, Gent: who dyed Aug.* 13, *æt.* 73.

On the pavement in the chancel, a marble grave-ſtone, with the arms of Wright, azure, 2 bars engrailed, and in chief, 3 leopards heads, or, impaling gules, a chevron between 3 triple turreted towers, argent, Oneby.

In memory of Dorothy Wright, widow, daughter of John Oneby, of Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; relict of Ezech. Wright, late of Thurcaſton, in Leiceſterſhire, clerk, by whom ſhe had 2 *ſons,* * *Nathan and Ezech. and a daughter Dorothy, wife of John Twells, late of this town, Eſq; who died Sept.* 26, *in her* 65 *year,* 1691.

A ſtone—*In memory of Frances, wife of Henry Hunſton, Gent. daughter of John Hoyle, of Downham, Gent. who died June,* 10, 1685, *aged* 56.

On a mural monument—*Near this place lye interred the bodies of John Herring, M. A. thirty ſix years rector of this pariſh, aged* 75, *buried June* 2, 1717, *and of Martha his wife, daughter of Thomas Potts, of the pariſh of St. Gregory's, London, aged* 44, *buried Jan.* 3, 1704.

This monument is erected in gratefull memory of his excellent parents, by their only ſon Thomas, Lord Arch-biſhop of Canterbury, 1750.

In this church were the guilds of the aſſumption of our lady, that of St. Thomas, the Martyr, the nativity of our Lady, that of St. John, and that of the Trinity, as appears from the will of William Honyter, of Walſoken, in 1513, who deſires to be buried in the chapel of our lady in the church of Walſoken, by his brethren: by this it is plain that the eaſt end of the north iſle, was that chapel; Thomas Honiter being there buried.

The tenths were 26*l.* 8*s.*—Deducted, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

RECTORS.

John de More was rector, and by deed ſans date received Robert Mautelent into the vicarage of the church of Walſoken, paying to him 14 marks of ſilver, *per ann.* and to the monaſtery of Ramſey the old penſion of 20*s. per ann.*

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* Afterwards Sir Nathan Wright, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, as I take it.

Aº. 14, King John, William de Lutherfield was preſented to the rectory, by that king.

Roger de Ravelingham, in the reign of Henry III.

Mr. Stephen occurs rector in 22d. of Edward I. and in the 28th of that king, a fine was levied between Roger, (ſon of Roger de Colvile) and Deſiderata his wife, of the advouſon of this church, and the abbot of Ramſey; whereby for 100*l.* ſterling, they confirmed it to the abbot, Roger pretending that Geffrey de Mariſco, anceſtor of Deſiderata was ſeiſed thereof in the time of King John, who had iſſue Stephen, who was father of Deſiderata.

1300, Roger de Norton, preſented by the abbot, &c.——1312, Richard de Cornwall, ditto, prebend of Newbald, and of Frydaythorp, in Yorkſhire.

1332, Bartholomew de Bourn: in the 12th of Edward III. he had a writ of protection, dated the 10th of April, going then abroad on the king's buſineſs, treaſurer of York.

1344, Mr. Thomas de Hatfield, by the king, afterwards biſhop of Durham: he exchanged for Hadenham, in Cambridgeſhire.

----, John de Wrottyng, by the king.——----, John Loring, by the pope.

1386, Henry de Winwick, by the pope.

——1390, Thomas Martin, the king's chaplain, by the king.

1401, Mr. Peter Pykering, (exchanged for Tring, in Lincoln dioceſe,) by the abbot.——1405, Robert Clerk, by the abbot.——1405, Robert Clerk, by Sir John Pelham, and Sir John Tiptoft, *hac vice*.——1406, Reginald Braybrook, (exchanged for Holywell, *alias* Finſbury, prebend in the church of St. Pauls) by John Styvecle, &c. alſo prebend of Bartonſham, in Herefordſhire.——1408, John Laurence, exchanged for Grantſden, in Cambridgeſhire, ditto, on an exchange with William Walſckeif.

1408, John Roland, (exchanged for Styvenache, in Herefordſhire) ditto.——1416, Mr. Peter Styvecle, *L. L. B.*——----, William Aſhenden, rector, by the prior.——1433, Mr. John Storthwayt, by the abbot.——1436, John Lane, ditto.——1438, Mr. Henry Trevylian, ditto, cuſtos of Wingfield college, Suffolk, ditto.——----, Robert Bekke, rector.——1444, Richard Knott, by the abbot. 1448, Robert Brome.——1451, John Perre.——1458, John King.——----, Richard Burton.——1472, Mr. John Croſſe, maſter of grammar.——1473, Nicholas Hewys, by the abbot.——1495, Thomas Hobbys.

1502, Mr. Thomas Hare, *L. L. D.* chancelor of Norwich, &c.——1520, Mr. William Stillington, *juris pontific. Dr.* on Hare's death, ditto.——1588, Francis Snell, *S. T. B.* by the queen.

Humphrey Roſie, occurs rector, 1619, then compounded for firſt fruits.——Thomas Grouſe, in 1620.——Robert Balam occurs rector 1635, and then compounded.

John Herring, *M. A.* he was father to Dr. Thomas Herring, arch-biſhop of Canterbury, who was born here, 1693.

1717, Edward Croſs, by Edward Croſs.——1733, Paul Bachelor, by John Creed, Eſq;——1742, John Forſter, by John Creed, Eſq;

The antient valor of this church was 40 marks, beſides the portion paid to the abbot of Ramſey 40*s. per ann.*—Peter-pence, 3*s.* 4*d.*—the portion paid belonged to the ſacriſt of the abbey, and was granted by John of Oxford, biſhop of Norwich.

The preſent valor is 30*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

Theſe arms were antiently in this church—argent, a chevron engrailed ſable, between 3 griffins heads eraſed, azure, on a chief, gules, a ſtar between 2 mullets or, the arms of Dr. Hare, rector.

Gules, a feſs undeè between 3 mullets, argent—Everard.

Argent, a fret azure, on every joint, a lys, or, on a canton, gules, a ſtar, impaling Heveningham, in a window of the ſouth iſle.

In this pariſh was a chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity, at the place called the Stathe-Dytch, in which was a famous guild, or fraternity, with cuſtos, or maſter.

In 1461, Eborardus was cuſtos, as he ſtiles himſelf, of the chapel and hoſpital of the Holy Trinity of Walſoken.

Pope Urban VI. Boniface IX. Martin V. Paul II. and Sixtus V. granted to the brothers and ſiſters of this fraternity, and to all who were benefactors to it, ſurpriſing indulgences, as will appear from what I have here ſubjoyned, taken from a rude and imperfect copy of a deed of admiſſion of two perſons into this fraternity, under the ſeal of the aforeſaid Eborard.

Univerſis S'ce matris eccl'ie filijs ad quos p'ſentes litter. p'venerint, Eborard. cuſtos capelle et hoſpitalis S'ce Trinitatis de Walſoken, Norwic. dioc. et ejuſd. loci confratres et conſorores ſalut. in D'no. ſe'pitern. noverit univerſitas veſtra veneranda qd piiſſimus in Xto. pater et Dominus noſter D'nus Urban. divinâ miſeratione Papa Sextus, de plenitudine ſue pietat. nobis indulſit qd. eis qui de facultatib; ſuis, &c. nobis ſubvenerit, et in ſanctam ſocietatem noſtram ſtatuerunt ſe collegas, nobis ------------- que beneficia præſtiterint, annuatim ſepti'am partem pænitent. ------ relaxavit tres annos et centum dies venie totiens quotiens hoc fecerunt vel meruerint, conceſſit ac eciam plenariam participat. omnium miſſar. et aliar. oration. ſpi itual. que fiunt et de cet. fient in univerſati eccleſiâ, ad quas p'tin. fuerint interdict. ipſis qu. mori contigerit niſi excommuni. vel no'iati interdicti aut publici uſurarij fuerint eccleſiaſtica ſepultura eis non negabitur et curati eor. qui habent curas a'imar'q; ſuar. poſſint eos abſolvere ab omnib; eor. peccat. contritis et confeſſis, ac etiam oblitis, niſi forte talia com'iſerint p'pr. que ſedes apoſtolica ſit merito conſulenda, quas quidem conceſſiones ſanctiſſi. in Xto, patres Bonifacius Papa non. Martinus quintus, Paulus ſecund. et Sixtus papa quintus miſericorditr. p. ampli. confirmat. confirmavi et qd. dilecti. nobis in Chriſto Tho. Hutton ------------ Dekkys, caritat. ſubſidia nobis donaver. in dictam confraternitatem noſtram eos aſſumimus, et intr. noſtros confratres Xti. pauperes ------------ amus eos -------- in Deo poſſumus omnium bonor. ſpiritualium intr. nos confratres habitor. et in poſterum habendor. miſſar. et alior. omn. jejunior. vigiliar. abſtinentiar. elemoſinar. et peregrinat. participes eſſe volumus p.p'ſentes. In cujus rei teſtimon. ſigill. cuſtod. hoſpital. noſtri p'dicti p'ſentib; eſt appenſum. Dat. apd. Walſoken in capella n'ra, ſexto die Octob. Anno D'ni. Milleſimo CCCC. LXXXI.

The ſeal is oblong, having under an arch, the effigies or repreſentation of God the father, ſupporting our Saviour on the croſs, as was frequently and profanely uſed in the church of Rome; below that the cuſtos at prayers, with a legend, *Sigill. ----- confrat. et conſoror. ------- Trinit. de Walſoken.*

The abſolution on the admiſſion of a brother, &c. was——*Auctoritate Dei Omnipot. et beator. Petri et Pauli ac auctoritate apoſtolicâ mihi in hac parte commiſſâ, Ego Te abſolvo ob omnib; peccatis p. te vere contritis et mihi confeſſis, nec non ab omnib; peccatis tuis oblitis de quib; velles confiteri ſi tue occurrerit memorie ac ſeptimam partem pænitent. Auctoritate literar. et poſtolicar: conceſſar. relaxo, in nomine patris, &c.*

By a like deed, John Berners, Eſq; was admitted in 1476, (who was ſecond ſon of Thomas Berners, Eſq; 2d ſon of Sir John Berners, Lord Berners) who married a daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Bruin, of South Okendon in Eſſex, remarried to Robert Harleſton.

John Alcock, biſhop of Ely, March 4, 1487, granted 40 days indulgence to all who contributed to the ſupport of this hoſpital.

To this guild there alſo belonged certain chaplains. Thomas Martynſon, prieſt of the hoſpital, in 1512, wills to be buried in the chapel or chapel-yard of this hoſpital, as that ſhall pleaſe the maſter.

Thomas Jackſon, died cuſtos in 1475.——Hewet, cuſtos, ſucceeded.——Thomas Jackſon cuſtos, and the brethren, granted indulgence to Maurice Jenkin and Margaret his wife, March 2, 1468, by virtue of the pope's bull aforeſaid.

On its diſſolution, King Edward VI. granted, it on the 21 of Auguſt, in his 6th year, to Mary, ducheſs of Richmond and Somerſet, with all the meſſuages, lands, &c. belonging to it in Walſoken, Weſt Walton, Wiſbeche, Leverington, Elme, and Emnyth, to be held by knights ſervice, and in *capite* of the king.

Soon after this, and in the ſaid year, Robert Balam held it in *capite* of the king, by the 3d part of a fee; and 125 acres belonged to it, as appears in the 21 of Elizabeth, when Alexander Balam had a pardon for purchaſing it of Robert Balam, without licenſe, which Robert died September 2, 14 of Elizabeth, and left Elizabeth his wife, daughter as 'tis ſaid, of Sir John Creſſener of Morley in Norfolk; ——Balam of Barton-Mills in Suffolk, ſon of Alexander Balam, was his couſin and heir, on whoſe death it came to Charles Balam, Eſq; * younger ſon of Alexander, which Charles was found to die ſeiſed of it May 31, in the 34 of the ſaid queen; and Robert was his ſon and heir, aged 12 years; and the ſaid Charles alſo held a capital meſſuage in Walſoken, called St. Rokes, with 4 acres, &c. belonging to it, held of the king in *capite*, and the ſervice of 26*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*

Probably this capital meſſuage was the chapel of St. Roche's, to which Thomas Martynſon, prieſt of Trinity-Hoſpital aforeſaid, was a benefactor, and left a legacy to the light of St. Anne in St. Roche's chapel, in 1512; and in November 3, in 1639, Charles † Balam, ſon of Robert, died poſſeſſed of it.

Mention is made of Walſoken hermitage in the 2d of Henry V.

Balam bore ſable, on a feſs, between 3 ſtars, argent, as many pellets.

The prior of Mermond had lands in this town, granted July 23, in the 2d of Queen Mary, to Thomas Reve, and Giles Iſham, taxed in 1428, at 4*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* and at the ſaid time had a grant of lands belonging to the priory of Mirmound. The temporalities in 1428, were 4*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* *ob.*

Walſoken ſea bank from Newgate-Slowe to Emneth ſea dike, was three miles in length.

WEST-WALTON.

THAT is, a town by the wall or mound which was to defend it from the tides, &c. and called Weſt in reſpect of another Walton in this hundred, &c. lying eaſt of it. Toche, a free man, was lord of it in the Confeſſor's time, a Saxon thane of great poſſeſſions, lord alſo of Caſtleacre, in both which William, Earl Warren and Surry, ſucceeded him on the conqueſt, when [*a*] he was diſpoſſeſſed. St. Peter held under him one carucate of land; to this lordſhip belonged 60 villains, 66 borderers, 8 ſervi, 100 acres of meadow, and 5 carucates in demean; there were 6 carucates amongſt the tenants; ſeven ſaltworks at the ſurvey, and formerly 36 breeding mares; at the ſurvey none, &c. paunage for 114 ſwine, and 800 ſheep; 6 ſocmen alſo belonged to it with a carucate of land, and 40 acres of meadow; there were alſo 17 borderers and 3 carucates and an half, and 7 ſaltpits; the whole valued at 17*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and is 4 leucas long, and 2 furlongs broad, whoever is lord of it, and pays 2*s.* of a 20*s.* gelt.

This is of the fee of Fredric. By St. Peter we are to underſtand the priory of Lewes, which was a cell to the abbey of St. Peter in Burgundy, in France; and by this it appears that the priory of Lewes was founded by the Earl Warren, (to which he gave this manor) before the ſurvey.

The PRIOR of LEWES's MANOR.

FREDRIC abovementioned, often occurs in *Domeſday* book, in towns and lordſhips of the Earl Warren, and ſeems to be lord of it after Toche, before the Earl Warren had poſſeſſion of it, thus Greſſenhale in Launditch hundred.

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* Charles is ſaid to marry Ann, daughter of —— Fincham.

† This Charles is ſaid to marry Elizabeth, daughter of John Byot, Gent. and left Elizabeth, Alice, Mary, Ann, Jane and Suſan, daughters and coheirs.

[*a*] T're Willi. de Warrenna——Waltuna ten. Toche lib. ho. t. r. e. mo. ten. S'cs. Petrus un. car. t're. ſemp. lx vill. tc. lxiiii bord. mo. lxvi tnc. xiiii ſerv. mo. viii et c acr. p'ti. tc. vi car. in d'nio. p. nulla mo. v ſemp. vi car. hom. tc. i ſalina 7 dim. mo vii tc. xiiii runc. mo. viii tc. xxxvi equæ, mo. null. tc. xxiiii an. mo. xxiiii tc. c porc. mo. cxiiii. tc. DCC ovs. modo DCCC: huic man. jacent vi ſoc. i car. terre, et x ac. 7 xxx ac. p'ti. ſemp. xvii bord. et iii car. 7 dim. et vii ſaline tot. val. xvii lib. et x ſol. Tot. ht. iiii leug. in long. et ii qr. in lato quicu'q; ibi teneat et reddit ii ſol. de gelto de xx ſol. hoc eſt de feudo Fredrici.

Toche held in the reign of King Edw. afterwards Fredric; and Lexham Oſchetel, a free man, held it in King Edward's days, afterwards Fredric.

The value and extent of this lordſhip ſhews the greatneſs of it, extending itſelf into Walſoken, Emneth, Walpole and Tyrington.

William, the firſt Earl Warren, being in full poſſeſſion of this lordſhip, gave it to the priory of Lewes in Suſſex, founded by the ſaid earl for the ſoul of Gundreda his counteſs.

Henry II. by his charter, *ſans* date, granted and confirmed to the monks of St. Pancraſe of Lewes, all the lands, tenures and churches they had in the time of King Henry his grandfather :——A. (Alured) biſhop of Worceſter, and Henry, ſon of Gerold the chamberlain, witneſſes.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior was found to hold wreck at ſea, gallows, aſſiſe of bread and beer, &c. with the moiety of the advouſon, (or a mediety) of the church of Weſt-Walton, of the gift of Hamelyn Plantaginet, Earl Warren and Surry.

About this time it appears from an old deed, *ſans* date, in the exchequer court, amongſt the evidences of the priory of Lewes, That whereas there had been ſuit between that prior on the one part, and Sir Thomas, knight of St. Omer, Symon le Curteys and others, parceners in Upwell-Marſh, as well before the king's juſtices, &c. about common of paſture in Upwell-Marſh in Norfolk, in which the prior claimed right of common, and the others denied it; at length it was agreed that the prior and his ſucceſſors ſhould have right for all their own cattle belonging to the manor of Weſt Walton freely; but the prior, his tenants, villains, &c. ſhould not bring any cattle belonging to any other of his manors to feed there, &c. and that the prior ſhould be helping to them to maintain the liberty of common according to the quantity of their lands in Upwell, &c. to which the ſaid parceners put their common ſeal :

Witneſſes, Adam de Hakbeache, Sir Walter de Denver, knight, Joceline, ſon of Nicholas de Walpol, &c. The prior, *ao.* 15, had a patent for a fair and mercate here.

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued in this town, in land, mill, perquiſites of court, &c. at 18*l.* 1*s.* *per ann.*

On the 7th of May, 1434, Robert Auncell, prior of Lewes, granted to William Pyrton, ſub prior and his ſucceſſors, 10 marks *per ann.* for their ſupport, viz. 4 marks of the penſion of this church of Weſt Walton, and 6 marks of the penſion of St. Olaves, Southwark, to celebrate an anniverſary for this prior after his deceaſe.

On the diſſolution of the priory of Lewes, Robert the laſt prior, granted this lordſhip, that of Walſoken, &c. by fine, paſſed in St. Michaelmas term, to King Henry VIII. in his 29 year; and on the 22d of December in the ſaid year, the king granted it to Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk, together with the mediety of the church belonging to the ſaid priory, to be held in *capite* by knight's ſervice; but was forfeited to the crown afterwards, on the attainder of the duke of Norfolk, and granted July 1, by Queen Elizabeth, in her 23d year, to Philip Howard, earl of Arundel, ſon of Tho. the late duke, which Philip being alſo attainted, it came again to the crown, and was granted November 22, in the 6th year of King James I. to Thomas, earl of Suffolk.

And on December 1, in the 10 of King James I. this lordſhip with that of Walſoken and Walpole, late belonging to the prior of Lewes, was conveyed to John Hare, Eſq; ſon of John Hare, mercer of London, (brother of Sir Nicholas Hare) by Dorothy his wife; which John Hare, by Margaret his wife, daughter of John Croch of Cornbury in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; had Hugh Hare, who was created lord of Colrain in Ireland, Auguſt 3, 1625, and by Lucy, daughter of Henry, earl of Mancheſter, had Henry, Lord Colrain, who by Conſtantia, daughter of Sir Richard Lucy of Broxbourn in Hertfordſhire, baronet, had Hugh Hare, Eſq; who died before his father, and left by Lydia his wife, daughter of Matthew Carleton of Edmunton, in Middleſex, Eſq; Hen. Hare his ſon, born May 11, 1693, lord of Colrain, who married Conſtantia, daughter of ——— Hanger, of London, merchant.

On the death of the late Henry, Lord Colrain, in 1749, it came to the crown, as an eſcheat, his heir being a minor and an alien.

At the Survey, the abbot or church of Ely, was found to hold, as in the Conſeſſor's reign, lordſhips in Marham, Beckeſwell, Fincham, Foſthorp, Hilgey, Fordham, and Downham in Clackcloſe hundred;———Weſt Walton and Iſlington, in Freebridge hundred———Feltwell, Northwold, and Muntford in Grimſhow hundred;——Bridgham, Roudham, in Shropham hundred;———Banham, Norton, Ruſhworth, in Gillcroſs hundred;———Oxwick, How, in Launditch hundred;—Derham, Thorp, Calveley, Tudenham, Shipdam, Matteſhall, Thurſton, Yakeſham, in Mitford hundred;——Brunſthorp, in Brothercroſs hundred;——Pulham, Pilerton, in Erſham hundred;———Titeſhall, Thelton, in Diſs hundred;———Thurton, in Loddon hundred;——Stratton, in Deepwade hundred.

BISHOP of ELY's MANOR.

St. ADELDREDA, or St. Audrey, that is the church of Ely, held in the time of King Edward, and at the ſurvey, a lordſhip containing then 4 carucates of land, 20 villains, 40 borderers, [b] and 13 ſervi, 100 acres of meadow, a fiſhery; there were 5 carucates in demean, and 3 amongſt the tenants, 24 ſaltworks, 1300 ſheep; and 47 acres in Iſlington belonged to it, which 2 villains held; and 7 ſocmen had a carucate of land, and 11 borderers, and 3 ſervi, with 2 carucates, and was always valued at 15*l. per ann.*

The lands belonging to this manor, the many villains, borderers, &c. and the value of it, at that time, teſtify that is was a large and capital manor, and indeed we find it to take in part of Walſoken, Walpole, Tyrington, &c.

In the 35 of Henry III. the biſhop of Ely had a charter of free warren here, &c. lete, and other liberties, as in Walſoken, and a mercate and fair in the 55 of the ſaid king.

By inquiſitions of the free men of the biſhop of Ely's manor, in 1277, it was preſented that this town was within the biſhop's lete in Marſhland, where the biſhop's bailiff within the lete might hold pleas of all things, which the ſheriff might, with writ or without; had return of writs, cogniſance of all meaſures; that the biſhop had a moiety of the advouſon of the church, with his demeans and homages, and the demeans and homage of Sir Stephen de Mariſco; the demeans were 201 acres of arable, to be plowed by two plows of 6 oxen each, and 3 Scots to harrow; there were loſt by the inundation of the ſea, and turned to marſh 33 acres and an half; there were 63 acres of wood, 90 acres of paſture, common of paſture in Weſt-Fen.

The whole town was to cleanſe 5 furlongs of the Poke-Dyke. The ſtock was 10 cows, one free bull, no hogs, one free boar, 300 ſheep, one windmill; and the free tenants were Henry, ſon of Oſbert de Walpole, John de Walpole, William de Sculham, John de Ingaldeſthorp, &c. divers cuſtoms of the manor are mentioned, as Heriots, &c.

In the 34 of Henry VI. the biſhop's manor was valued at 69*l.* 8*s.* 6*d* *q. per ann.* and it continued in the ſee of Ely till the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when by an act of parliament * it came to the crown, and in the 21 of King James I. it was poſſeſſed by Charles, prince of Wales, and afterwards was held by Katherine, queen dowager of King Charles II..

In the reign of King James I. the rents of the free and cuſtomary tenants, were 13*l* 9*s.* 11*d.* *q.* and the rent of the manor or farm, 150*l.* 7*s.* *q. per ann.*———

This is now held by William Folkes, Eſq; by leaſe from the crown.

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[b] Terra S'ce Adeldrede———Waltuna tenuit S'ca Aeld. t. r. e. p. iiii. car. t're. ſep. xx vil. xl bor. tc. xvii ſer. mo. xiii c. ac. p'ti. i piſc. ſep. v car. in d'nio. 7 iii car. hom. tc. xxii ſal. modo xxiiii ſep. vi runc. tc. xviii an. mo. xvi tc. xxii por. mo. xxiii ſep. M. ccc. ov. hic jacent xlvii ac. t'ro. in Eſingetuna qd. ſemp. tenent ii vill 7 vii ſoc. de i car. t're. 7 xi bor. 7 iii ſer. ſep ii car. ſep. val. xv lib.

* See in Tirington, Ely manor.

Sir Stephen de Mariſco, as has been obſerved, held here and in Walſoken, &c. a lordſhip, which afterwards came to the Colviles, (of which family ſee in Walſoken) the biſhop of Ely's fee extending into that town; and Robert Colvile, Eſq; of Weſt Newton, in the iſle of Ely, was lord in 1762.

Oſbert de Stradeſet, ſon of Roger de Stradeſet, alſo held lands of the ſee of Ely; he and his wife Maud gave by deed *ſans date*; [*c*] to Caſtleacre priory, 26 acres of marſh here, which was the land of Roger le Hare, and all the right they had therein, for the health of their ſouls, ſaving to the biſhop of Ely, half a mark of ſilver yearly, to be paid at the four ſtated times of payment, and ſaving the work † that was to be done at the caſtle of Wiſbech, with other free men of Walton;—witneſſes, Walter de Nieuth, ſteward of the earl Warren, Geff. de Melders, Adam de Hakebech, Ralph Dalioun, Alexander Sewer of Acra, John de Fincham, Ralph de Barſham, &c. *ſans date*.

It is here added, "as the deed of Euſtachius, of good memory, late biſhop of Ely, fully teſtifies."

In the 6th of King John, a fine was levied between William de Sculham, querent, Robert Hawteyn and Joane his wife, of a meſſuage, 20 acres of land and 12*s*. rent in this town, Walſoken and Haggebech, (in Emneth) granted to William, from the heirs of Joan; and in the 35th of Henry III. a fine was paſſed between Agnes, the widow of William de Sculham, querent, and John de Sculham, tenent, of the moiety of 720 acres of land and marſh, 3 mills, 4 ſalt pits, 3*s*. rent, and the third part of the twelfth part of one knight's fee in this town, Walſoken, Walpole, Tirington, Tylney, Sechithe, Clenchwarton, and Lenne, which Agnes claimed as her dower, with 2 crofts in Clenchwarton, &c. granted to her in dower, ſhe releaſing all her right (to John) in the reſt.

LOVELL's MANOR, &c. CLARE FEE.

THE family of Repps had alſo lands in this town, held of ſeveral lords. Thomas de Repps was a commiſſioner of ſewers, to view the ſea walls, bridges and cauſeys along the ſea coaſt, between Wygenhale, Tyrington, and Lenne, and to levy money for their repairs, in the 2d year of Edward III. and in the 38th of Henry VI. William Lovell held here, in Walpole, &c. one fee of the honor of Clare.

In the 24th of Henry VIII. Robert, prior of St. Pancraſe, of Lewes, and the convent demiſed to John Repps, late of Weſt Walton, Gent. their manor of Weſt Walton, the ſcite of the manor, houſes, demeſne lands, meadows, feeding paſtures, (except the hall, and two chambers at both ends of the hall) with the garden, the meadow, called Bromſtoven, and the New-Hall, at the yearly rent of 26*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Repps was to farm the ſame, to find the prior's officers, when then they came, oats, hay, and beans as long as they ſtayed; the prior to repair the ſea banks, ſea dykes, fen dykes, and to pay the king's dues; and in the 31ſt of Henry VIII. the manor of Sybelis, or Syblys, with meſſuages and tenements in Weſt Walton, and Walpole, was conveyed to him by fine, from Thomas Holland, Gent. which manor (as I take it) was late Henry Smith's, Margaret, one of his daughters and co-heirs, being married to this John Repps, another daughter and co-heir to Holland.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, October 1, in the 5th of Charles I. it was found that Henry Repps, Eſq; died in the 4th of Charles I. on the 23d of March, ſeiſed of a capital meſſuage, 324 acres of land, of which the meſſuage with 58 acres, was held of the king's manor in Weſt Walton, in ſoccage, and paid 12*s*. 1*d*. ¼ *per ann*. alſo of 16 acres held of Colevile's manor, in ſoccage, of 54 acres held of Hunſton's manor, in ſoccage, and of 196 acres held of the manor of Weſt Walton, in ſoccage; and the manor of Clare, in Walpole, held of the king, of the honor of Clare, by knight's ſervice, and John was his ſon and heir, aged 18, September 16, in 1629, by Ann, daughter of ---- Cotterell, Eſq;

(*c*) Reg. Caſtleac. fol. 72.

† See in Tirington, Ely Manor.

John Repps, Eſq; died poſſeſſed of it about 1750, leaving 3 daughters and co-heirs; Frances married to the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, rector of Brand *Parva*; Dorothy, married to George Schutz, Eſq; and Vertue, to John Hays, Eſq;

This John, on his father's death in 1723, paid his fine for this manor, which extended into Walpole, and held of the honor of Clare.

The tenths of this town were 23*l.*—Deducted 2*l.* 12*s.*

The family being extinct in the male line, by the death of John Repps, Eſq; who died at Matteſhale, in Norfolk, in 1750, I ſhall here give a copy of the direct deſcent of the ſaid gentleman, taken from his pedigree.

REPPS's PEDIGREE.

Ralph de Repps lived in the time of the Conqueror,
and had Bartholomew de Repps,——
his ſon and heir.

Warin de Repps. Robert de Repps.—— Bartholomew

Bartholomew de Repps.——

Sir Robert de Repps.—— Sibill, daughter and co-heir of
Laurence Repps, 2d wife.

Richard Repps, Eſq;—— Agnes.

Sir John de Repps.——
A°. 7, Richard II.

Sir Henry Repps.—— Joan, daughter of
Sir John Faſtolf.

Henry Repps, Eſq;—— Ann, daughter of Richard Holditch,
Lord of Thorp Market. | of Didlington, Eſq;

Henry Repps of —— Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Jermey, relict of
Heveningham, Eſq; | Ed. Garneys, Eſq;

1ſt. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Holland, of Swineſtead, in Lincolnſhire.——Henry Repps, Eſq; of Mendham, *s. p.*——Ann, daughter of John Wotton, Eſq; of Tudenham, relict of Sir Thomas Woodhouſe. 3d. huſband, Sir Baſs. Gawdy

Francis Repps——Catherine, daughter of Thomas Lumner, of Walpole.

John Repps, of Emneth.——Dorothy, daughter of ——

1ſt. Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Henry Smith.——John Repps, Eſq;——2d. Thomaſine, daughter of Thomas Derham, of Weſt Derham, Eſq;

Dorothy, daughter of Sir Christopher Jenney.——Henry Repps, Eſq; of Weſt Walton, died 1560.——Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Lovell, re-married to Sir Henry Weſton.

Ann, daughter of Sir Henry Weſton.——John Repps, Eſq; 1596.——Margaret, daughter of Richard Lambert, Eſq; of London.

Henry Repps, died 1628.——Ann, daughter of ------ Cotterell.

John Repps, aged 18. 1629.—— 2d. Henry

John Repps, Eſq;——Dorothy, daughter and heir of James Fountain, Eſq; of Sall, in Norfolk.

John Repps, Eſq; of Mattiſhale.——Vertue, daughter and co-heir of ------ Boreman, mayor and alderman of Lynn.

1ſt. Frances Repps, daughter and co-heir.——Mr. ------ Baldwin, rector of Brand Parva in Norfolk.

Vertue R. daughter and co-heir to John Haſe, Eſq;

2d. Dorothy, daughter and co-heir to George Schutz, Eſq; ſon of Auguſtus Schutz, privy purſe keeper to King George II.

Nicholas de Repps married Avelyne, daughter of Henry de Hemeſby, of Ingworth.

Peter, ſon and heir of Sir Peter de Haubois, gave lands to her in Calthorpe.

Laurence Danyel, of Walſoken, died ſeiſed of 180 acres of land, in this town, and Walſoken, in the 33d of Henry VI. in the 32d of the ſaid king, he was found aged 50, and to be heir and cozen of Joan, widow of Thomas Chepſtede, and thereby had the manor of Stanhow Marches, or Marſhes, in Norfolk, which he enjoyed but one year, and left them to his ſon Thomas Danyel, who was then 30 years old: this Thomas was conſtable (as I take it) of Ryſing Caſtle, and afterwards a knight: ſee in Ryſing.

The church of Weſt Walton is dedicated to St. Mary, it has a curious free-ſtone tower, ſtanding ſouth of the church, about 22 yards, in which are 5 bells, a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, all covered with lead, with a chancel, and conſiſts of two medieties.

In the north iſle, on a monument—

Here lyeth John Reppes, of Weſt Walton, in the county of Norfolk, Eſq; who deceſſed the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord God M. CCCCCLXI, *which had 2 wyves, the whiche was Margaret, eldeſt daughter, and one of the heyres of Henry Smythe, by whom he had yſſue Henrye Reppes, that now ys, and ſeven daughters; and hys ſecond wiſe was Thomaſen, daughter to Thomas Derham, by whom he had Ela, and John.*

About this are ſeveral ſhields——ermin, 3 chevronels, argent, Repps, with a creſt, a plume of feathers, ermin, iſſuing out of a coronet, with a pair of wings, or.—Repps, impaling Heveningham, quarterly, or, and gules, in a bordure engrailed, ſable, of 8 eſcallops, argent;—Jermy, argent, a leopard ſalient, guardant, gules, with his creſt, a griffin paſſant, gules;—Jermy, impaling Mounteney, azure, a bend between 6 martlets, or;—Jermy, impaling Worth, argent, on a bend, ſable, 3 lions heads eraſed of the firſt, crowned, or;—Repps, impaling Jermy; Repps, impaling Holditch, argent, on a chevron, or, 2 ſeapies proper;—Repps and Smith, (quarterly) or, a bend, azure, between 3 trefoils ſliped, vert; —Repps, impaling Derham, azure, a buck's head caboſed, or.

On another,

Monumentum viri multiplici eruditione inſingis, ſinceræ pietatis, veræq; juſtitiæ, cultoris egregij, Henricj Reppes, Armigeri, cujus corpus in cineres reſolutum, anima verò in Dei manu ſuperſtes diem reſtitutionis omnium placidè expectat. Qui dum patriæ charus in vivis ageret duas fœminas virtute ſpectabiles, et origine illuſtres uxores duxit, nempe Dorotheam filiam Chriſtopheri Jenny, Militis, et Elizabetham filiam Franciſcj Lovell, Militis: Dorothea duas tantum filias partu dedit; Margaretam quæ nuptui tradita fuit Franciſco Woodehowſe, Armigero, et Elizabetham, quæ naturæ debita citiſſime ſolvit; Elizabetha, vero in Dorotheæ vicem parens fæcundior ſuccedens hiſce ſex liberis Henricum auxit, Henrico, Annâ, Johanne ſeniore, Thomaſinâ, Franciſco, Joanne juniore; ex quibus Joh. ſeniore, et Franciſcus hujus lucis uſurâ modo fruuntur: Joannes duas ſibi virgines lectiſſimas uxores adjunxit, primam Annam, filiam Henr. Weſton, Militis, deinde Mariam, filiam Richardi Lambert, Armigerj; Franciſcus locatam accepit Janam filiam Humfridi Guybon, Armigeri, tandem ærumnoſæ vitæ metam pertingens, Henric. corporis hujus tabernaculo terreſtri depoſito exequiarum juſtis potitus eſt 10, *die Octob. A°. ab Incarnato Meſſiah,* 1566.

About this, are the ſhields of Repps and Smith, impaled, and the creſt of Repps; Woodhouſe, of Waxham, quarterly, ermine and azure, a leopard's head, or, impaling Repps;—Repps and Smith, quarterly, impaling Jenney, ermin, a bend, gules, cottiſed, or;—Reppes and Smith, &c. impaling Weſton, ermine, on a chief azure, 5 bezants;—Repps, &c. impaling Lovell, argent, a chevron, azure, between 3 ſquirrels, ſejant, gules;—Repps, &c. impaling Lambert, ----, on a bend engrailed, between 2 lions rampant, 3 annulets;—Repps, &c. impaling Guybon, or, a lion rampant, ſable, over all, on a bend, gules, 3 eſcallops, argent.

In the nave lies a large marble ſtone, which has been ornamented with a rim of braſs, now reaved; what remains is

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::::: **QUONDAM: RECTOR: ECCLESIAR. DE WESTWALTONE: ET. SOUTEROY,** :::: probably in memory of Richard Smith, who occurs rector of Southrey, in Norfolk, in 1395, and afterwards rector here in 1422.

A grave-ſtone—*In memory of Edward Southwell, Gent. who dyed June 13, 1708, aged 76; his 2d wife was Ann, daughter of Henry Fiſher, of this pariſh, Gent.*

Here lyeth Henry Fiſher, Gent. ſon of Peter Fiſher, Gent. who dyed July 27, 1717, aged 46.

In the chancel, a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Suſanna, wife of David Bell, rector of this church, who died March 26, 1696.*

On the north ſide of the chancel, a little advanced from the pavement, lies a religious perſon in his habit, under a tabernacle, ſaid to be an abbot.

John Wace, prieſt of Weſt Walton, buried in this church, in 1536.

The portion belonging to the patronage of the priory of Lewes, was called William's portion, and was valued at 21 marks, and the prior had a portion of tithes alſo, valued at 4 marks.——Preſent valor 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

William de Aſkeby occurs rector in the 24th of Edward I.

1304, Mr. Thomas de Suthwerk performed canonical obedience to the biſhop of Norwich, on whom the arch-biſhop of Canterbury, in a metropolitan viſitation, had collated this mediety.

1320, Roger de Aſchedone, by the pope's proviſion.——1355, ----- --------, *Apoſtolicus*, that is, by the pope's proviſion.—1376, William de Yoxhall, *Apoſtolicus.*——1383, Ralph de Wermyngton, by the prior, &c. of Lewes.——— ----, William Northall.——1388, Andrew Read, (an exchange for Martham) ditto.—— 1390, John Wrotting, ditto.

1420, William Newbald, ditto.——1422, Richard Smith, *alias* Preſton, ditto. ——1431, Thomas Edingham, ditto.——1432, Richard Bedeford, (exchanged for Hardreſs, in Kent) ditto.——1434, Thomas Hervey, ditto.———1460, Robert Hamonde, ditto.——1487, Thomas Burdall, ditto.

1524, Steph. Lewes, ditto.——1537, Nicholas Saunders, *A. M.* ditto.——— 1550, Richard Hughs, *A. M.* by the Princeſs Mary, the king's ſiſter.——1572, William Hatterſley, by the queen, on the attainder of the duke of Norfolk, and rector of Shipdam.———1572, John Pryſe, by John Blenerhaſſet, William Dyx, &c.——1582, Matthew Champion, or Campion, by Philip, earl of Arundel.

----, John Williamſon.

1614, John Goodyer, compounded in Auguſt for firſt fruits, &c.———Peter Dobbs, rector in 1647.——David Bell, rector in 1696.

1729, William Primate, by Henry, Lord Colrain, on Bell's death.

The patronage of this mediety was in the late lord Coleraine.

William de Sculham, by deed, binds himſelf, that nothing ſhall be withdrawn from, or any loſs enſue to the mother church, in prejudice to the perſon of Walton, on account of the chapel which he had erected in his hall, at Walton; that the chaplains ſhall ſwear fealty to him; all obventions to be paid to the mother church; the chaplain ſhall not receive the confeſſion of any pariſhioner, or perform any ſpiritual act without licence; (Regiſt. Lewes) and if the chaplains there, ſhould offend in any thing aforeſaid, it may be lawful for the chaplains of the mother church to interdict them;—witneſſes, Robert Bozun, prior of Acre, Mr. Robert de Bilney, official, &c. and there was to be no bell in the ſaid chapel; this was about 1230.

Adam, ſon of Ralph de Walpole, gives one mark of ſilver *per ann.* to the prior of Lewes, for all his free land belonging to the two medieties of the churches of Walpole, and Walton;——witneſſes, Jeffrey de Feltwell, Alan de Ingaldeſtorp, &c.

The † chapel of St. Catharine, in Weſt Walton, lately diſſolved, valued at 53*s.* 1*d. ob.* in 1555, the penſion of William Clerk, late chantrey prieſt 55*s.* 3*d.* an annuity paid by the crown.

Walter, biſhop of Norwich, tranſlated the feaſt of the church of Weſt Walton, from the day after the feaſt of St. Peter *ad vincula*, to the 24 of September.

The biſhop of Ely had a grant from King Henry III. of a weekly mercate here, on Wedneſday, and a fair every year, on the vigil, the day, and day after the aſſumption of the bleſſed virgin. Regiſt. Lewes.—The church is dedicated to the virgin.

The church of Weſt Walton conſiſted of two medieties, one in the patronage of the biſhop of Ely, the other in the prior and convent of Lewes: this which was in the biſhop, was antiently valued at 18 marks, and called Nicholas's portion: Peter-pence 8*d.* the preſent valor 16*l.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

Nicholas, rector about 1250.

1312, Mr. Ralph de Pylton had the ſequeſtration granted to him, by the biſhop of Ely.——1312, Mr. Thomas Bainard, collated by the biſhop, rector.——1321, Mr. Robert de Brokford, ditto.——1334, Jeffrey de Clare, (exchanged for Bodney) ditto.——1347, John de Kettlebury, (exchanged for Weſton Colvile, Cambridgeſhire) ditto.——1348, John Claworth (exchanged for the prebend of the ſacriſt in the collegiate church of Caſtercuby, in Bangor dioceſe) ditto.——----, John de Ely, ejected as an uſurper, by the pope's delegates.——1357, James de Horningtoft, by the king, the temporalities of the ſee then in his hands.——1361, John de Folkingham, by the king, the temporalities of the ſee then in his hands.——1372, Hugh de Gandeby, by the biſhop of Ely, an exchange for Eaſt Merſey, in Eſſex.——1376, William de Roxall, apoſtolicus.——1386, Mr. William de Northwold, by Thomas, biſhop of Ely.——1388, William Aubyn, (exchanged for Kengham, in Lincoln dioceſe) by the biſhop, &c.——1388, John de Southam, by the king, on account of the temporalities, &c. prebendary of Ulveton, in the church of Litchfield.——1389, Thomas Elyot, (exchanged for Wytcherche, in Lincoln dioceſe) ditto.——1393, John Balſham, (exchanged for Erchinglegh in Chiceſter dioceſe) ditto.——1394, John Biſhop, ditto, exchanged for Chelſea rectory, in Middleſex.

1407, Thomas Pechard, on Biſhop's reſignation, by the biſhop.——1439, Robert Blank, by Mr. John Blodwell, doctor of Decrees, vicar general to the biſhop.——1439, Mr. John Derby, *L. L. D.* ditto.——1447, Robert Hamond, by the biſhop.——1451, Robert Newport, ditto.——1477, William Chapman, ditto.——1485, David Ditſon, *A. M.* ditto.

----, William Butler.

1505, Robert Rukby, *L. L. B.* ditto.——1507, Alexander Trodys, ditto.——1512, Thomas Burdall, ditto.——1524, Mr. Robert Noke, ditto, ſubchanter of York——1529, Mr. William Harvye, *S. T. B.* ditto.——1552, Robert Dinley, ditto.——1555, William Veeley, ditto.——1567, Robert Heys, by the queen.——1571, William Hatterſley, ditto.

1606, Henry Crooke, compounded for firſt fruits, February 7.——1613, John Williamſon, compounded April 30, for firſt fruits.

1729, Sim. Hamlyn, by the king, on David Bell's death.——1762, Robert Say, junior, ditto.

The patronage is in the crown.

Walton ſea bank, from Noveche Gate to Newton Slowe, was 2 miles and an half long.

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† This chapel was endowed with ſeveral lands, meadows and paſtures, and granted by King Edward VI. in his 2d year to Thomas Woodhouſe, of Waxham.

EAST-WALTON.

THE principal part of this town was in the hands of Roger Bigot, [a] a Norman chief, anceſtor of the earls of Norfolk, and was a berewite depending on his lordſhip of Pentney, of which Hagane † was lord in the Confeſſor's time: it conſiſted of one carucate of land, 6 borderers, 2 ſervi, one carucate in demean, 16 acres of meadow, 3 beaſts for burden, formerly of 20 mares, at the ſurvey of 7, 20 animalia, probably cows, 30 ſwine, and formerly 40 ſheep, now of 92, and 7 ſkeps of bees; 10 ſocmen here held 72 acres, and one carucate; the whole, that is in Pentney, in King Edward's time, was valued at 5*l. per ann.* and when Bigot received, at the ſame, but at the ſurvey was improved to 7*l. per ann.* and Robert de Vaux held it of Bigot; it was with Pentney 5 furlongs long, and 4 broad, paid 8*d.* gelt, there were 2 churches endowed with 30 acres, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* that is one here, the other at Pentney.

WEST DERHAM ABBY MANOR.

IN the 8th year of Richard I. there was a controverſy between Margaret, ſiſter of John Le Moyne, and Roger Buche, about a knight's fee held by them, and which neither of them would allow the other to have, ſo that they both joyned afterwards in giving it to the abbot and canons of Weſt Derham, the abbot giving to each of them 150 marks; and in the reign of King Henry III. the abbot was found to hold it by one fee of John de Vaux. On the death of this Sir John de Vaux, Maud his wife, lady of Surlingham, was found to hold it in the 16th of Edward I. and on a partition of the eſtate, between the two daughters and co-heirs, Maud, who married William, Lord Roſs, had it aſſigned to her ſhare; the abbot claimed the privilege of a gallows, aſſiſe of bread, free warren, &c. in common with the prior of Weſtacre, and William de Reymerſton, as appears from the rolls of the hundred, in the 3d of Edward I.

In the 15 of Richard II. John Charte aliened lands here, and 26 acres at Holkham, to the abbot.

In the 3d of Henry IV. the abbot was found to hold it of the heirs of Vaux, and they of Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk, and he of the king in capite; and in the year 1428, the temporalities of the abbot in this town were valued at 12*l.* 16*s.* 3*d. per ann.*

On the 5th of July in the 29th of Henry VIII. Robert Forman, abbot of Weſt Derham, leaſed to William Baker, yeoman, of Eaſt Walton, for 60 years from Michaelmas before the date, the ſcite of the ſaid manor, with all the houſes, cloſes, meadows, demean lands, liberty of ſoldage, profits of courts, fines, amercements, wards, marriages, reliefs, eſchaets, &c. and on the 11th of April King Edward VI. in his 4th year granted it to Thomas, Biſhop of Norwich, and his ſucceſſors, and it is held of the biſhop, by leaſe, at this day. Biſhop Scambler leaſed it for 80 years in 1588, to Queen Elizabeth, at 8*l. per ann.*

LANGLEY ABBEY MANOR.

THE abbot of Langley had the 3d part of a fee, which was held in the reign of Henry III. by Alexander de Butterwick, of Sir John de Vaux, belonging to Bigot's fee, and on the diviſion of Vaux's eſtate came, as above ſhewn, to William, Lord

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(*a*) Terra Rogeri Bigoti——Huic terre (viz Pentney) jacet i bereuuita, Waltuna, i car. tre ſemp. vi bor. ii ſer. 7 I car. in dnio. xvi. ac. pti. iii runc. tc. xx eque mo. vii ſemp. xx animalia xxx por. tc. xL ov. mo. Lxxxxii vii vaſa. apu. In ead. x ſoc. Lxxii ac. ſemp. i car. tot. val. t. r. e. c. ſol. 7 qu. rec. mo. vii lib. hoc tot. tenet Rob. v qr. in long 7 iiii in lato 7 viiid. de gelto, ecclie xxx ac. val. ii*l.* 7 viii*d.*

† Hacone was ſon of Swain, brother of King Harold.

Lord Roſs. In the 21ſt of Edward I. William Howard, (the founder of the Norfolk family, or a ſon of him) purchaſed of the ſaid Alexander, by fine, [b] 20 meſſuages, 1 mill, 500 acres of paſture, and 40*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town, Billeney, Ayleſweſthorp and Narford; and in the 20th of Edward III. Sir John Howard was found to hold this 3d part of a fee, (late Butterwick's) of the heirs of Huntingfeld; but in the 5th of the ſaid king, Sir John Howard was found by the eſcheat-roll, to hold this manor of the abbot, paying 35*s.* 5*d.* *per ann.* and the abbot of John de Roſs of his manor of Watton, by the fourth part of a fee; and in 1428, the temporalities of the aforeſaid abbot were valued at the ſaid 35*s.* 5*d.* *q.* *per ann.*

PRIOR of PENTNEY's MANOR.

PART of that lordſhip which Robert de Vaux held of Bigot, at the ſurvey, was alſo given by him, or ſome of his poſterity, to the priory of Pentney; and in the reign of Edward III. Sir John Howard held of the prior, lands by the ſervice of 7*s.* *per ann.* in 1428, the temporalities of the prior, were valued at 23*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.*

Concealed lands in this town, belonging to this priory, were granted to John Dyer and Henry Creſſener, by Queen Elizabeth, April 10, in her 16th year.

The prior alſo held lands of the lord Bardolf, in this town, as I ſhall ſhow under that fee.

RICHMOND FEE, or MANOR.

ALAN, [c] Earl of Richmond, in Yorkſhire, had a part of this townſhip, conferred on him, by the Conqueror, for his eminent ſervices, which Turchill held in the Confeſſor's time; to this belonged one carucate, 6 villains, and one borderer; there was alſo one carucate in demean, half a one amongſt the tenants, with a mill, valued at 20*s.* *per ann.* all Walton is one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and pays 18*d.* of a 20*s.* gelt; Bawſey, and Wike, are included in this meaſure and payment.

In the reign of Henry III. the prior of Weſtacre held lands of this honor of Richmond, and in his 23d year, John le Chaplein, and others, were ſued by Robert de Tateſhale, for not doing ſuit and ſervice to his hundred court of Frethbrigg for theſe lands: John's plea was that they belonged to the honour of Richmond, and that ſervice was performed for the ſaid lands, in the court of Peter de Savoy, Earl of Richmond, at his court in Swaffham.

In the ſaid reign of Henry III. John de Longvile, and his tenants held here, in Middleton, and Hardwick, half a fee of this honor, and Hugh de Verly dyed poſſeſſed of lands held of it, in the 8th of Edward I. In the 30th of that king, John de Longvile, and Margaret his wife, had a lordſhip here, with that of Overton Longvile, in Huntingdonſhire, and the moiety of Coln, in Bedfordſhire. In the 30th of Edward III. Margery de Saltmarſh, was found to hold half a fee here, and in Hardwick, formerly Longviles.

In the 14th of Henry VI. John, Duke of Bedford died ſeiſed of this fee, as part of his honour of Richmond, and in the 35th of that king, Edmund, Earl of Richmond; was found to have it, and George, Lord Latimer, held it under him; and Richard, Lord Latimer, held it of the ſaid honor, in the 9th of Henry VII.

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(*b*) N. 136.

(*c*) Terr. Alani Comitis——In Waltuna ten. Turchill t. r. e. i car. ſemp. vi vill. et i bord. 7 i car. in dnio. dim. car. hom. 7 i mol. 7 val. xx ſol. Tota Waltuna, i leu. in long. 7 dim. in lat. et reddit. xviiid. de xx ſol. de gelto.

WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

RALPH DE TONY had alſo two ſocmen belonging to his capital manor [d] of Necton, who held lands here, which he gave to the priory of Weſtacre, founded by him; this was valued under the lordſhip of Necton; the prior alſo in the reign of Henry III. was found to hold the fourth part of a fee, of the honor of Richmond, and to have royal liberties in the 3d of Edward I. a gallows, free-warren, aſſiſe of bread and beer.

Jeffrey Sutton, aliened in the 6th of Edward II. a meſſuage, 60 acres here and in Weſtacre, Wygenhale, Tyrington, Tylney, &c. to the ſaid prior, and in the 5th of Edward III. Sir John Howard was found to hold of the prior lands, by the ſervice of 4*s.* *per ann.* the temporalities of the priory in 1428, were valued at 10*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* *ob.* in lands, a mill, &c.

In the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, this manor, by the name of Emehouſe, or Weſtacre manor, in Eaſt Walton, was granted on the 8th of July to John Eliot, and Alexander Cheſnall, to be held in capite, and Eliot had licence to alienate it, in the 5th and 6th of the ſaid reign, to Thomas Greſham and his heirs; and the Lady Ann Greſham, his widow, died poſſeſſed of it November 23, in the 39th of Elizabeth, and William Read, Eſq; her ſon, by her firſt huſband, inherited it, being then aged 50.

In 1580, it was valued at 13*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* beſides the ſheep paſture, and the patronage of the vicarage belonged to it.

Sir William Withipole held it in the reign of King James I.

It afterwards was conveyed to Sir Edward Barkham, alderman of London, and lord mayor, in 1621, and ſo came to Edward Spilman, Eſq; as in † Weſtacre, who was lord and patron, and ſold it in 1760, to Philip Caſe, Eſq: of Lynn, who is lord of the whole town.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs had alſo a part of this townſhip: under the title of Invaſions, in Domeſday, we find that he had ſeized on 91 acres, which 3 freemen formerly held; and Bordin held it under him; [e] to this belonged 9 borderers, with 12 acres of meadow; there was formerly one carucate and an half, but at the ſurvey only one, valued at 9*s.* 4*d.* and over theſe he had not the protection; there was alſo a moiety of a church, with 15 acres valued at 2*s.*

After Hermerus, it was poſſeſſed by the lords Bardolf, as part of the honor of Wrongey.

In the 2d of Edward II. John Howard and Joan his wife, had 2 carucates of land in this town, Pentney, and Ayles-Thorp, conveyed to them by Richard de Cornwall; this was Sir John Howard, ſon and heir of Sir William Howard, the judge; which Sir John married Joan de Cornwall, daughter of Richard, and ſiſter of Richard de Cornwall.

In the 37th of Edward III. Sir Robert de Cauſton was found to hold lands here of the ſaid honor, and William, Lord Bardolf, had one fee here in Geyton Thorp, Wykes, &c. in the 13th of Richard II. as appears from the eſchaet rolls; and the prior of Pentney held lands of Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, Lord of that honor in the 5th of Henry VI. Sir Robert conveyed his right to the Howards.

Sir John Howard dying in 1437, left this to Henry Howard, his 2d ſon, by the Lady Alice, his 2d wife, daughter of Sir William Tendring, with the manor of Stranges, in this town; and by Elizabeth, his daughter and heir, it came by marriage to Henry Wentworth 2d. ſon of Roger Wentworth, Eſq; of Nettleſted, in Suffolk, &c. (See in Tyrington.)

Ann, Lady Matrevers, as heireſs to the Wentworths, enjoyed it, and in the 11th of Elizabeth, conveyed it to Sir William Dean, her 3d huſband, as in Tyrington.

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(*d*) Tra Radulfi de Toenio——In Waltuna ii ſoc. 7 e. in p'tio. de Nachetuna.

† See in Weſtacre.

(*e*) Invaſio Hermeri de Ferrarijs——In Waltuna iii lib. hoes Lxxxxi ac. qd. tenet Bordin. ſep. ix bor. xii ac. p'ti. tc. i car. 7 dim. mo i val. ix ſol. 7 iiiid. 7 in h. n. comd. dim. eccleſia xv ac. val. ii ſol.

HOWARD and STRANGE's MANOR.

RALPH DE BEAUFOE, [*f*] a Norman baron, had alſo a lordſhip in this town, which Bund, a free man, held in the reign of King Edward, conſiſting of a carucate of land, and Odarus held it of Beaufoe; 4 villains and 8 borderers, 4 acres of meadow belonged to it, with one carucate in demean, one carucate amongſt the tenants; and one free man held 8 acres of land.——It was valued at 20*s. per ann.* in King Edward's time.

This lordſhip aſſumed the name of Strange's (as I take it) from William le Strange, who held it in the reign of Henry III. by the fourth part of a fee, of the heirs of Beaufoe; but in the 20 of Ed. III. Robert le Strange held it of Hubert de Rye: the prior of Caſtleacre had part of it; and in the 5 of the ſaid king, Sir John Howard was found to hold it on his death, of the aforeſaid Roger, by the ſervice of 2*s. per ann.* and it was valued at 15*l. per ann.*

William Walton of Eaſt Walton, had it conveyed to him by fine, in the 21 of Richard II. from William Curſon and Maud his wife.

This I take to have been a moiety of it; for in the 26 of Edward III. William Carbonel releaſed to Dame Alice Howard, all his right in this manor, ſettled on him before, and that is ſhould remain to Sir Robert Howard her ſon, which ſeems to have been the other moiety.

In the 13 of Henry IV. a fine was levied between William Walton, querent, and Walter Glemsford and Margaret his wife, of the manor of Stranges, 11 meſſuages, 480 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 40 of paſture, and 4*l.* 2*s.* rent *per ann.* in this town, &c. conveyed to Walton, on paying 5*l. per ann.* to Margaret for life.

In the 22 of Edward IV. Henry Wentworth, of Netleſted in Suffolk, died ſeiſed of the manor of Stranges, late Howard's, and Howard's manor in Terington, the manor of Cavendiſh in Suffolk, &c.

But in the 2d of Henry VI. Peter Prior, rector of Heylſdon in Norfolk, (being a truſtee for it, as I take it) demiſed it to Alice, widow of Sir John Howard, in fee; and in the 16 of that king, Sir John Howard, ſenior, died ſeiſed of it, leaving it to his grand daughter Elizabeth, wife to John de Vere, earl of Oxford, and it was in the Oxford family in the reign of King Henry VIII.

The other moiety was in Sir Robert Southwell, who was found to hold it of the Lord Morley, in the 6 of Henry VIII. and Richard Southwell, Eſq; was his couſin and heir.

In an account of the eſtate of that family, it appears that Sir Richard granted it to Sir Thomas Greſham, knight.

Here was alſo a lordſhip granted by King Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Southwell, in the 38 of that king, and after regranted to that king on an exchange for other lands in the ſaid year, December 11, given by the king to Chriſt's college, Oxford, and held of that college by Sir Edward Barkham baronet, and after by the Spilmans, his heirs, and now by Philip Caſe, Eſq;

The temporalities of Norwich priory were 10*s.*

The tenths were 8*l.* Deducted 33*s.* 4*d.*

The church of Eaſt Walton is dedicated to St. Mary, and together with the chapel of St. Andrew, was a rectory formerly valued at 17 marks. Peter-pence 8*d. ob.* Afterwards it was appropriated to Weſtacre priory, and a vicarage was ſettled; the preſent valor of which is 6*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

The queen's receiver general paid, in the 13 of Elizabeth, to the vicar, a perpetual penſion of 26*s.* and 8*d. per ann.* paid yearly at the king's audit.

In the chapel at the eaſt end, lye ſeveral marble graveſtones.——On one the arms of the Lord Richardſon, or, on a chief, ſable, 3 lions heads eraſed, of the firſt, impaling Barkham, argent, 3 pallets, gules, a chevron over all, or.——*In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Barkham of Southacre, gent, wife of the honourable Lord*

[*f*] Terra R. de Bellofago——In Waltuna ten. Bunde lib. ho. t. r. e. i car. t're. mo. ten. Odar. 7 iiii vill. 7 viii bor. 7 iiii ac. p'ti. ſep' i car. in d'nio. 7 i car. ho'um. 7. i lib. ho. viii ac. t're. 7 val. xx ſol.

William Richardſon, baron of Cramond, who died September 28, 1712, in the 54 year of her age.

On another, with the ſaid two impaled coats, an eſcotcheon of pretence, argent, a pale fuſily, ſable, Daniel.

In memory of the Honourable William, Lord Richardſon, who died March 7, 1719.

The arms of Richardſon in a lozenge, with the eſcotcheon of pretence —— *In memory of Elizabeth, ſecond wife of the Honourable William, Lord Richardſon, who died December 8, 1722, in the 37 year of her age.*

On another, Lord Richardſon in the firſt and 4th quarter, and in the 2d and 3d, ermin, on a canton, azure, a ſaltire, argent, ſupported by 2 horſes, ermin; —— creſt, an unicorn's head, ermin, iſſuing out of a ducal coronet; —— the motto —— *Virtute acquiritur honos.*

In memory of the Right Honourable William, Lord Richardſon, baron of Cramond in North Britain, who died July 28, 1735, in the 21 year of his age.

Alſo ſable, 5 wings in ſaltire, or; creſt, a demy eagle, wings diſplayed.

Hic jacet Robertus Purland, A. M. coll. Geno. et Caij Cantab. olim alumnus mox vicarius de Eaſt Walton, tandem rector de Southacre, vir pietate, pariter ac probitate, et prudentia inſignis; paſtor vigilantiſſimus, amicus fidiſſimus, maritus amantiſsimus, pater mitiſsimus qui poſtquam gregi huic per L. annos, et quod excurrit invigilaverat, tandem obdormivit in Domino Maij 21, 1723.

In the eaſt window the arms of Tony, argent, a maunch, gules.

VICARS.

1322 Robert de Narford inſtituted to the vicarages of St. Mary, and St. Andrew, preſented by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1329, Richard de Croſdale, ditto. ——1347, Clement de Knapeton, (on an exchange for a mediety in Wreningham, All Saints,) ditto.——1349, Walter Kemp, ditto.——1364, William de Banham, (an exchange for St. Matthew's, in Norwich,) ditto.——1393, Thomas Bulwere, ditto.——1395, John de Wygenhale, (an exchange for Bodney, St. Mary's,) ditto.

1414, William, ſon of Benedict Barber, an exchange for Brunham, St. Clement's, ditto.——1417, William Smith, ditto——1433, Jeffrey Biſhop, ditto.—— 1458, John Wood, ditto.——1486, William Hood, or Ode, ditto.

1505, Jeffrey Baker, ditto.——1544, Reginald Fawcett, by the king.—— 1573, James Venables, by Sir Thomas Greſham.——Simon Sillet.——1590, Thomas Hopes, by Lady Ann Greſham, widow.

Andrew Ellis occurs vicar about 1626.——1673, Robert Purland, A.M.

1723, Richard Money, by Samuel Tayler, Eſq;——1755, George William Lemon, by Edward Spilman, Eſq;

EAST WINCH,

IN the book of *Domeſday* is called Winic, from Win, which in the Britiſh language ſignifies water, and Ic or Iſe, a general name in theſe parts for any ſtream or rivulet, the inhabitants of this part of the Heptarchy or Eaſt Angles, being called by the Romans the Iceni; alſo Wininc, as ſeated in a weſt meadow.

The principal lordſhip at the ſurvey was in the crown. Godric farmed it, or had the care of it for the king.

In King Edward's time it was a beruite to Sporle, (a conſiderable lordſhip belonging to the crown, in the [*a*] hundred of South Greenhow) and contained 2 carucates of land, with 11 villains and 24 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, &c. and one amongſt the tenants. When Godric entered on it he found 24 ſheep, 9 ſwine, &c. and a fiſhery; 12 ſocmen belonged to it with 54 acres of land, and 8 acres of meadow, and there was always one carucate and an half, with 10 acres of meadow; the whole was valued in Sporle, and was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

[*a*] Terr. Regis qua'. Godricus ſervat.——In Eaſt Winic ii car. t're. te'pr. regis e. beruita in Eſparlea ſemp. xi vill. et xxiiii ac. p'ti. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p. i. et mo. ſemp. i car. ho'um. quando Godric recep. hoc man. inven. xxiiii ov. 7 ix por. 7 mo. ſimilit. 7 i piſc. Huic t're jacent ſemp. xiii ſoc. liiii ac. t're. 7 viii ac. p'ti. ſemp. i car. 7 dim. 7 x car. p'ti. hoc totu'. apptiat. e. in Eſparlai: tota ht. dim. leu. in long. 7 iiii quar. in lat. 7 reddit viii*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto.

GRANCOURT's-MANOR.

THIS manor with Sporle, which was royal demean, was given (as ſome ſay) by King Edward, to Ralph Waker or Gauder, earl of Norfolk, (but Dugdale more truly ſuppoſes him to be of Britany in France, and to be made earl by the Conqueror), and was taken as a beruite or lordſhip of Sporle.

On his rebellion, it is certain, if he ever was in poſſeſſion of it, (which does not clearly appear,) it was forfeited to the Conqueror, and after the making the book of *Domeſday*, was granted by the Conqueror to Alan, ſon of Flaald.

The firſt that I meet with upon record to have been lord after this, is Sir Ralph Le Strange, who lived in the reign of Henry II and gave the rectory of this church to the priory of Carhow by Norwich, which was after appropriated to that houſe, by Roger Sherwing, biſhop of Norwich.

In the 4 of King John, Philip de Burnham and Emme his wife, (one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Ralph) impleaded Fulk D'Eiry and Maud his wife, another daughter and coheir of Sir Ralph, for a moiety of this town, and meſſuages here, in Litcham and Ringſted.

Alan, ſon of Flaald, was lord of Mileham, and anceſtor to the earls of Arundel, under whom the family of Le Strange held many lordſhips, and of theſe earls: the Howards, afterwards lords of this manor, were found to hold it.

Sir William de Calthorp, who married Cecilia, daughter of Philip de Burnham, ſiſter and coheir of William de Burnhnm, had a right herein; and in the 45 of Henry III. they granted it by fine to William de Grancourt, and his heirs, to be held of them; and Walter de Grancourt, ſon of William, was lord in the 14 of Edward I.

William Howard purchaſed it of Thomas de Grancourt, in the 26 of that king; and in the 28 of the ſaid reign, 2 meſſuages, 4 carucates and 60 acres of land, 50 of meadow, with 6 marks *per ann.* rent, in this town and Middleton, were ſettled by fine of Robert de Shuldham, in Eaſter term, on the aforeſaid William, and Alice his wife.

This was Sir William Howard, the famous judge, founder of the noble family of the Howards, anceſtor to the dukes of Norfolk, &c. It appears that he reſided here in the 34 of the aforeſaid king, from the accounts of the chamberlains of Lynn, in the ſaid year, when ſeveral preſents were ſent to him and his lady, from the corporation, for his good ſervices, viz.

Item in uno carcos. bovis miſſo D'ne Alice Howard uſq; Wynch vi *ſol.*——*It. in vino p. duas vices miſſ. D'no Willo. Howard cum duobus carcos. vitul. et uno ſcuto apri.* xiii *ſol.* viiid.——*It. in duob; ſalmon. miſſ. D'no. Willo. Howard vigil. paſche* xi *ſol.*

This Sir William was found to hold it by the fourth part of a fee, of Richard, earl of Arundel.

He was an eminent lawyer, and before he was a judge, a councellor retained by that corporation, with an annual pention.

In the 5 of Edward III. Sir John Howard, ſenior, was found to hold of Hamon L'Eſtrange the manor of Eaſt-Winch, by the fourth part of a fee, valued at 30*l. per ann.* In the 20 of Richard II. Sir John Howard reſided here, and by Elizabeth, daughter and ſole heir of John Howard, ſon and heir of Sir John Howard, it came by marriage to John Vere, earl of Oxford, who had livery of it in 1437. This earl was beheaded in 1460, and Elizabeth his widow ſettled it (being her own inheritance) in truſt, on Richard, duke of Glouceſter, for her and her heirs; and on the death of her grandſon, John Vere, the 14th earl of Oxford, without iſſue, it was aſſigned to John Nevil, Lord Latimer, and to Sir Anthony Wingfeld, by the marriage of Dorothy and Elizabeth, two of the ſiſters and coheirs of the ſaid earl; the Wingfelds parting with their moiety to the Nevils, Dorothy, a daughter and coheir of John, Lord Latimer, who died in the year 1577, brought it by marriage to Thomas Cecil, earl of Exeter, eldeſt ſon to William Cecil, Lord Burleigh; and the ſaid Thomas, and Sir Richard Cecil, aliened it to William Barnes, Eſq; in the 17 of King James I. April 20, (ſon of Edward Barnes, Eſq; of Soham in Cambridgeſhire;) he married firſt Thomaſine, one of the daughters of Richard Hovell, Eſq; of Hillington in Norfolk, and his 2d wife was Thomaſine, daughter of Owen Shepherd, Eſq; of Kirby Bedon in Norfolk, by whom he had 2 ſons, William Barnes, Eſq; and Owen Barnes, town clerk of Lynn, who died ſingle, and was buried at Eaſt-Winch, in 1670, &c.

William, the eldeſt, died at Eaſt-Winch, March, 16, 1661, and left by Anne his wife, daughter of Thomas Coppin of Marketcell, in the pariſh of Caddington in Bedfordſhire, Tho. Barnes, Eſq; who married Mary, alias Iſabella, daughter of Sir John Griffith of Tilbury Fort in Eſſex, widow of Will. Langley, Eſq; by whom ſhe had children, who dying in their infancy, the ſaid Thomas Barnes gave it at his death to his wife, and to her ſon William Langley, Eſq; 2d ſon of William Langley, Eſq; her firſt huſband.

The ſaid Thomas Barnes had a brother, Edward Barnes of Eaſt Carleton in Norfolk, gent. who married Lucy, daughter of Nicholas Barber of Freſſingfield in Suffolk.

William Langley, Eſq; (father of William, who was lord of this town by the grant of Thomas Barnes, Eſq;) was eldeſt ſon of Sir Roger Langley, baronet, of Sheriff-Hutton in Yorkſhire, and died before his father in 1689, leaving by his wife aforeſaid, daughter of Sir John Griffith, ſeveral ſons.

Roger the eldeſt ſucceeded his grandfather in 1698; William, the 2d ſon, was lord of this manor, and left by Margaret his wife, daughter of ——— Sutton of Barbadoes, Eſq; an only daughter, and was ſucceeded in this Lordſhip by Thomas Langley, Eſq; his younger brother; and in 1716, on the death of his eldeſt brother, Sir Roger was heir to the honor, and a baronet. He married ———, daughter of Captain Robert Edgeworth, of Langwood in the county of Meath in Ireland, and had iſſue 2 ſons and 2 daughters, and was living in this town in the year 1720, much reduced, and in a ſtate of poverty.

After this, it was poſſeſſed by Mr. Cotton, of Cutler's Hall in London, attorney, and was mortgaged to Archibald Hutchingſon, Eſq; whoſe widow poſſeſſing it in 1762, Sir John Tyrrell, baronet, of Eſſex, (heir to the Cottons) has obtained a decree in chancery for a redemption.

Another part or moiety of this manor of the king's, held by Godric, came to Fulk d' Eiry, by Maud his wife, daughter and coheir (as I have obſerved) of Sir Ralph L' Eſtrange, and was held by him in the fourth of King John

It was poſſeſſed by Jeffrey de Yry or D' Eiry, in the 6 of Henry III. when a fine was levied before Hubert de Burgh, chief juſtice, Martin de Pateſhul, Stephen de Segrave, Thomas de Heydon, Hugh Ruffus, and Fulk Baynard the king's juſtices, between the ſaid Jeffrey and Margaret, prioreſs of Blackburgh, about the courſe of a certain water here, which the prioreſs had diverted to the damage of Jeffrey's mill, being compromiſed on an agreement about opening the ſluices of the ſaid mill.

About this time William de Bellomonte is ſaid to hold a quarter of a fee, and William Conſtable had alſo ſome intereſt in this town, as appears from a pleading in the 34 of Henry III. His eſtate was ſeized in the 49 of the ſaid king, he having been in the battles of Lewes and Eveſham on the part of the barons, which was after reſtored to him.

In the 13 of Edward I. June 2, a grant of free warren in this lordſhip, in Gedney and Wyneſley in Lincolnſhire, in Burton Conſtable, Pagle, and Holm in Yorkſhire, was paſſed to Simon Conſtable.

PENT-

PENTNEY PRIORY MANOR.

ROGER BIGOT [*b*] had the grant of a lordſhip, in this village, from the Conqueror, which Guerd, a freeman, King Harold's brother, poſſeſſed in the days of the Confeſſor containing 60 acres of land, and 11 of meadow, with 6 villains, 3 borderers, and 2 carucates valued formerly at 40*s.* at the ſurvey at 60*s.* and Robert de Vaux held it of Bigot.

Roger Bigot was anceſtor of the Bigots, Earls of Norfolk; and Roger Bigot, Earl of Norfolk, gave it to William de Haſtings, [*c*] ſteward to King Henry II. on his marriage with Margery his daughter, who then became the capital lord; and was granted about the year 1250, with the conſent of Sir Nicholas de Haſtings, to the priory of Pentney, by William, or John de Vaux; and in the 16th of Edward I. John de Vaux was found to die ſeiſed of one fee here and in Geyton Thorp, held of him by the prior of Pentney: See in Geyton Thorp.

In 1428, the temporalities of this convent were valued at 8*l.* 18s. 2*d.* ½. *q. per ann.* King Henry VIII. at the diſſolution, granted it February 14, in his 29th year, for a certain term of years, to Thomas, Earl of Rutland, and John Dethick, Gent. farmed it of the ſaid earl, at 10*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* *per ann.* King Edward VI. in his fourth year April 11, gave it to the ſee of Norwich, and it is held at this time by leaſe, of that biſhop.

It is ſaid to be called in the grant of King Edward VI. Grancourt's manor, lately belonging to the priory of Pentney, but without any reaſon, as far as I have ſeen, and was leaſed to Queen Elizabeth, in 1588, for 80 years, by Dr. Scambler, biſhop of Norwich, at 10*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.*

[*d*] Ralph de Tony had alſo two ſocmen, who held 8 acres.

In the 12th of Edward II. Alicia, widow of Henry, ſon of Hugh de Narburgh, conveyed meſſuages and lands here, to John de Acre and Ellen his wife, by fine.

Hermerus de Ferrarijs [*e*] had ſeized on two freemen, who had 30 acres, and Bordin held it of Hermerus, with half a carucate, and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 15*d.* and of theſe he had not the protection, or commendation: Stigand, the arch-biſhop, had the ſoc.

Hermerus was lord of Wirmegay, and anceſtor of the lords Bardolf: Margaret Atte-Drove, and her parceners, held lands here, in the reign of Edward III. as appears form a roll of the honor of Wirmegay.

The temporalities of Flitcham priory were valued in 1428, at 11*s.* *per ann.* and of Sporle at 16*s.*

The tenths were 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the town in old writings in ſometimes called Pedders Winch.

The church is dedicated to All Saints.

In the chancel eaſt window, are the arms of Vere, Earl of Oxford, of Howard, Vere and Howard impaled, alſo p. pale, or and gules, a lion paſſant, argent, Plaiz.

A grave-ſtone—*In memory of Mr. Edward Smith, vicar 24 years, who died June 16, 1715, Aº. ætat.* 66.

One—*In memory of Catherine and Mary, daughters of Edward Smith, vicar, and Catherine his wife: Mary died July 27, 1709, æt.* 9: *Catherine, July 31, 1709, æt.* 13.

O mihi poſt nullos Julj memorande ſodales.

Alſo another—*In memory of Edmund Dey, ſometime patron of the vicarage of this place, here interred,* 1667.

Againſt the north wall is a mural monument of marble, with the arms of Barns, argent, 2 bars, counterembattled ſable, in chief, 3 pellets.

(*b*) Terr. Rogerj Bigotj——Eaſt Wininc, i lib. ho. Guerd, t. r. e. LX ac. tre. 7 xi ac. pti. ſep. vi villi. 7 iii bor. ſep. ii car. tc. val. XL. ſol. mo. LX hec tenet Ro. de Val.

(*c*) See in Pentney and Geyton Thorp.

(*d*) Tra Radulfi de Toenio——In Eſtuunic ii ſoc. viii acr tre.

(*e*) Invaſio Hermerj de Ferrarijs——In Eſtuuinc ii lib. hoes xxx acr. qd. tenet Bordin ſep. dim. car. ii ac. pti. val. xv*d*. 7 in his n. comd. Stigandus ſoca.

Here lyeth under the foot of this wall, the body of Owen Barns, Gent. third ſon of William Barns, the elder, of this place, Eſq; after he had lived the ſpace of 52 years, changed this life for a better, 1670.

Quis ſim, noſce cujus caro putrida, nil niſi vermis,
Quiſquis es, hoc de me ſit tibi ſcire ſatis.

On the north ſide of this chancel, is the old chapel and burial place of the Howards, dedicated to St. Mary, as appears from the will of Sir Robert Howard who died in 1388, and was here buried, according to his deſire: in Weaver's [f] time his enarched monument againſt the ſouth wall of the ſaid chapel, with ſome of the eſcutcheons wherewith it was ornamented, were to be diſtinguiſhed, and this part of the epitaph remained,

:::: a'iab; Dni. Robti. Howard, et Margerete, uxoris ſue,

But this part of the epitaph, with the ſhields and arms, is defaced, and great part of the monument itſelf deſtroyed many years paſt; alſo the two grave-ſtones mentioned by him, and the effigies of one of the Howard family, in the eaſt window, (the founder of the chapel) have met with the ſame fate.

This chapel, in Weaver's time, was much defaced, the lead that covered it being taken off and ſold, but was then repairing by Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel and Surry, and at this time is in a worſe ſtate then in Weaver's.

Sir Robert Howard, abovementioned, married Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Robert, Lord Scales, who was buried by her huſband: they reſided, and died in this town, and it is probable that this chapel was erected by Sir William Howard, the judge, who (as I have obſerved) was lord, and reſided here with his family, where 'tis likely, he and others of the family were interred.

On the weſt wall of this chapel is a neat monument of marble, with the arms of Barns, impaling Shepherd, argent, on a chief, gules, 3 Daniſh hatchets, or; and Barns impaling Hovell, ſable, a creſcent, or.

Near unto this place lyeth the body of William Barns, Eſq; ſon of Edward Barns, of Soham, in Cambridgeſhire, Eſq; who firſt married Thomaſine, daughter of Richard Hovell, of Hillington, Eſq; by whom he had 5 daughters, after whoſe death he took to wife Thomaſine, the daughter of Owen Shepherd, of Kirby, in this county, Eſq, and (removed his ſeat to this place) had by her 5 ſons and 8 daughters, and did for many years with great prudence and fidelity, ſerve his king and countrey, in the office of juſtice of the peace, at length, ſuch was the iniquity of the times, that loyalty was eſteemed a crime, when not allurements, or threats, from him who uſurped the higheſt power, could ſeduce him from his conſtant adherance to his abandoned prince, and the perſecuted church of England; he retired to a private life, devoting himſelf wholly to the ſervice of God and religion, and peaceably departed hence, in the 77th year of his age, 1657, expecting a joyful reſurrection. To whoſe memory Frances Stanton his ſecond daughter, out of her tender love and dutiful affection, erected this monument. Semper Idem.

The church was antiently a rectory, valued at 10 marks, and 3*s.* 4*d.* and paid Peter-pence 11*d.* but being granted to the priory of Carhow, and appropriated to that houſe, (as is abovementioned) by Roger Skerwing, Biſhop of Norwich, a vicarage was then ſettled and endowed, in the patronage of the ſaid priory, valued at 40*s.* *per ann.* the prior of Sporle had alſo a portion of tithes valued at 16*s.* *per ann.*

The preſent valor of this vicarage is 8*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits, &c.

VICARS.

1313, Martin de Sandringham, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prioreſs, &c. of Carhow.——1323, Walter de Claver, ditto.——1323, Martin de Sandringham, ditto.——1338, William de Oky, ditto.——1338, Reyner de Eaſtwynch, ditto.——1349, Robert Pratta, ditto.——1349, Henry Fleye, ditto.——1354, William de Blicklyng, ditto.——1360, Thomas Hannok, ditto.

Robert

(f) Funeral Monuments, p. 842.

Robert occurs, *A*°. 9, Richard II.

1423, John Biſhop, ditto.——1462, John Cappe, ditto.——1466, William Bathcome, ditto.——1467, John Cappe, ditto.——Thomas Boteler, vicar.——1494, John Furnes, ditto.

1506, Thomas Quarles.——1520, Thomas Purriance, ditto.——John Moor, vicar.——1557, Reginald Fawet, by Anthony Guybon, Gent.

At the diſſolution the impropriate rectory, with the patronage of the vicarage, was granted in the 30th of Henry VIII. to Sir John Shelton, and by Richard Catlyn and Urſula his wife, was conveyed by fine to Anthony Guybon, Gent. with a foldcourſe thereto belonging, in the 6th of Edward VI. and Anthony had licence to alienate it, in the 21ſt of Elizabeth, with 6 meſſuages, &c. to William Guybon and John Smith.

In 1561, John Grene, preſented by Anthony Guybon.——1566, John Balſham, ditto.——1566, Martin Harriſon, ditto.——1576, Edward Wells, by the queen, by lapſe.——1586, Edmund Wells, by William Guybon, Eſq;——1588, Nicholas Brice, ditto.——1588, Thomas Hopes, ditto.——1590, Thomas Hopes, ditto.——1592, Sampſon Hopes, by Robert Aſtyn, Gent.

169-, Edward Smith, who died, 1715.——1716, James Everard, collated by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1722, George Shuchburgh, died vicar 1733.——1733, John Lloyd, by John Cotton, Eſq;——1733, Henry Burgh, ditto.

----, Thomas Robotom.—— ----, Charles Phelps.

WEST WINCH.

WEST WINCH MANOR.

RAINALD, ſon of Ivo, held the chief lordſhip of this town, at the time of the grand ſurvey, by a grant from the Conqueror, which Godwin, a freeman, Earl of Kent, and father of King Harold, held in the reign of the [*a*] Confeſſor, conſiſting of 14 villains, 6 borderers, and 1 ſervus, at the ſurvey, but of 4 in King Edward's time, 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and half a one amongſt the tenants, 2 ſalt pits, &c. 23 ſocmen held 36 acres of land, with half a carucate, and 4 acres of meadow, then valued at 3*l.* afterwards at 100*s.* at the ſurvey at 10*l. per ann.* From this Rainald it came to the earls of Clare, as may be ſeen in Crimpleſham.

Simon, ſon of Richard, held this lordſhip of the honor of Clare, in the 2d year of King John, as appears from a pleading then between him and Alexander Barr, in Michaelmas term.

Ernald de Torley, about the reign of Henry III. held half a fee here of Simon, ſon of Richard, and he of the Earl of Clare; and in the 41ſt of Henry III the guardianſhip of James de Beauveys, who held land, in this town, was granted by Stephen de Beauveys and Julian his wife, to Michael de Merlaw: this James was ſon and heir of Bartholomew de Beauveys, and probably was the ſame James de Beauveys, or de Belvago, one of the firſt mayors of Lynn, in 1270; and before this in 1267, Thomas de Warblington, who held lands here of the honor of Clare, with Iſabel his wife, granted them by fine to the ſaid James, with rents and ſervices.

In 1312, John de Merlaw ſeems to be lord of this manor, and then preſented to the rectory of this church; and in 1323, Walter Henry, of Babingley, conveyed lands here, by fine, to the ſaid John Merlaw and Margaret his wife: in 1295, and 1311, he was mayor of Lynn.

William and Chriſtiana de Suburgo preſented in 1321, and John Attewode, in 1349, as lords of this manor; in 1387, John Drew, burgeſs of Lynn, and in 1388, but

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(*a*) Terre Rainald. filij Ivonis——In Weſuuinic, ii car tre ten, Goduuino. lib. ho. t. r. e. mo. tenet ide. ſep. xiiii vill. 7 vi bor. tc. iiii ſer. mo. i 7 xx ac. pti. ſep ii car. dnio. 7 houm. 7 ii ſal. ſep. x an. 7 xviiii por. LXXX ov. huic man. jacent 7 ten. ide. xxiii ſoc. xxxvi ac. tre. ſep. dim. car. 7 iiii ac. pti. tc. val. iii lib. p. c. ſol. mo. x lib.

but in 1389, John Bolt, of Lenne, who in 1398, gave the patronage of this rectory, with an acre of land to the priory of Blackburgh.

Robert Rands, of Horſham, St. Faith, bequeaths by [*b*] will, in 1452, his lordſhip here, to Richard, his ſon.

In the 6th of Henry VIII. Sir Robert Southwell was found to die ſeiſed of this manor, which extended into Hardwick, Sechy, and South Lynn, held of the honor of Clare, and 10 meſſuages, 500 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 100 of paſture, 60 of wood, and 10*s.* rent, and left it to his cozen and heir Richard, ſon of Francis, brother of Sir Robert; but in Trinity term, in the 29th of Henry VIII. Richard Southwell, Eſq; conveyed it to William Conynſby, Eſq; and it came after that to Sir Francis Gawdy, (as in North Rungton) and ſo to the earl of Warwick, and was bought of him in the 10th of James I. by John Pell, Gent.

On the 22d of September, in the 18th of King James I. the jury find that Richard Shebbs of Sedgeford, in Norfolk, Eſq; was poſſeſſed of this manor of Weſt Winch, called Fincham's, and that he had infeoffed therein, Sir Philip Woodhouſe, Bt. Edward Paſton, Eſq; &c. by deed dated the 10 of June, in the 12th of the ſaid king, to the uſe of himſelf for life, remainder to William Yelverton, junior, (ſon of Sir William, and Dionyſia his wiſe, eldeſt daughter of the ſaid Richard) and on Urſula his intended wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Richardſon, &c. and was after in the Pells.

From the family of the Pells, it came to the Walpoles.

Robert Walpole, earl of Orford, died ſeiſed of it, and his grandſon is the preſent lord.

Under the title of Invaſiones, [*c*] we find that Hermerus de Ferrariis had ſeized on a freeman, who held one carucate of land, and 12 borderers, valued at 6*s.* 8*d.*

Hermerus was anceſtor to the Lords Baldolf, and being a part of the barony of Wirmegay, had the ſame lords as in Wirmegey, 'till united to the manor above.

John de Wilton, in the reign of Edward III. had a manor in Weſt Winch and Hardwick, called Wilton and Weſt Winch Moigne, held by a quarter of a fee of the lord Bardolf. Chriſtopher Conynſby held this, and ſo was united, as I take it, to the lordſhip of Weſt Winch, held of the honor of Clare, as aforeſaid.

The church of Weſt Winch is dedicated to St. Mary; the rectory was valued at 8 marks, Peter-pence 7*d.*

RECTORS.

1312, Gilbert de Henley, preſented by John de Merlaw, of Lenn.——1314, Gilbert de Maſſingham, ditto.——1321, Paul de Suburgo, by William and Chriſtiana de Suburgo.——1349, Paul, or John Attewode, by John Attewode, buried in the church before the high croſs.——1387, William Wombe, by John Drewe, burgeſs of Lenne.——1388, Richard Rightwis, ditto.——1389, Hugh Burre, by John Bolt of Lenn.——1393, John Burre, ditto.

1418, John Toppe, by the prioreſs and convent of Blackburgh.——1423, John Burre, ditto.——1438, John Cokerell, ditto.——1452, David Syward, by Sir Thomas de Scales.——1453, John Clerk, ditto.——1455, Richard Aufyn, ditto.——1476, Henry Ferrers, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1485, Thomas Lamberton, by John Vere, Earl of Oxford.——1495, John Harrys, ditto.

1567, Thomas Quarles, ditto.——1509, Henry Shepherd, ditto.——1510, John Redmayn, ditto.——1556, John Scotte, by the queen.——1573, Edmund Franklyn, ditto.

1611, Francis Rollenſon, by the king.——1611, Henry Townley, ditto.——Thomas Kemp occurs rector, 1612.——1613, Robert Bate, ditto.——1631, Francis

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(*b*) Regiſt. Aleyn, Norw. f. 113.

(*c*) Invaſiones Hermeri de Ferrariis——In Weſnuenic. i lib. ho. i car. tre. ⁊ xii bor. val. vi ſol. ⁊ viii*d.* in hoc n. comd.

Francis Preſſe, ditto.——1633, Gilbert Atkinſon, ditto.——1640, George Maſterſon, ditto.——1644, Matthew Clerk, ditto.——1663, John Gibſon, ditto.——1667, Edward Dickenſon, ditto.

1704, John Butler, by the queen.——1732, William Harvey, by the king.

The preſent valor is 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays firſt fruits and tenths.

The priory of Blackburgh had a portion in this church, valued at 10*s. per ann.*

The temporalities of Wirmegey priory were valued at 6*l.* 5*s. per ann.*——Weſtacre priory temporalities at 4*s.*——Maſſingham priory temporalities, 3*s.* 7*d. ob.*——Blackburgh priory had lands let at 4*l.* 10*s. per ann.*——A cloſe called Towneſend belonging to it, granted July 27, in the 25 of Elizabeth, to Theophilus Adams, and Robert Adams.

The priory of Caſtleacre had two parts of the tithe of the demean of Richard, ſon of Simon, (of the honour of Clare) of the grant of the ſaid Richard, ſaving to Gilbert, rector of Weſt Winch, his right and poſſeſſion as long as he lived, 1265, paying 5*l. per ann.*

Mabilia de Leveryngton, a recluſe in Weſt Winch. *Blackb. Reg.*

Robert Baſton bequeathed to the reparation of the church, in 1528, a houſe that he had bought of Jon Davy, and wills as good a croſs to be ſet up at the ſouth end of the town, by his executors, as was at the north end of the town.

WESTACRE,

The MANOR and PRIORY.

THIS town is thus called in reſpect of its ſcite on a river, as Southacre, Caſtle, or Eaſt-Acre, all which towns occur in the Conqueror's book of *Domeſday*, by the name of Acre, without any adjunct or diſtinction, being all ſeated on the ſame ſtream, or running water, as Acre ſignifies in the Saxon tongue. *See in Caſtleacre.*

At the ſurvey it was the lordſhip of Ralph de Tony, deſcended from Malahulcius, uncle to Rollo, grandfather to William the Conqueror, and ſon of Roger de Tony, by Alice his wife, daughter of William Fitz-Oſbern, one of the Conqueror's lords and genrals, and created by him earl of Hereford.

Roger de Tony was ſtandard-bearer of Normandy, and Ralph the ſon inherited the ſame office, was a Norman baron, and attended Duke William in the deciſive battle of Haſtings; and for his great ſervices was rewarded with many lordſhips in Berkſhire, Hertfordſhire, Glouceſterſhire, Herefordſhire, and with theſe following in Norfolk:

Necton, Bradenham, Pickenham, Creſſingham *Parva*, Caldecote, Culeſthorp, and Bodney, in Southgreenhow hundred;——Ickburgh, Sturſton, and Carbrook in Grimſhow hundred;——Franſham, Dunham, and Godwick in Launditch hundred;——Shingham in Clackloſe hundred;——Walton, Acre, Thorp, Lynn, and Eaſt Winch in Freebridge hundred;——Breccles in Weyland hundred;——Wretham *Magna* and *Parva*, in Shropham hundred.

In the time of the Confeſſor, Harold, then earl of the Eaſt Angles, was lord of this village, [a] and at his death, when King of England.

It was a berewic depending on his manor of Necton, containing 3 carucates of land, 6 villains, 8 borderers, 2 ſervi, with 4 acres of meadow; and there were 2 carucates in demean, with one amongſt the tenants, paunage for 40 ſwine, 3 mills, with the moiety of another, a fiſhery, 5 ſaltwarks, &c. ſeventeen ſocmen alſo and 14 borderers belonged to it, who held 405 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, with 5 carucates.

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[a] H. 7 dim. Fredebruge—Tra Radulfi de Toenio ——Acre tenuit herold. t. r. e. beruita i Nechetuna iii car. t're. ſemp. vi villi. 7 viii bor. 7 ii ſer. 7 iiii ac. p'ti. ſemp. ii car. in d'no. 7 i car. hou'. ſilva xl por. 7 iii mol. 7 dim. 7 i piſc. 7 v ſal. ſep. v an. 7 xviii por. tc. c. ov. mo. clxv. huic t're. jacent ſemp. xvii ſoc. ccccv ac. t're. 7 xiiii bor. 7 ii ac. p'ti. ſep. v car.—In ead. ten. T'rbn. ſub Heroldo ii car. t're. t. r. e. tc. xiii bor. 7 mo. 7 iiii ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d. mo. i 7 dim tc. 7 p. car. ho'um. mo. ii boves ſep. i mol. Tota Acre ht. i leug. in long. 7 lat. 7 reddit xvi*d.* de xx ſol. de gelto: hoc totu' ſup. i e. p'tio. de Naketuna.

Turbin alſo held of Herold, 9 carucates of land, with 13 borderers, and 4 acres of meadow, and had 2 carucates in demean, &c. a carucate amongſt the tenants, 2 oxen and a mill.

It was one leuca long and broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, when the hundred paid 20*s.* and was valued with Necton.

Ralph de Tony married Elizabeth, or Iſabel, daughter of Simon de Montfort, and left iſſue Ralph his ſon and heir, (Roger his eldeſt ſon dying young,) and was buried with his anceſtors in the abby of Conchis in Normandy, in the 2d year of King Henry I.

Leland * ſays he married Alice, daughter and coheir of Waldief, earl of Huntingdon.

This Ralph de Tony was the founder of the priory of Weſtacre, dedicated to St. Mary and All Saints, and with his wife, his ſons Roger and Ralph, granted for their own ſouls and their anceſtors, his manor of Weſtacre, with the pariſh church, (dedicated to All Saints) to Oliver the prieſt, or rector of it, and Walter his ſon; to which deed were witneſſes——Gilbert Blond, William de Portis, William de Lira, George Gros, &c. with all the ſoc of Noienton. It was a cell of the priory of Lewes.

On this grant, Oliver and Walter his ſons, entered into the order of the Cluniac monks of this priory, with all their effects. Not only prieſts, but even biſhops, were in this age married, and no reſtraints in this reſpect were laid upon them.——The popes, Boniface I. and Fœlix III. were ſons of prieſts; and Gelarius was the ſon of a biſhop, &c.

The founder gave them alſo the manor and advouſon of Godwick.

Amongſt their antient benefactors were Oſmund de Stutevile, William, ſon of Stangrene, Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, Robert de Scales, Turgil the merchant, Joceline, ſon of Eudo de Nerford, Godfrey de Newmarch, John Grey of Narburgh, Jeffrey, ſon of Walter de Marham, Simon de Quatremarch de Roudham.

In the 10 of Richard I. a fine was levied between Bartholomew de Runhale, Roger de Repps and Mabel his wife, and Gilbert de Runhale, and William, prior of the church of St. Mary and All Saints, of Weſtacre, whereby the patronage of the church of Runhale was granted to the prior, who gave to each of them a gold ring, and they were to be partakers of the prayers of the convent.

Roger, Lord Tony, accounted in the 10 of King John, for 10 marks to the exchequer, that the way which uſed to be through the middle of the priory-court, ſhould be (as it was altered) without the ſaid court.

A fine was levied in the 16 of Henry III. between Bartholomew, ſon of Simon, and Robert the prior of Weſtacre, of 44 acres of land, with 2 meſſuages in Grimſton, granted to the prior; and in the 19 of that king, the convent paid 100*s.* as an aid, on the marriage of the king's ſiſter to the emperor of Germany.

In his 41 year, Robert the prior, purchaſed of Henry, ſon of Margaret, a meſſuage, with one carucate of land, 5 acres of meadow, 5*s.* 2*d.* rent in Pentney, by fine then levied; and they had alſo a manor in Narburgh, in the 43 of Edward III.

In the 3d of Edward I. the prior was found to hold this town in pure alms of the barony of Tony; and in the 6 of Edward II. Jeffrey de Sutton aliened to this convent, a meſſuage, 60 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 40 of paſture, 7 of heath, with 9*s.* rent in this town, Walton, Lynn, Wigenhale, Tilney, Terington, Clenchwarton, &c.

In the following year, William de Wygenhale aſſigned a meſſuage, 102 acres of land in Weſtacre and Cuſthorp, with 12*s.* rent, in exchange for lands in Wygenhale, Iſlington and Tilney; and in the 13th year here was a patent for 100 acres of land, 100 of paſture, and 3 meſſuages here, in Grimſton, Congham, Rydun, &c. late the Lady Maud de Tony's.

In the 43 of Edward III. Thomas de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, (as heir to the Lord Tony) had the patronage of the priory in the reign of Henry VI. and Richard Nevill, earl of Warwick, held it in right of his wife, Anne de Beauchamp, ſiſter and heir to her brother Henry, duke of Warwick.

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* Vol. 4. p. 246.

King Edward IV. in his 19 year, July 7, granted the convent an annual fair, being on the feaſt or tranſlation of St. Tho. the martyr, (as he was profanely ſtiled) archbiſhop of Canterbury.

About this time I find they had the manor of Godſcroft in South Lynn, and then valued at 15*l. per ann.*

The priory had the patronage of the following churches, or vicarages, their rectories being appropriated to it:——Breccles, Rougham, Weſt Barſham, Marham, Narford, Appleton, Aſhwicken, Leſyate, Wigenhale St. Mary's, and South Lynn, with 2 parts of the rectory of Narburgh, and the rectory appropriated of Necton.

The churches of Weſtacre and Runhale were wholly appropriated, and ſerved by a curate.

The church of Bodney was in their patronage.

A portion of the rectory of Necton belonged to them.

In 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 38*l.* 4*s.* 0*d. ob. per ann.* and the whole of their temporalities at 140*l.* 5*s.* 7*d. q. per ann.* and the whole of their temporalities and ſpiritualities, at 256*l.* 11*s* 0*d. ob.* beſides a portion in Rougham, with the portion of the prior of Caſtleacre in that church, which they had in farm.

PRIORS.

Oliver, who had been rector of the pariſh church of Weſtacre, was the firſt prior.——William occurs prior in the 10 of Richard I.——Hubert, occurs prior about 1210.——Godwin, occurs about the end of King John's reign.——William, occurs in the 12 of Henry III.——Robert, in the 16 and 21 of Henry III.——Simon, in 1249.——Robert, in the 41 of Henry III.——John, in the 52 of Henry III.

[*b*] Henry de Acra, admitted prior, 1300.——William de Weſenham, admitted, 1320.——Gilbert de Quaplode, 1327.——John de Swaſham, 1349.——John de Stow, prior.——Jeffrey de Warham, 1367.——Nicholas de Buttele, 1373.——Peter Biſhop; he reſigned in 1382.——Nicholas de Buttele, prior, admitted 1373.——John de Acre, 1390.

John de Watlington, 1414.——John de Weſtacre, 1417.——John Fakenham, 1450, on the death of John de Weſt.——John Coſyn, 1460.——Richard Pawe, or Palle, 1467, on Coſyn's reſignation.

Richard or Thomas Clerk, occurs prior in 1503, and S.T.B.——William Louth, occurs in 1520.——Thomas Brygget, S.T.B. occurs in 1522.

William Wingfeld occurs in 1526; he was the laſt prior, and with 15 monks of this priory, on Auguſt 31, 1534, ſubſcribed to the king's ſupremacy, and on January 14, in the 29 year of King Henry VIII. with 8 of his monks, ſurrendered this priory to the king, who granted to them penſions for life.

The prior's pention was 40*l. per ann.* a conſiderable annuity at that time. He was living in the Marian days, 1555, enjoyed his pention, and was rector of Burnham Thorp in Norfolk, in King Edward VI's. reign, and a married prieſt.

Sir Robert Townſend was alſo then living, and had a pention of 26*s.* 8*d.* as (formerly) ſteward of this priory. He was an eminent lawyer, being a ſerjeant and juſtice of Cheſter.

Wingfeld the prior, and theſe following monks, are ſaid to have confeſſed (to the king's viſitors,) themſelves guilty of moſt flagrant acts of incontinency, &c. viz. [*c*] William Cobbs, William Startwait, John Thory, William Coliſon, Richard Franke, Edmund Meke, Richard Bagnal, William Sheltram, John Whytinge, John Barber, Thomas Bradman, and Richard Hall.

At its diſſolution valued at 260*l.* 13*s.* 7*d. q.* as Dugdale; but as Speed, at 308*l.* 9*s.* 11*d. q. per ann.*

[*b*] Lib. Inſtitit. Norw.

[*c*] Compend. Compertor.

The convent boaſted that they had a piece of St. Andrew's finger ſet in ſilver, which they had pawned for 40*l.* but the viſitors did not think fit to redeem it at that price.

Robert Rands of Horſham St. Faith's, by his will, in 1452, gives to [*d*] the priory, 20*s.* to the chapel of St. Nicholas therein, 6*s.* 8*d.* and to St. Peter's chapel there, the ſaid ſum.

The ſeal of the priory was large, of an oblong circular form, and of black wax, with a curious impreſs, containing under an arch, the effigies of the virgin Mary, with the child Jeſus in her left hand, ſeated, and treading on the dragon; on each ſide of the arch ſtands a monk or a religious, with hands erect, as praying; over this on the ſummit in an arch, is repreſented in a profane manner, the Trinity, as to be ſeen in the Romiſh breviaries, viz. God the Father in the form of an old man ſeated, his arms extended, ſupporting the croſs, on which is Jeſus, and a dove hovering about the ear of God the Father, and this legend round it;

SIGILLVM. CAPITVLI. BEATE. MARIE. ET. OMNIVM. SANCTORVM. DE. WESTACRE.

On the reverſe is a ſmall head couped, and round it MVNDVS. AGIT. MVNDVM. CONTERE. MVNDVS. ERIS. Above this head is a ſtar, below it a creſcent. I am inclined to think this head is to repreſent Thomas of Becket, archbiſhop of Canterbury.

The priory church ſtood a little ſpace eaſtward of the preſent farm-houſe, and was a large pile, built in a cathedral or conventual manner, as may be traced out from its ſcite and foundation; only part of the tower at the weſt end of the ſouth iſle is now remaining. The cloiſter joyned to this ſouth iſle, and there was a door here leading into the weſt end of the ſouth iſle, and another out of it into the church, by the great tower that ſtood between the church and the choir. On the eaſt ſide of the cloiſter was a way leading (as I take it) into the chapter houſe, the north and ſouth walls of which are partly ſtanding, as is part of the dormitory, (as I conceive it) which was either over part of the weſt ſide of the cloiſter or joyned to it.

The gatehouſe leading out of the town into the outward court, or ſcite of the priory, is ſtill ſtanding; over the center of the arch as you enter, are 3 ſhields carved on ſtone:——Quarterly in the firſt and fourth, gules, a feſs, between 6 croſs croſslets, or, Beauchamp, earl of Warwick;——in the 2d and 3d, checque, or and azure, a chevron, ermine, Tarquin, earl of Warwick;——and in an eſcutcheon of pretence, argent, a maunch, gules, Lord Tony.——On the right ſide of this is the ſhield of Tony, and on the left ſide that of Beauchamp; by the firſt ſhield, bearing Tony in an eſcutcheon of pretence, it appears that this gatehouſe, which is of ſtone, was built by Guy de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, who married Alice, ſiſter and heir to Robert, Lord Tony, which Guy died in 1315.

King Henry VIII. in his 30 year, March 15, granted to Mary, ducheſs of Richmond and Somerſet, for life, the ſcite of this priory, with the manor and appropriated rectory; and ſhe by deed, dated at Keninghale, confirmed to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Holland of Swineſtede in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; an annuity of 20*l.* out of it. King Edward VI. in his 7th year, July 1, granted the reverſion to Sir Thomas Greſham, in which is alſo mentioned a grant of certain foldcourſes in Wiken, Stowborow, and Cuſthorpe; 2 rabbit warrens in Wiken and Cuſthorp, with the lordſhips of thoſe places; the rectory of Weſtacre, with meadows called Willes meadows, and a mill, called Petenow mill. All which was confirmed to him by Queen Mary, in her firſt year, April 9.

After the death of Sir Thomas, it was ſold by Thomas Cecil, afterwards earl of Exeter, who conveyed it to Horatio Palavicini, an Italian, who before his coming into England had dipped his fingers very deep into the treaſures of the church, as Spelman relates; that is being treaſurer, or having ſome [*e*] office in the pope's treaſury at Rome, had robbed it and fled.

Sir Toby, his youngeſt ſon, inherited it, and after many ſuits, &c. with his eldeſt brother Edward, having conſumed his eſtate, ſold it to Sir Edward Barkham, alderman of London and lord mayor in 1621, created baronet June 28, 1623; from which family it came to Charles Yallop, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Sir Robert Yallop) by the marriage of Hellen, daughter and heireſs of Sir Edward Barkham, baronet; whoſe ſon, Edward Spilman, Eſq; is lord, taking that name from his grandfather, Sir Robert Yallop's marriage with Dorothy, daughter of Clement Spilman, Eſq; of Grey's Inn, one of the barons of the exchequer, has conveyed it in 1761, to Richard Hamond, Eſq; of South Wooton, reſerving the manor houſe, and certain lands for life.

[*d*] Reg. Aleyn Norw. fol. 113.

[*e*] Hiſtory of Sacrilege, p. 255.

The arms of Yallop were gules, an orle between 8 billets, or; thoſe of Spilman,——ſable, platee, between 2 flaunches, argent.

The monaſtery of Ely had lands in Acra, (but in which Acra is not mentioned) [f] in the Confeſſor's time, and at the ſurvey, half a carucate of land held by 2 borderers, one ſervus, with an acre of meadow, and 30 ſheep, valued at 3*s.* *per ann.* called in *Domeſday* book, St. Adeldreda's land, the foundreſs of that monaſtery. Of this I find no further account, but that it was in this town.

The church of Weſtacre is dedicated to All Saints, and built moſtly of flint ſtones, and embattled. It was a rectory, valued at 11 marks, paid Peter-pence, 16*d.* and appropriated to the priory.

The tower is fourſquare and embattled, has one bell, and both church and chancel are covered with tile.

On the battlements of the church and tower are the arms of Sir Edward Barkham, the firſt baronet of that name, who repaired and ornamented it;——argent, 3 pallets, gules, over all, a chevron, or; impaling the arms of his lady;——argent, on a pale, ſable, 3 croſſes pattee, or, in a bordure ingrailed of the 2d, Crouch.

He had a large manor houſe or hall in this pariſh, called Highe-Houſe, which he built. This being ruinous, &c. Edward Spilman, Eſq; late lord, built a very curious and ſtately pile near to the ſcite of the old hall.

Sir Edward alſo erected ſeveral ſeats of oak in the church, with a pulpit and reading deſk, wainſcoting the chancel and ſeating it, incloſing the communion table.

His deſcendant, Sir Edward, gave in 1672, a ſilver cup, gilt, weighing 10 ounces, with his arms, and a cover of 5 ounces; a ſilver patten gilt, of about 19 ounces, with a ſilver flagon, gilt, about 61 ounces.

On the pavement of the chancel is a black marble, *In memory of Sarah, daughter of Richard Thorold of Weſtacre, wife of Charles Brown of Maſſingham Magna, who died October* 2, 1707, *aged* 66.

The temporalitics of Caſtleacre with a mill, &c. here, valued in 1428, at 20*s.*

Wells priory temporalities, at 3*s.*——Of Wells priory in Geyton, at 3*s.*

The tenths of the town were 4*l.* 7*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

CUSTHORP

WAS a village in the Saxon age, and at the ſurvey called Culeſtorpa, and Sculatorpa, as ſeated on a ſhoal or ſhallow water: it ſtood on the ſouth ſide of the river Nar, directly oppoſite to Weſtacre, but was in South Greenhow hundred, the Lord Tony being lord of it at the ſurvey, and ſo being as a beruite to Weſtacre; I have here accounted for it: 3 ſocmen held one [g] carucate, but the king had the ſoc and ſac of them; and a borderer had a carucate.

This was moſt likely given by the Lord Tony to his priory on the foundation of it, and at the diſſolution was granted to the ducheſs of Richmond, and ſo came to Edward Spilman, Eſq; the late lord, and to Richard Hamond, Eſq;

On this part, the convent, as I take it, built a large chapel now in ruins, called Becket's chapel, dedicated to that archbp. where on July 7, was an annual fair, at the north eaſt point of this chapel was an houſe or cell, wherein a cuſtos and a monk

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[f] Terra Sc'e. Adeldrede.——Hund. 7 dim. de Fredebruge—In Acra dim. car. t're. ten. S. A. t. r. e. ii bor. i ſer. i ac. p'ti, ſep. dim. car. xxx ov. val. iii ſol.

[g] T'ra. Radulfi de Toenio——H. de Grenehou——In Culeſtorpa—iii ſoc de quib; tenebat rex ſocha' 7 ſacha' et habt. i car. t're. 7 i car. 7 i bor.

or two dwelt, and performed ſervice; by this, not only pilgrims uſed to paſs to the Lady of Walſingham, but many alſo came on purpoſe to pay their devotion here; where likely there might be ſome particular relict of that archbiſhop.

In 1506, I find mention of a [b] pilgrimage to St. Thomas of Weſtacre. It was built chiefly of flint, was 60 feet long, and 30 broad, and was incloſed as a cemitary with a wall of flint.

John Spilman, Eſq; in the 6 of Elizabeth, held cloſes called St. Thomas's, late Weſtacre priory's, in Narburgh.

In the 16 of Elizabeth, April 10, concealed rents and tithes at Thorp, in Weſtacre, were granted to Edward Dyer and H. Creſſiner, in fee farm, belonging lately to Letheringham priory in Suffolk.—Wiken, and Stowborow, were no doubt, places adjoyning.

Alan, earl of Richmond's lordſhip of Natford, extended herein, [i] being 15 acres, and paid 20*d*. *per ann*.

The vyew of the account of Richard Layton, Doctor of the Lawes, and Archdeacon of Buckingham, Robert Sowthwell, attorney for the augmentations of your grace's moſt noble crowne, and Sir Thomas le Straunge, knight, commiſſioners by your hignes aſſigned for the viewing, valewing and ſelling of all the jewelles, plate, belles, lead, goods and chattels, apperteyning to the late monaſtery of Weſtacre, in the countie of Norfolk, made and declared to Sir Edward North, knight, chancellor of the court of Augmentations of the revennues of the kinge's crowne, and others the counſail of the ſayd court, upon dyverſe perticuler bookes thereof, to them ſhewed and delyvered the xiiiith day of November, in the xxxvith yere of the reigne of our ſoveraigne Lord King Henry the Eighth.

Juels and plate.	One lyttle croſſe plated with ſylver, two challeſſes, one lyttle ſalt with the cover, parcell gilt, and xi ſylver ſpones, all valewed by indifferent perſones, at vi*l*. xv*s*. iiii*d*. and ſold by the ſayd commiſſioners, to Richard Sturges, for	viii*l*. xv*s*.
Belles VI.	Weying MV. DCCClb. 1 quarter, every hundreth valewed at xxi*s*. amounten to the ſome of	lxi*l*. iii*s*. vi*d*.
Lead in ſowes, ccccxl.	Weying cxxxvi ffooders and a half, every ffooder valewed at iiii*l*. amounten to	CLXVI*l*.
Ornaments of the church of the monaſtery.	Vieved and pryſed by indifferent p'ſones byn ſolde by the ſayd commiſſioners, for	xxxi*l*. vi*d*.
Goodes, cattalle and other moveables.	Vieved and pryſed by indifferent p'ſones at ccxL*l*. xvii*s*. iii*d*. and ſold by the ſayd commiſſioners nere for the ſame, and xxiil over in gayn, which in the hoole amounteth to the ſome of	ccxxxiii*l*. xvii*s*. 3*d*.
Iron, glaſse, ſtone, and diverſe old buildings.	Sold by the ſayd commiſſioners to dyverſe and ſondrye p'ſones, as by a perticular booke of the ſame, may appeare, for	lxvii*l*. II*s*. vi*d*.
	Thomas Wingfeld, as by his reconings appereth	clxviii*l*.
Debts owing to the ſayde late monaſtery.	The ſame Thomas for xl ſhepe to him delivered by the late prior at xvi*d*. the pece,	liii*s*. iiii*d*.
	William Alyſon of Cambridge, goldſmith, for plate to him ſold over and beſides xv*l*. to him remitted by the late prior.	xiiii*l*.
	William Calybutte, for ſix ewers to him ſold bp the ſayd late pryor, to be paid at Midſomer next	x*l*.
Redye Monye receyved.	Of the aforeſyd Thomas Wingffeld, as by his ſayd reconing appereth	clx*l*.
	Of Sir Thomas le Straunge, knight, as by his reconing appereth,	vii*l*. xv*s*. vi*d*.
	Of dyverſe tenants for the arreragies of their rents and fermes due at Mighelmas and Chriſtmas laſt	viii*l*. xv*s*.

Dyverſe

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[b] Regiſt. Rix Norw. p. 373.

[i] Terra Alani Comitis——H. de Grenehou——In Sculatorpa xv ac. 7 reddit xxd.

Paid to

Dyverſe p'ſones for ſundrie ſomes of monye to them due by the late prior, for wagies and debts, as by a book of the particulers of the ſame doth appere,—lv*l.* xix*s.* vii*d.* *ob.*——Dyverſe other perſons for taking downe of the belles and wayeing of the ſame, plucking downe of the leade, melting and weyng of the ſame, and defaſyng, and pulling downe of the church dortre and other howſes, as by the boke appereth,—xxiii*l.* xiii*s.*——The commiſſioners for their coſtes and expenſes ryding from London to the ſayd late monaſtery, and there being with dyverſe with them for the ſuppreſſing, diſſolving, and defaſyng of the ſame by five weekes, and for their coſtes and expences in returning to London agayn,—xxviii*l.* xiiii*s.* vii*d.*

And ſo Remayneth in

Belles unſold remayning there in the hands of Richard Sturges, fermour to the king's majeſtie's uſe ——— lxi*l.* iii*s.* vii*d.*

Lead unſold, likewyſe remayning in the hands of the ſayd Richard Sturges, to his highneſs uſe, ——— ——— DCXLVI*l.*

Ornaments of the church delivered by the ſayde commiſſioners to the majeſt. owne handes, at White-Hall in London, amounting to the ſome of ——— ——— ——— ——— ix*l.*

Debt owing to the late monaſtery as afore appereth,—xiiii*l.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

Monye owing for part of the goodes, catalles, and other moveables ſolde as a ſpecialtie with the ſayd commyſſioners remayning appereth ——— ——— ——— ——— cxx*l.*

Redye monye in the handes of the ſaid Rd. Layton, cclxxix*l.* xiii*s.* xi*d.*

Maſter William de Weſtacre, chancellor to the biſhop of Norwich, gave by will, in 1418, to St. John's altar in this priory church, his miſſal, his beſt cup, and gilt oſculatory, with a ſilver cruet, &c. for his chaplain to celebrate there for him; and to the high altar his two beſt ſilver diſhes; and to the repair of St. Nicholas's chapel there, 20*s.* to the repair of St. Thomas a Becket's chapel in Weſtacre field, 20*s.*

WIGENHALE in

MARSHLAND.

SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE in his hiſtory of imbanking, is of opinion [*a*] that the Romans were the perſons who originally gained from the ſea this part of Norfolk, called Marſhland, where the Saxons were alſo invited to ſettle, from the extraordinary fertility of the ſoil; and that they did ſo is evident (ſays he) from the authentic ſurvey taken by the Norman Conqueror, which ſheweth that the towns now in being there, were alſo extant in the days of King Edward the Confeſſor.

That this is a juſt obſervation is not to be denied, to which we may add that thoſe towns have alſo Saxon names, and the lords of many of thoſe towns are accounted for with their fees and tenures, in the ſaid ſurvey, as they were held both in the reign of King Edward the Confeſſor, and in that of the Conqueror; but the account of the Wigenhales, which make four diſtinct townſhips and pariſhes, is not ſo particular as ſeveral of the other townſhips.

The whole that the [*b*] ſurvey mentions of them is this——That Hermerus de Ferrarijs had invaded or ejected a free man out of half a carucate of land that he held in Wigrehale in King Edward's time, valued at 3*s.* *per ann.* and of him he had not the protection, was not lord of the fee; and which of the Wigenhales this was does not appear.

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(*a*) P. 244.

(*b*) Invaſio Hermerij de Ferrarijs——Hund. ſ. dim. de Fredebruge——In Wigrehale dim. car. t're. tenuit lib. ho. t. r. e. 7 val. iii ſol. 7 in h. n. e'md,

The reaſon of this muſt be that the Wigenhales being parts or members of ſeveral adjoyning lordſhips and villages, are accounted for and valued under them, (as is frequently found in the ſurvey) or that the greateſt part of the Wigenhales were at that time againoverflowed, a ſtanding pool or lake, and rendered quite unprofitable and neglected by their old lords or owners.

Wigrehale is undoubtedly a Saxon name, and ſeems to ſet forth and ſignify that at this place was a great force or preſs of water, both from the ſea and river Ouſe, expreſſed by the word Wigre, Hygre or Eager, (as it is generally called at this day,) which denotes a raging ſwell or roul of water, encreaſed by the oppoſition of any bank or fence againſt it, and Hale which does not ſignify a hall or manſion-houſe, (as many antiquaries interpret it) Hale is the ſame as Ale that is All-water: thus Aleſham, Alesford, Halesworth,* &c. or it may be derived from Wick, or Wicken, and Halewick, &c. being a turn of water or a river.

And it appears from an antient pleading that before the year 1181, (27 of Henry II.) [c] that there was neither any habitation, or ground that yielded profit within that part of Wigenhale, (St. Mary Magdalen) from a place called Buſtard's Doſe, to the ſouth ſide of the ſaid town, except the monaſtery of Crabhouſe, (of which I ſhall treat) with certain lands belonging thereto, all being then waſte, and in the nature of a deſolate fen.

But afterwards diverſe inhabitants in the neighbourhood came, and by draining and banking, gained as much by their induſtry as they could, and that they might the more ſecurely enjoy the ſame, were content to be tenants for it unto ſuch great men (or lords) of whom they held their other lands; and upon this agreement and occaſion, by a common conſent was made the old podike, firſt raiſed about 1222.—

The neighbouring lords, whoſe tenants ſet about this work, and the time of their ſo doing, will in ſome meaſure appear from a fine levied in the 8 of Richard I. 1187, between Peter, ſon of Richard de Wigenhale, querent, and William, ſon of Alan of Clenchwarton, tenent, of 4 carucates of land in Wigenhale, Clenchwarton, Iſlington, Tylney, &c. granted to Peter, being part of the fees or lordſhips of Simon, ſon of Richard, &c. who held under the earls of Clare, who had the lands of William de Scohies, lord at the conqueſt.

At the ſame time, Peter de Bexwell held lands of the Lord Bardolf, which Hermerus de Ferrarijs was lord of, at the grand ſurvey; as the abbots of Bury, the priors of Ely and Lewis did in *capite*; the prior of Weſtacre of the Lord Tony; Godfrey de Liſewis under Hugh de Montfort; Robert de Capravile or Kervile, under the Earl Warren, lords at the ſurvey.

The regiſter of Caſtleacre obſerves that this podike made as above, by common agreement and aid, was in the time of Walter de Sculham, William Fitz-Alan, Richard, ſon of Brunſwan, Philip Ulketel, Oſbert at the Bridge, Thomas de Caprevil, Roger, ſon of Hildebrand.—(*Reg. Caſt. p.* 144.)———No doubt principal undertakers.

In the 2d of Henry III. 1217, it appears that this good work of draining had been ſucceſsful; for Hugh de Burgo, earl of Kent, and [*c*] lord chief juſtice of England, and Euſtachius, biſhop of Ely, had then a grant or writ of ſeiſen, of all the marſh between Wiggehale and Well, Hakebeche, Tylney, and Tyrington; no doubt on ſome aſſurances of their better imbanking and ſecuring it, and that what they had performed, might very probably induce the neighbouring lords' tenants and others to proceed further.

WIGENHALE,

St. MARY MAGDALEN.

THE principal lordſhip in this town, was in the family of Caprevill, Cherevile or Kervile. Sir Frederick (or Fraer) de Capravilla gave by deed, *ſans* date, in the beginning of Henry III's reign to the prior of Caſtleacre, his tenement and manor, as well in this town, as what extended out of it, with the demean lands, foldages, free bull and boar, the meadows, paſtures, rents, ſervices, freemen, villains, mills, fiſheries, wards, reliefs, with the advouſon and patronage of the church of St. Mary Magdalen;—witneſſes, Sir William de Terrington, Sir Martin de Littlebury, Sir Reginald de St. Martin, Sir Hamond de Pateſle, &c.

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* All theſe towns lye near ſome river, &c.

[*c*] Chartular. de Caſtleacre.

(*d*) Claus. M. 1.

Soon after this grant, the rectory was appropriated to the ſaid priory, a vicarage was ſettled in their preſentation, and in 1227, John de Pagrave appears to be inſtituted vicar.

Robert de Cherevile, by deed ſans date, confirmed to the prior all that he held of his fee (which I take to be of the Earl Warren) in the time of his anceſtors here; alſo 5 perches, in the church-yard of St. Mary Magdalen, for which he hath an exchange, and what Hugh the prieſt holds of his fee, in Bichto; the land which Leſſtan, and Hugh, the prieſt, held; and the land that Aſchill, ſon of Brunild, held, for which 3 marks were paid to him, and one bezant to his wife.

Robert Quirel, *alias* Sorel, and Agnes his wife, granted by fine, in the 42d of Henry III. to John, prior, 4 acres and a half of land, and 2 acres and a half of meadow here, with the appertenances.

Jeffrey de Sneteſham granted them 2 villains, Peter de Bekeſwell one, and Nicholas Lolle 10 acres; Roger, ſon of Richard le Pindar, and Wimer his brother gave them lands, and Richard, ſon of William de Bynetre, certain homages and ſervices here; Nicholas de Wigenhale, ſon of Alan de Wigenhale, gave them alſo, by deed ſans date, lands in this pariſh.

In the 13th of Edward II. the number of acres in this pariſh, between the Pokedych, and Weſtfenlode, and from Mikledole north, to between the bank and mere, as meaſured, ſurveyed, and found by a provoſt and 12 jurymen, at the king's command, was one thouſand, one hundred, eleven acres and a half, with half a rood.

In 1428, the temporalities of Caſtleacre priory, in land, a mill, &c. were valued at 4*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* and being a cell to the priory of Lewes, in Suſſex, a pention of 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* was paid out of this manor to Lewes.

In the 16th of Henry VI. the office of water bayliff from Staplewere, to Larkſhern, was granted by patent to Giles St. Loo, for life, and in the 1ſt of Henry VII. the office of water bayliff of Magdalen bridge, was granted to Geffrey Wade, during the king's pleaſure.

I have ſeen a memorandum wrote by Gybbon Goddard, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, and recorder of Lynn, who was a curious collector of antiquities, and died in 1671, wherein he obſerves that in his time, in digging to ſet down a new ſluice, a little beneath Magdalen fall, which is about half a mile from Magdalen-bridge, on Marſhland ſide, there was found, about 16 foot within ſoyle, a grave-ſtone, of about 8 foot long, and a cart-wheel near to it; the grave-ſtone is now in Magdalen church yard; Mr. Emerſon, from whom (ſays he) I had this relation, was the man that employed the workmen: many oaks and firs are dayly taken up, and they lye about 2 or 3 foot deep under the ſoyle.

All the land in this pariſh is ſaid to be freehold, and certain freehold rents are paid to the lord Fitz Williams, Lord of Kenwick in Tilney, and to Sir Richard Brown, who is lord of Wigenhale St. Mary's. William de Liſewiſe, who was founder of the priory of Crabhouſe, in this town, had a lordſhip here, in the reign of Henry II. and in Iſlington and Clenchwarton; by a daughter and co-heir of his grandſon, it came by marriage to the Ingaldeſthorps, and Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp died ſeiſed of lordſhips in the aforeſaid towns, 1456, leaving Iſabell, his only daughter and heir, married to John Nevill, Marquiſs Montacute, whoſe eſtate being afterwards divided amongſt his 5 daughters and co-heirs; this came by Lucy, one of the ſaid daughters and co-heirs, to the family of Fitz Williams, by her marriage with Sir Thomas Fitz Williams, (of Aldwark, in Yorkſhire) in the reign of King Henry VII.

The church of St. Mary Magdalen of Wigenhale, is a regular good building, conſiſting of a nave, a north and ſouth iſle, with its porch, and a chancel, all covered with lead; at the weſt end ſtands a four ſquare tower of ſtone.

On a black marble, in the chancel,

Hoc ſub marmore jacent Thomas et Suſanna Knight, conjuges: hæc obijt, Nov. 13, 1678, *ille, quondam hujus eccleſiæ vicarius, Martij* 15, 1696. And this ſhield, argent, 3 pallets, gules, and on a canton, of the ſecond, a ſpur or—Knight, impaling -----, a caſtle triple towered, Towers, as I take it.

In the middle iſle, is alſo a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Mr. John Parlet, of Watlington, who dyed July* 12, 1700, *aged* 66 *years:* and for, *Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Greg. Parlet, of Tilney, who dyed Auguſt* 13, 1710, *aged* 39.

On the pannels of the ſcreen are the emblems of the 4 Evangeliſts: alſo ſable, a feſs nebuly, argent, between 6 billets, or, in a window.

The upper part of the north iſle has been a chapel, being taken in with a ſcreen.

A black marble graveſtone, in this iſle—*In memory of Mr. Francis Spenſley, who dyed June* 23, 1687, *unmarried, and left an eſtate in this pariſh to his nephew's only child; he is ſaid to be above fourſcore years of age;* and theſe arms, quarterly, p. croſs wavy, or and ---, 4 martlets counterchanged.

Alſo here lyes a ſtone whereon was the effigies of a man and his wife, &c. there now remain only the pourtraitures of 9 boys, and 4 girls.

In the eaſt window is the broken effigies of St. Nicholas, the pope on his throne, and in the other windows north, thoſe of St. Bruno, St. Adelm, St. Sampſon, St. German, St. Cuthbert, St. Hugh, biſhops, and St. Leo, and St. Silveſter, popes.

The eaſt end of the ſouth iſle is taken in with a ſcreen, and has been a chapel: on a piece of an old oaken ſeat, here, is or, on 2 barrulets, gules, 3 waterbudgets, argent, the arms of Willoughby.

In a window over the middle arch, on the ſouth ſide, are theſe arms, ſable, a lion rampant, argent, Stapleton;—barry of 6, gules and argent, a bordure, ſable, Moulton, as I take it; gules, a chevron, or, between 3 plates—Bevil; and per pale, azure and or, a lys counterchanged.

There were formerly in this church, in the eaſt window of the chancel, the arms of England and France, quarterly;—of the Earl Warren—of Albany, Earl of Arundel, and Earl Warren, quarterly; and the effigies of St. Mary Magdalen.

In a ſouth window of the chancel, Howard and Denver.

In a north window of the chancel, Ingaldeſthorp—azure, 2 ſwords in ſaltire, argent, hilted or: above this an arch-biſhop's pall fringed, charged with croſs croſſlets fitchee, ſable, and in chief, a mitre of 3d; underneath, part of a broken inſcription, ::::::::, *p. aiab; Tho. prior. de* :::::.

And about the church, the arms of Kervile, Scales, Berney, Giſſing, Heveningham, Lord Lovell, Bovile, and a griffin ſegreant.

In the church was a chantrey valued at the diſſolution at 5*l.* 15*s.* 5*d. ob.*

The rectory of this church was given to the priory of Caſtleacre, by Sir Frederick de Capravill, (as I have before obſerved) and was appropriated to that monaſtery by Thomas de Blundevile, biſhop of Norwich, in 1227, or 1228.

The ſettlement of the vicar was made by him, who was to have the altarage [*e*] with all ſmall tithes, tithe of all pulſe, (leguminum) that is peaſe, beans, vetches, &c. and a moiety of the tithe hay, all other tithe to be ceded to the prior and convent; it is dated at North Elmham, on the 15th of the kal. of January, in the 2d year of his pontificate.

This was confirmed by William, biſhop of Norwich, (biſhop Raleigh) in 1243, when the tithe of turf in the ſaid pariſh † was granted to the vicar, or 4*s.* inſtead of the tithe, or 12000 turf inſtead of the 4*s.* dated at North Elmham, on the ides of April, in the fourth year of his pontificate.

In

(*e*) Reg. Caſtleacre, ſol. 26.—Ped. Fin. Term. Mich. 29. Hen. VIII. Nr. 207.

† Walter, Biſhop of Norwich, confirmed to the prior and convent of Caſtleacre, all the tithe of the turf here, allowing to the vicar as above, in his 4th year.

In this monaſtery the rectory remained, with the patronage of the vicarage, 'till the diſſolution of it, when in the 29th of Henry VIII. Thomas the prior, conveyed them by fine to that king, and on the 22d of December, in the ſaid year the king granted them to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk; and the ſaid duke, on the firſt of November, in the firſt year of queen Elizabeth, granted by deed to Thomas Welles of this town, the rectory, and the advouſon of the vicarage, and Welles preſented in 1565, &c.

By an inquiſition taken at Norwich, January 14, in the 22d of James I. it was found that Thomas Oxborough, Eſq; dyed December 8, in the 21ſt of that king, poſſeſſed of this rectory, 66 acres of land, the advouſon of the vicarage, 3 meſſuages, one cottage, 15 acres of paſture, and 30 of marſh, in this pariſh and St. German's, late parcel of the priory of Caſtleacre, held in capite by knight's ſervice.

Thomas was his ſon and heir, by Thomaſine his wife, who held the ſame, and had by Audrey his wife, Hewar Oxborough, his ſon and heir, and Laurence his ſecond ſon; Hewar dying in 1628, it came to his brother Lawrence, then aged 18.

Mr. Bateſon dyed poſſeſſed of the rectory and advouſon of the vicarage, and his daughter and heir, Suſannah, being married to Mr. Garforth, vicar, poſſeſſed them in her right.

In 1428, I find the rectory taxed at 24 marks, and the vicarage at 7 marks; Peter-pence 11*d. ob.*

The vicarage is taxed in the king's books now at 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is capable of being augmented.

William de Liſewiſe gave to the prior of St. Margaret, and convent at Lynn, 12 acres of land in Wygenhale, ſans date.—Regiſt. 5. Eccles. Cath. Norwic. fol. 50.

Robert, prior of Weſtacre, by deed ſans date, releaſed to the priory of Caſtleacre, all the tithes which they had in this pariſh, in tofts and crofts, between Staplewere, and the north part of the dole of John Fitz Richard.—Reg. Caſtleacr. fol. 86.

The temporalities of the canons of Thetford here, were valued in 1428, at 9*s.*

The prior of Ixworth's at 9*s.* and the prior of Pentney's, at 2*l.* 1*s.*

On November 16, in the 6th of Edward VI. 40 acres belonging hereto, in the tenure of Ed. Baker, were granted to Edward, Lord Clynton.

William de Conſtantiis was rector of this church about the year 1200, in the time of John of Oxford, Biſhop of Norwich.

VICARS.

† 1227, John de Pagrave, vicar, preſented by the prior and convent.

1313, Thomas Gange, by Walter, prior, &c.——1331, Sim. Francis, an exchange for Linton, in Cambridgeſhire.——1338, Thomas Houlyn, by Guy, prior, &c.——1349, Robert de Griſton.——1351, Richard Mounch.——1352, Andrew de Wimbotſham, exchanged for Fersfield, in Norfolk.——1361, Henry Redgrave.——1374, John Atte-Dele.——Robert Blome, occurs vicar 1394, *alias* Robert Blower.——1397, Nicholas Young, on an exchange for Watlesfield, in Suffolk.——1399, Thomas Dumpyſday, exchanged for Wode Ryſing——1399, Simon Weſton.

1409, Edmund Pery, on an exchange with Jeff. Schavere, vicar here, for Fincham St. Michael.——1425, Richard Hereford.——1429, Robert Hamond.——1437, Thomas Cowper.——1451, Roger Oky.——1460, William Wright. 1466, Robert Barker.——1481, John Bendys.——1485, John Perkyn.——1486, Thomas Betiſſon.——1491, John Palmer.

1508, Richard Younge.——1536, James Cole.——1536, Edward Flynte.——1537, William Salter, by Edmund Bedingfeld, aſſignee to the prior.——1538, John Tankerſley, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1543, John Selby.——1554,

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† Regiſt. Caſtleac. p. 126.

——1554, Henry Rumpeſhaw.——1556, Robert Binks, by Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.——1565, Robert Elden, by John Welles.——1571, Edmund Welles.——1576, Thomas Granger, by John Welles, of Walſoken, Gent.——1579, William Funnell, by John Welles.——1585, Robert Newton, by Thomas Oxburgh, Gent.——1592, William Rook.——1597, Ralph Dodd, by Thomas Oxburgh.

Mahaleel Rymes died vicar in 1661.

Thomas Knight, *A. M.* preſented by John Knight, died vicar in 1696.——1697, Peter Bateſon.

1720, Richard Foſter, by Peter Bateſon.——1733, William Garforth, by Suſan Bateſon, on Bateſon's death.——1756, Roger Wilſon, by Suſan Garforth, widow.

CRABHOUSE NUNNERY.

IN this pariſh of Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen, on the bank of the river Ouſe, ſouth of the town, was this houſe (dedicated to St. John the Evangeliſt) of nuns of the order of St. Auguſtine.

It was founded by Roger, the prior, and convent of Reynham, about 1181, with the conſent of William de Liſewis, who was lord of the ſcite, and the founder of the little priory, (called Normanſbergh) in South Reinham; this William lived in the reign of King Henry II. and held lordſhips in Gately, Reinham, &c. under the Montforts, which family deſcended from Hugh de Monteforti, who was lord alſo of Iſlington, Clenchwarton, &c. (towns adjoyning to this) of the gift of the Conqueror, and Liſewiſe held under him.

This prior granted to Læna, or Leva, daughter of Godr. de Lynne, a nun, all the ſmall tract of ground here, (called a deſert and ſolitary place) that was inhabited by an hermit, and not overflowed with the hermitage: Læna and her nuns were to hold it freely by the payment of 12*d.* *per ann·* to the priory of Normanſburgh, as appears from the following deed of Roger, the prior, and his canons:

Univerſis St. matris eccles. filijs, Rogeri ſervus ſervor. Dei prior humilimus de Reinham, et fratres ſui canonici ſalut. omnipot. Dei benedictionem, &c. Nos communi conſenſu dediſſe et conceſſiſſe Dne. Lene, ſce monial; filie Godricj de Lenne, et monialib; ibid Deo ſervientib; et ſervituris, † *Heremium Scj Johannes Evangel. in auſtralj parte ſitum juxta Wigehale, cum omnib; pertinent. infra circuitum fovear. et extra, et in turbariâ, que fuit Aluricj filij Chidemannj tenend. de eccles. noſtra, et de nobis, et de ſucceſſorib; noſtris, omni ſubjectione remotâ, annuatim reddendo* 12*d. de recognitione eccles. noſtre in die Scj Joh. Evangeliſte, infra natal. et ut hoc liberius et firmiter teneant, auxiliante Dno. noſtro Jeſu Xt°. et proclamante Will°. de Liſewiſe, dno. fundi cum chartulæ noſtræ teſtimonio confirmavimus, ſicut ipſe cum chartâ ſuâ illud nobis in perpet. elemoſun. confirmavit.*

Qui vero illj aliquod p. amore Dej beneficium impendet, ſciet ſe miſſarum, orationum, et omnium beneficior. que fient in eccles. noſtrâ participem fierj: Teſtib; Sim. Preſbyt. de Wigehale, Walt°. filio ejus, Will°. fil. Alanj, Alano de Tilneia, &c.

Godfrey, (ſon of the aforeſaid William) with the conſent of Maud his wife, William, his ſon and heir, and all his children, confirmed the grant of his father, (at the hermitage, and land here which John, the hermit held) to the ſaid nunnery, and to be held of the priory of Normanſburgh.

Reginald, ſon of Hamon de Thorpeland, by the command of King Henry II. ſon of Maud the Empreſs, ſold to this priory 5 acres of land in the marſh, by Wigenhale, for 5 marks;—witneſſes, Gilbert, the prieſt of Denver, Alured, capellane of the church of St. Edmund's, Peter, capellane of Caldecotes, Conſtant. ſon of Godfrey of Linn, Ralph, clerk of Thorpeland, Sim. de Caili, William, ſon of Peter Bekeſwell, Peter de Pelevill, Robert de Wallington, Robert de Cherevile, &c.

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† Called alſo in ſome writings Heremitorium.

The ſaid Reginald and his wife Rheda, or Theda, gave to God, St. Mary, St. John, and St. Thomas, and the nuns of this priory, ſerving God in the deſert, (Heremo) by Wiggehale, with their daughter, whom they had given to be educated, and to ſerve God there, a toft of one acre of paſture, 8 acres in Thorpland field, alſo 12*d.* rent *per ann.* and 6 other acres;—witneſſes, Jeff. dean of Fincham, Helmade, prieſt of Thorp, &c.

In the 2d of Edward III. ſeveral lands were alienated to this houſe; and in 38th of that king, John, the rector of Caſtre St. Edmund, in Norfolk, gave a meſſuage, with 38 acres of land in Clenchwarton, and in Wigenhale, held of the heirs of William de Ingaldeſthorp, paying 2*s.* *per ann.*

In the 2d of Richard II. the church of St. Peter's of Wigenhale was appropriated to it. In the 11th of that king, Nicholas Beaupre, &c. aliened to it a meſſuage, and 33 acres of land, in Thorpland, Wygenhale, and Tilney; and in the 15 of the ſaid king, the prioreſs had the fiſhery in Wygenhale, belonging to the manor of Rungeton.

Henry IV. in his 12th year, granted a patent for 35 acres and a rood in Wigenhale.

In the 25th of Henry VI. licence was given to purchaſe tenements and lands, to the value of 10*l.* *per ann.* Sir Edmund de Ingaldeſthorp was found in the 35th of that king, to die ſeiſed of the patronage of it; and in the 38th of the ſaid reign, a patent was granted for certain tenements in Wygenhale, and North Clenchwarton.

At its diſſolution it was valued at 24*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* as Dugdale; but at 31*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* as Speed.

PRIORESSES.

Læna, or Læva was the firſt prioreſs.

Cæcilia, occurs prioreſs in 1249.

Agnes de Methelwold, [*g*] admitted prioreſs, 1315.——Margaret Coſteyn, on the death of Agnes, 1344.——Oliva de Swaffham, 1349.——Cecilia de Well, 1341.——Cecilia de Beaupre, occurs 1376.——Matilda Talbot, on Beaupre's death, 1396.

Joan Wigenhale, † occurs prioreſs in 1427.——Margery Daubeney, 1445.——Etheldreda Walmere, 1468.

Elizabeth Breden occurs about 1500.

Margaret Stutfield was prioreſs at the diſſolution, and about 10 years before.

In the Compendium Compertorium, we have this account of the prioreſs and ſome of the nuns at its diſſolution.

Margeria Studefeld, prioriſſa, habuit unam prolem.

Agnes Smith, unam, e ſoluto.

Cecilia Barneſley, duas proles, unam ex ſoluto, alter. ex laico, et Elizabetha Brown, duas proles, ex ſolutis, habuere.

And they were accuſed of alienating certain lands to Coningbey, and to Gybon.

Here were a prioreſs, and 6, or 7 nuns.

Edward Perys, rector of Watlington, wills to be buried in this priory church, in 1427; as did William Truſbut, *S. T. P.* in 1450, rector of Watlington, and John Wyche, *alias* Babber, of Stowe Bardolf, in 1456, who gave a meſſuage, called Brungers, with a right of a fiſhery thereto belonging; alſo John Gelham of Stowe Bardolf, in 1468, and gave legacies to the prioreſs and every nun.

Spelman, in his Gloſſary, obſerves that there were in this priory, in 1425, two antiphonarys, which coſt them 26 marks, a great ſum in that age.

On the 28th of June, Queen Mary in her firſt ‡ year granted to Sir John Gage, knight, of Suſſex, the ſcite of this priory, gardens, orchard, and demean lands, appertaining to it, with the moiety of the tithe of a field, called Peter's

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(*g*) Regiſt. Norw. Lib. Inſtit.

† Reg. Norw. Surſtete, p. 15.

‡ Some accounts ſay Feb. 21, Ao. 1. et 2do. Phil. and Mary.

Field, and a moiety of the rectory of St. Peter's Wigenhale, with all the meſſuages, lands, &c. belonging to it in Wigenhale, Tilney, Iſlington, Sechy, Eaſt Winch, Clenchwarton, Lynne, Wimbotſham, Thorpe, Elme, Emneth, &c. to be held by knight's ſervice. Sir John by his will, dated February 20, 1555, and proved June 10, following, gives to the vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Wigenhale, the tithe of a field here, called part of the demeans of Carbhouſe; the vicar and his ſucceſſors, praying for him by name, in the pariſh church every Sunday at high maſs, for evermore. Sir Edward Gage, his ſon, died ſeiſed of it in 1568, and after him, John Gage, Eſq; poſſeſſed it; but in the 12th of Elizabeth, Thomas Guilford, had licenſe to alienate the manor of Crabhouſe, with the appertenances to Thomas Low, and in the 21ſt of that queen, William Chapman, and Robert Wythen, had a pardon for purchaſing it of Low, without licenſe, and in that year Thomas Hanmer had licenſe to alienate it with the moiety of St. Peter's Wigenhale rectory, to Roger Powel.

After this it was poſſeſſed by Mr. John Wright. Spelman ſays his ſon conſumed his eſtate, and ſold it to Mr. William Guybon, of Watlington, who held it about 1640: of this family was Mrs. Guybon, who married Captain Pamplin, of Watlington, by Mildenhale, who ſurviving him, and dying without iſſue, gave it by will to Mrs. Howlet, her companion, that lived with her, and ſhe left it to her nephew, whoſe daughter, or niece, brought it by marriage to Mr. Thorold, the late owner.

In the 4th of Elizabeth, Auguſt 25, the queen granted to Cecilia Pykerell concealed lands in Wigenhale, in the tenure of German Sherete; and April 10, in her 16 year, ſhe granted to Edward Dyer, and Henry Creſſener, concealed lands lately belonging to Weſt Derham abby.

A meſſuage in this pariſh, with a pightell adjoyning, and 7 acres of land, Abbot's dole, Marmion's, or Marrion's dole, &c. with 8 acres of land, and a dole called Slie's dole, with the appertenances in the tenure of Edward Rumney, and William Hall, lately belonging to Weſt Derham abby, were granted 22d of November in the 5th of James I. to Robert Morgan, and George Warde, to be held in ſoccage of the manor of Greenwich.

The temporalities of this abbey in the Wigenhales, were valued in 1428, at 5*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* *ob.* with the priory of Wynwaloy.

On the 22d of July in the 7th of James I. 45 acres of land and paſture, in the fields of Wigenhale, called Heydole, &c. were granted to Robert Angell, and John Walker, being part of the poſſeſſions of the aforeſaid abby, lately let at 4*l.* 13*s.* *per ann.*

WIGENHALE St. MARY's.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS, who had by the gift of the Conqueror, lordſhips in Tilney, and Iſlington, was alſo lord here; thoſe manors extending here, which came after to the Lords Bardolph.

The ancient family of Capravill, or Kervile, held the chief manor in this town, of the lords Bardolph, and had their ſeat, or reſidence here. Robert de Capravil, Simon, ſon of Roger, and Robert, ſon of Walter de Cherevill, and Jeffrey de Cherevile [*a*] were living in the reign of Richard I.

Reginald de Karevilla, or Kervill, who married Alice, daughter of Sir Richard de la Rokeley, and had with her the lordſhip of Greenvill, in Stoke Holy Croſs, lived in the reign of King John. Sir Frederick de Capravill was found to hold in Wigenhale, two knights fees of the honor of Wirmegay, of the lord Bardolph, when an aid was granted to King Henry III. on the marriage of his ſiſter Iſabel, to the Emperor; and Robert de Cherevile, by deed ſans date, was a benefactor to the

(*a*) Robert de Capravill was witneſs to a deed of Robert de Watlington, in King Stephen's time.—— Walter de Caprevilla appears to have a lordſhip here, and granted with the aſſent of Iſabel his wife, Elmar, a villain, in free alms to the priory of Caſtleacre.—— Reg. Caſtlec. ſans date.

the priory of Castleacre, and Alice de Cherevile conveyed lands in Tilney, by fine in the 52d of Henry III. to Philip de Cherevile.

William, son of William de Kervile, of Wigenhale, * bought lands of Edmund de Sexton, by fine, in the 21ſt of Edward I. and Martin Snelling and Agnes his wife, conveyed by fine to William de Kervill, and John, his ſon, lands in Tilney, in the 3d of Edward II. and William de Wigenhale, and Petronilla his wife, lands in Wigenhale, &c. to John de Kervile, and a mill in the 17th of that king; and one of the ſame name was witneſs to a deed in the 1ſt and 7th of Edward III.

After this lived Edmund Kervil, who married Alice, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Tilney, of Quaplode, in Lincolnſhire. Sir Robert Kervile, of Wigenhale, was ſon of this Edmund, (as I take it) and dying moſt probably in foreign parts, his heart was buried in this pariſh church: he is ſaid to be the anceſtor of the Kervils, of Watlington, and to have an elder brother John, who married a daughter of Thomas Fitz Williams, Eſq; of Mapleſthorp, in Lincolnſhire, and was lord of this manor.

Thomas Kervile, Eſq, was lord in the year 1467, and had by Mary his wife, daughter and co-heir of Gilbert Haultoft, of the iſle of Ely, baron of the Exchequer in the time of Henry VI. Humphrey was his ſon and heir, who married Alice, or Anne, daughter of John Fincham, Eſq; of Fincham, by whom he had Humphrey, his ſon and heir, who married Anne, daughter of Jeff. Cobbe, Eſq; of Sandringham, Norfolk, and had 3 ſons, and 7 daughters.

Thomas, his eldeſt, William his ſecond, and Edmund the third, who married Catherine, daughter of William Saunders, Eſq; ſhe married to her ſecond huſband, John Spelman, Eſq; of Narburgh, and to her third, Miles Corbet, Eſq;

Alice Kervile, a daughter, married firſt John Bedingfeld, Eſq; and afterwards Sir John Sulyard, Kt.—Elizabeth married Robert Bozon, of Wiſſenſet, Eſq;—Eleanor to Neal, Eſq;—Joan, to John Shouldham, Eſq;—Catharine, to ------, Gawſell, Eſq;—Margaret, firſt married Nicholas Dean, of Wigenhale, Gent. and afterwards John Shorditch, *alias* Bexwell, Eſq: of Bexwell, and Mary to ----.

Thomas Kervil, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married Alice, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, by whom he had Henry Kervile, Eſq; who by Winefred, his wife, daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, Kt. and relict of George Clifton, Eſq; of Nottinghamſhire; her third huſband was Sir Edward Gawſell, Kt. and Sir Henry Kervile, who married Mary, daughter of Franc. Plowden, Eſq; by whom he had two children, who died in their infancy. He was a bigotted papiſt, and about November 1620, was accuſed by Sir Chriſtopher Heydon, Kt. that the papiſts met at his houſe, in order to ſubſcribe to and aſſiſt the Emperor, againſt the King of Bohemia, when King James I. requeſted a loan (for the recovery of the Palatinate) from the nobility and gentry of England, whereupon he was ſent for to the council table, impriſoned ſometime, and his papers ſeized, but was afterwards releaſed.

Sir Henry Spelman ſays that on his death, (1624) the eſtate of the Kerviles came into the family of the Cobbs, [*b*] of Sandringham, but 'tis certain it did not continue long ſo.

In the 21ſt of King Charles I. John Williamſon, Gent. had a præcipe to deliver it to Gregory Gawſell, Eſq; who was eldeſt ſon of Thomas Gawſell, Eſq; of Watlington, and dying unmarried in 1656, this lordſhip came to Hatton-Berners, Eſq; (ſon of Arthur Berners, Eſq; of Finchingfield, in Eſſex, by Elizabeth his wife, eldeſt ſiſter of Gregory Gawſell aforeſaid) who was high ſheriff of Norfolk, in 1666, and on his death in 1713, it deſended to Gregory his eldeſt ſon, who dying unmarried in 1715, his brother William was his heir, who married and had ſeveral children, and dying in 1727, this eſtate was ſoon after ſold in order to pay his debts, &c. to Sir Robert Brown, Bt. who was his majeſty's reſident, or conſul at Venice, and created a baronet in the 5th of King George II. was a member of parliament for Ilcheſter, in Somerſetſhire, and in 1741, appointed pay maſter of all his majeſty's works, and lord of this town; his arms—gules, a chevron, between 3 fleurs de lis, or;—creſt, on a wreath, a demy lion rampant, gules, in his dexter paw a fleur de lis, as before;—motto, *Gaudeo:* he died October 5, 1760, leaving a widow and two daughters.

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* About this time William Chervill, and Thomas at the Grange, held the eighth part of a fee of the Earl Warren.

(*b*) Paſche Ao. 21, James I. N. 41.

At a place called Wathden, or Waterden, in this pariſh, Serjant Godard obſerves there was to be ſeen in his time ſome remains of a church, alſo bones that appear at a low ebb upon the river ſide.

The old hall, or manor houſe, was a large building of brick, with a good tower, or gate-houſe, embattled and built by the Kerviles, with their arms thereon; the greateſt part of it is pulled down, and inhabited by a tenant.

WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

IN the 14th of Edward I. Hubert, prior of Weſtacre, held lands here, as appears by a fine; in the ſaid year Robert, ſon of William, ſon of Ivo de Wigenhale, impleaded Hubert, prior, on account of lands here, and in the 34th of the ſaid king, Robert de Walpole aliened lands to that priory.—Eſch. N. 136.

In the 6th of Edward II. Jeffrey Sutton aliened lands to the aforeſaid priory, *viz.* 60 acres of land in Wigenhale, Walton, Tilney, Tirington, &c. *(Inquiſ. ad qd. damn. N. 15.)* and in the 7th of the ſaid king, William de Wigenhale, aliened to the ſaid houſe 102 acres of land, &c. 12*s.* rent in Wigenhale and Cuſthorpe, by way of exchange; *(Inquiſ. ad qd. damn. N. 102:)* alſo John Wigenhale 60 acres of land, 12 of meadow, with a meſſuage in Wigenhale, Tirington, Tilney, &c. in the ſaid year, N. 112.

In the 3d of Edward III. the ſaid prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee [illegible] Wigenhale, and Tilney, of the lord Bardolph.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory here, were valued at 14*l.* 9*s.* *per ann.* in land, rent, and a mill, and their ſpiritualities (that is the appropriated rectory) at 12 marks.

On the diſſolution it came to the crown; and in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, lands belonging to this houſe, in the tenure of John Saunderſon, were granted to Sir John Perrot, p. 2. on July 2, but the appropriated rectory was granted by Queen Elizabeth, in her 2d year, July 2, to John Harryngton, and George Burden, and the patronage of the vicarage remained in the crown.

The biſhop of Ely had a little homage here of ſeveral free tenants, probably belonging to his manor of Weſt Walton, which extended here, but it had not a lete.

The prior of Bernwell, in Cambridgeſhire, was found to hold the fourth part of a fee in Wygenhale, of the lord Bardolph, in the 3d of Edward III. and his temporalities in 1428, were valued at 2*l.* 13*s.* *per ann.*

The abbot of Derham, and Edward Noon, were found to hold in Wigenhale, and Tilney, in the 3d of Henry IV. two knights fees of the lord Bardolf, 45 acres of land, meadows, &c. in Wigenhale, granted July 22, in the 7th of James I. to Robert Angel, and John Walker, called Heydole, lately belonging to Weſt Derham abby.

The prior of Wirmegey's temporalities, in Wigenhale, were valued at 2*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* *ob.*

The abbot of Bury had a manor here, &c. valued at 2*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* *ob.*

William de Sculdham gave to this abby, for his own ſoul, and that of Adeliza his wife, a toft, which Seman and his wife, Leofwot, held in the pariſh of Wigenhale St. Mary, and a croft in Waterdene, which Sampſon, abbot of Bury, who lived in the reign of King Richard I. confirmed to William, ſon of Alan, anceſtor (as 'tis ſaid) of the family of the Howards.— *Regiſt. Sacriſt: Bur. fol* 58, 59.

Queen Elizabeth, on April 10, in her 16th year, granted concealed lands, belonging to this abby, in the tenure of William Prentys, William Hoe, and others, to Edward Dyer, and Henry Creſſener.—P. 10.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a very regular pile, having a body, a north and ſouth iſle, and a chancel; the nave, or body is thatched, the iſles, and a ſouth porch covered with lead; in the ſteeple, which is fourſquare, are 5 bells.

In the eaſt window of the ſouth iſle, are azure, 3 cinqfoils, or, lord Bardolf's arms—gules, 6 eſcallops, argent, lord Scales—and gules, a croſs ingrailed, argent, Inglethorp.

This eaſt part is divided from the other part, by an oaken ſcreen, and was an old chapel; here is a ſtately altar monument of marble and alabaſter, whereon lye the effigies of a man in armour, and his lady in alabaſter, reſting their heads on cuſhions, with their hands in a ſupplicant poſture; below them is the pourtraiture of a little girl, with her hands conjoined, and by her, a boy in ſwaddling cloaths; on one ſide of them is Kervill's arms—gules, a chevron, or, between 3 leopards faces, argent, impaling azure, a feſs indented, in chief, 2 lys's, or, Plowden;—on the other ſide, Kervil impaling Lovell, of Barton.—On the weſt end Kervil impaling ſable, 3 bars, ſable, over all, a bend ermin, Fincham; and Kervill impaling ſable, 3 covered cups, argent, Boteler, or Butler.—At the eaſt end Kervill, and Plowden in ſingle ſhields. ‡ On this ſtand 4 marble pillaſters of the Corinthian order, with their capitals gilt with gold, ſupporting an entablature of the ſame; on the ſummit is a goat paſſant, ſable, attired or; the creſt of Kervill, and his arms as above.

On a black marble wall-piece this inſcription:

Hic deponitur corpus Henricj Kervilj, equitis aurati, filij et hæredis Henricj Kervillj, Armig. de Winefredâ conjuge ſuâ, Antonij Thorold, militis, filiâ procreati; uxorem duxit Mariam, Franciſcj Plowden, Armig. gnatam, e quâ prolem binam, ſed in cunabulis extinctam ſuſcepit, Gervaſium ſcilicet et Mariam; ſororem habuit unicam, Annam Rob°. Thorald, Armig. nuptam, ſine exitu defunctam, 26 Junij, 1624, obijt, et in illo antiqui ſui ſtemmatis Kervillorum nomen; Quam reliquit conjux vitâ, eum ſequuta eſt, conſors morte Martij 6to eodem anno.

In the loweſt window of this ſouth iſle is the triangular emblem of the trinity; in the next, ſable, a feſs dauncette, between 3 mullets pierced, argent, Weſenham, and azure, or argent, 2 chevrons, ſable, Dalling.—In the 3d window, azure, 3 cinqfoils, argent, Fitton,—and in the fourth, gules, a feſs between 6 lys, argent, Thorp; and gules, a bend between 6 croſs croſſlets, fitcheè, argent, Howard.

In the weſt window, argent, a lion rampant, ſable, crowned or, on his ſhoulder, a lys, argent, Morley.

On a marble ſtone lying near the eaſt end of this iſle;

Here lye the bodies of Grace and Katherine, daughters of Hatton Berners, Eſq; and Bridget his wife, the only ſiſter of Sir Symon Leach, of Devonſhire, Kt. of the Bath; Grace dyed the 16th of July 1682, aged above 4 years, the other the 10th of November 1680, aged 4 months.—Alſo the bodies of William and Mary, the ſon and daughter of William Berners, Eſq; he dyed 13th of April 1718, aged 4 months; ſhe the 1ſt of April 1719, aged 4 months.

Adjoyning lyes a ſmall marble ſtone, with an heart (in the centre) of braſs, and round it 4 labels, or pieces of braſs, each in form of a creſcent, thus inſcribed—

Orate p. a'ia Dnj Robertj—Kervile Militis de Wygenale—Filij Edmundi Kervile de—Wygenale, cujus cor hic humatur.

At the lower end of the nave are ſeveral grave-ſtones, in memory of the Harwicks;—*viz. of Sarah, daughter of Thomas Harwick, and Ann, who dyed 29th of May 1700.—Of Mary, daughter of Richard Harwick, Gent. and Etheldreda his wife, who dyed May 9, 1702. aged 7 months.—Of Richard Harwick, Gent. who dyed April 8. 1691, aged 72.—Of Etheldreda, wife of Richard Harwick, Gent. who dyed December 31, 1694, aged 57.*

In this nave ſtands a ſtately braſs eagle, with its pedeſtal ſupported by 3 lions, with this inſcription;

Orate p. aiq Fratris Roberti Barnard Guardianj de Walſingham, A°. Dnj. 1518.

Alſo a grave-ſtone—*In memory of William Robinſon, who dyed December 4, 1665, aged 55.*

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‡ Alſo Kervile, impaling ermine, a ſpread eagle, gules, Bedingfield; and ſable, 3 goats, ſaliant argent, Thorod.

The ſeats here and in both the iſles are of oak, and carved with the figures of ſaints, &c. and on the upper ſeat, on the ſouth ſide, are the arms of Kervile, and Butler.

The windows over the arches of this nave have been curiouſly painted. In that over the 5th arch, on the ſouth ſide, is the ſalutation of the bleſſed virgin; in the upper window over the fifth arch, on the north ſide, is the figure of our Saviour, &c. In the pannels below, the arms of Kervile, and Kervile impaling Lovel. In that over the fourth arch, St. Simon, under him Kervile impaling Butler.—St. Jude, under him Kervile alone. St. Matthias, under him Kervile impaling Fincham.—In that over the 3d arch St. Philip, under him Kervile, impaling ſable, 2 piles, argent, Pyke.—St. Bartholomew, and under him Kervile, alone.—St. Matthew, under him Kervile, impaling, azure an eagle diſplayed, or, Shouldham, quartering gules, a chief ermin, Narburgh.

In the 2d window, under Saint John, Kervile impaling, argent, a feſs between 6 ogreſſes, in a bordure, ingrailed, ſable, Deane.—St. Thomas, under him Kervile, alone, and St. James the Great.—Over the 1ſt and loweſt arch of this north iſle, St. Peter, and St. Andrew.

It is to be obſerved that there were in theſe 4 loweſt windows, the figures of the twelve Apoſtles, 3 in each window; thoſe above mentioned are what remained when I viewed the church in 1730; as ſome of theſe are broken and loſt thro' time, &c. ſo are alſo ſeveral impalements of the Kerviles, which ſhewed the matches, or marriages, of the family: in an antient MS. I perceive there were alſo theſe following.

Kervile, impaling barry of 6, or and azure, a canton ermine, Gawſell.—Kervile impaling Haultoft, ſable, 4 lozenges, ermine, in a bordure, ingrailed, argent. Kervile impaling Bureſley.

The eaſt part of the north iſle was alſo a chapel, and is divided from the reſt by a ſcreen: in the eaſt window, are the arms of Howard, alſo gules, a ſaltier ingrailed argent, Kerdeſton, as I take it; and in the weſt window of the ſaid iſle, or, 3 barrulets, ſable, † over all a lion rampant, gules; and ſable on a bend argent, 3 lys of the firſt.

In the chancel eaſt window is gules, a feſs between 6 croſs croſlets, or, Beauchamp; and on a canton, a maunch, gules, the arms of Tony, and antiently ſable, a chevron, ermin, between 3 croſs croſlets botony fitcheè, and the lord Scales

On a marble grave-ſtone in the chancel, with the arms of Berners, quarterly, vert and or, impaling ermin, on a chief indented gules, 3 ducal coronets, or, Leach.

Here lyeth the body of Hatton Berners, Eſq; who dyed November 23, 1713, *aged* 73.

Another with the arms of Barners.—*In memory of Simon, firſt ſon of Hatton Barners, Eſq; who dyed* 1693, *aged* 18, *and Bridget his wife.*

Alſo one for—*Bridget, wife of Hatton Barners, only ſiſter to Sir Simon Leach, of Devonſhire, knight of the Bath, ſhe dyed January* 15, 1705.

One—*In memory of William Barners, Eſq; who dyed June* 9, 1727, *aged* [illegible] *years, and of Jane his wife, who dyed April* 10, 1725, *aged* 41: with the arms of Barners, impaling 3 lions paſſant, 2 and 1. Another with the arms of Barners, for—— *Gregory Barners, Eſq; who dyed February* 14, 1715, *aged* 34 *years.*

In this church were alſo the arms of the ſee of Ely.—The eaſt angles, or of Bury abby; and azure, a feſs between 2 chevrons, argent, Tendring.

Humphrey Kervile, of this town, by his will dated October 6, 1540, was here buried.

The vicarage is valued in the king's books at 12*l.* 10*s.* the king is patron. The antient valor of it was 7 marks; Peter-pence 1*d.*

The church was appropriated to the priory of Weſtacre, in Norfolk, given to it by the lord Bardolf, (as I conceive) or by Ralph de Tonys, founder of that monaſtery.

The rectory was valued at 12 marks.

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† Rather barry, or and ſable, of 8, &c.

On the diſſolution it came to the crown, and Queen Elizabeth in her ſecond year, July 2, granted this rectory to John Harrington, and George Burden.

Here were lands belonging to St. Stephen's college, in Weſtminſter, valued at 3*l. per ann.* which were granted in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, to Sir John Perrot,—p. 2, in the tenure of Thomas Jackſon.

VICARS.

1316, Walter de Wolpet, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1322, John de Ryſing, ditto.——1349, William de Oxwick, ditto.——----, William Carpenter.——1358, Steph. Atte Crouch, of Marham, (exchanged for St. Matthew, Norwich) ditto.——1366, John Wayte, (exchanged for St. Matthews at Norwich) ditto.——1377, William de Enemeth, ditto.——1383, John Boxſtede, by the prior, &c. of Weſtacre.——1393, Thomas Wright, by &c. ----, Thomas de Gedney.

1413, Roger Philpot, by &c. he was chaplain of the free chapel of St. Rodegund, in St. Paul's, London, and exchanged with Gedney, by ditto.——1418, Conſtantine Fitz Ralph, (exchanged for Sculton) ditto.——1419, Mr. John Verjaunt, ditto.——1422, Edmund Bungay, ditto.—— ----, Richard Proo. 1435, John Elwyn, (exchanged for Eſtbrig in Kent) ditto.——1453, Edmund Romney, ditto.——1467, Sim. Stone, ditto.——1491, Henry Brigges, ditto.

1507, Robert Borough, ditto.——1509, Robert Johnſon, biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe——1515, William Lacie, by the prior, &c.——1541, Nicholas Thirkle, (by James Daniel, aſſignee of the prior, &c.) prebend of Norwich, and was a married prieſt.——1545, Peter Becke, by Mary, Ducheſs of Richmond and Somerſet.——1554, Gawin Stock, ditto.——1556, Edward Wilkinſon, by the crown.——1577, Thomas Sowter, by Queen Elizabeth.——1591, Robert Feilden, ditto.——1592, Thomas Tenaunt, ditto.——1599, Richard Tomſon, ditto.——1599, John Criſſall, ditto.

1635, George Springal, compounded for firſt fruits, December 1.

----, Laurence Park, rector of Barton All Saints.

1716, Joſeph Barker, by the king, on Park's death.——1755, John Devall, ditto.

SADLEBOW

IS an hamlet belonging to the pariſh of St. Mary Wigenhale. John de Sculham, (or Shouldham) Ralph, ſon of Richard, ſon of Elias de Wigenhale, William, ſon of Walter de Tilney, and Bartholomew de Tilney, by deeds ſans date, gave lands here, to Weſt Derham abby, John de St. Dennis and Cecilia his wife, conveyed lands, here, in the 5th of Edward I. by fine, to Richard de Brandon and Agnes his wife.

In the 8th of Edward II. Thomas de Warblington was found to hold one fee here, in Clenchwarton, Sechee, Weſt Winch, Hardwick, &c. of the honor of Clare; and in the 22d of Richard II. and 38th of Henry VI. the honor of Clare had lands here: and John de Briſton, in the 8th of Edward IV. was found to die ſeiſed of a lordſhip in Sadlebow.

Richard Lacy, of this hamlet, by his will in 1509, deſires to be buried in the church of St. Mary Wigenhale, and bequeaths 4 acres of arable land to the ſaid church, to find wax candles to burn before the rood, every Sunday, and holyday, in time of divine ſervice.

Robert Apreece, Eſq; on July 7, 1662, ſold his manor here to Mr. Daniel Rawlinſon, citizen of London, who by his laſt will in 1667, left it to his eldeſt ſon, Sir Thomas Rawlinſon, afterwards lord mayor of London, by whom it was ſettled in joynture, on Mary his wife, daughter of Richard Tayler, Eſq; of Chiſwick, in Middleſex, in 1680, and on her death, in 1724, it came to her eldeſt ſon Thomas; and on his death, to his brother Richard Rawlinſon, *L. L. D.* of London, who ſold it in November 1735, to Sir Robert Brown, Bt. a fee farm rent of 5*l.* *per ann.* free from all charges, &c. being reſerved out of it, and granted to the doctor and his heirs for ever.

WIGENHALE St. PETER'S.

AS the towns of Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Mary's, with their churches, ſtand on the weſt ſide of the great river Ouſe, in Marſhland, ſo the towns of St. Peter's, and St. German's Wigenhale, with their churches, ſtand on the eaſt ſide of the ſaid river, in that part of the hundred, that is called Freebridge citra Lynn.

SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

THE two principal owners of this town, and at the conqueſt, ſeem to be William de Schohies; after that the Giffards, from whom the Earls of Clare deſcended, and Hugh de Monteforti, of whom ſee in Crabhouſe, abovementioned.

In the reign of King John, Jeffrey Fitzpiers, Earl of Eſſex, who held large poſſeſſions of the honor of Clare, gave, on his foundation of Shouldham priory, all his lands here, with a moiety of the advouſon of this church, which was appropriated to it, and William de Wygenhale, who held conſiderable lands of the ſaid honor, aliened to the aforeſaid priory 6 acres in Wigenhale, and many acres in ſeveral other towns.

The temporalities of this houſe in 1428, in land, rent, and a mill, were valued at 10*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* *per ann.* and at the diſſolution at 15*l.* 4*s.* *per ann.* part of theſe lands was granted in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, to Sir John Perrot, to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and in the 8th of Elizabeth, was in the poſſeſſion of Henry Doyle. Perrot had lands, and a barn, granted to him July 27, in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary.

Thomas de Warblington and Simon Fitz Richard were found in the 8th of Edward II. to hold lands of the earl of Clare; ſee in Clenchwarton and Iſlington.

Hugh de Montfort's part came afterwards to the lord Scales, and Ingaldeſthorp; and in the 12th of Henry III. it appears by a fine, that a moiety of the advouſon of this church was held by Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, and Robert de Scales.

In the 26th of Edward I. Robert de Rungeton, acknowledged that he ought to acquit the prior of Shouldham, of the ſervice which Robert de Scales required of him, for the free tenement held of Robert, in Wigenhale, in pure and perpetual alms, and of 14 acres of land, with their appertenances: the family of De Liſewiz had alſo lands under the lord Montfort's fee.

Sir Robert Brown, Bt. late lord: his manor of St. Mary's Wigenhale extended here, and now is in his lady.

The church of St. Peter's has a nave, or body, covered with tiles, a ſouth iſle covered with lead, a chancel with reed, and a ſquare tower with one bell.

It conſiſted antiently of two rectories, or medieties, each valued at 11 marks, and paid Peter-pence 14*d.* one in the earl of Clare's fee was very early appropriated to Shouldham priory, and a vicarage endowed, of which the prior was patron; but the biſhop of Norwich, for the moſt part preſented; this on the diſſolution came to the crown, and the vicar is preſented by the lord chancellor, valued in the king's books at 9*l.* and is diſcharged from the payment of firſt fruits, &c.

The other mediety in Montford's fee was appropriated to Crabhouſe priory, and no vicarage was ſettled, and called the mediety of Robert the rector, (in the 2d year of Richard II.) but the patronage appears to be in that houſe in 1310: of this moiety, ſee in Crabhouſe priory.

In the church windows were the arms of Kervile and of Shouldham, and in a north window ſable, 3 mallets, argent, Rainham.

Here are graveſtones *In memory of John Harwick, gent. who died November* 12, 1692, *aged* 72; and of *Edmund, ſon of John, who died October* 4, 1713, *aged* 65.

On the font 2 croſs keys, St. Peter's arms.

Spark's chantrey in this church was granted July 23, in the 4th of Edward VI. with all its lands and rents, &c. in the tenure of Robert More, to Nicholas le Strange; and in the 23 of Eliz. Peter Perſe, couſin and heir of Humphrey Cony, late of this town, held part of theſe lands, being ſon of Thomas Perſe, ſon of Margaret Perſe, ſiſter of John Cony, father of Humphrey.

Henry Doyle held all the lands and tenements with 25 acres in Wigenhale and South Lynn, in the 8 of Queen Elizabeth, lately belonging to the monaſtery of Shouldham, which were granted to Sir John Perrot, *ao.* 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary.

VICARS.

Ralph occurs rector of a moiety in Biſhop Eborard's time, about 1130.

And Robert, rector, 1250, of a mediety.

1310, Robert de Well to a mediety, by the prioreſs of Crabhouſe.——1313, William de Redlington to a mediety, by the biſhop of Norwich.——1315, Clement de Wicton, vicar, by the biſhop of Norwich.——1319, Henry de Brom, vicar, by the biſhop.——1335, Walter Gerard, vicar, by the biſhop.——1349, Roger Colman, vicar, by the biſhop.——Peter de Winch, vicar.——1377, John Stalworth, by the biſhop.——1380, Robert Sutton, by the biſhop, &c.——1396, Nicholas Eſſex, by the biſhop, &c.

1401, Robert Attehill, by the biſhop, &c.——John Aſtyn died vicar, 1421.—— 1421, Richard de Wigenhale, by the biſhop, &c.——1423, Edmund Blake, by the biſhop, &c.——1431, William Craw, by the biſhop, &c.——1436, Edmund Gedney, ditto.——1442, John Waſtell, ditto.——1459, William Ray, ditto.—— 1461, John Garnon, ditto.——1461, Henry Skendelby, ditto.——1463, Gilbert Bylton, ditto.——1470, Henry Lucas, ditto.——1485, William Calvyſbane, by the prior, &c. of Shouldham.

John Thacker.——1503, William Gerland, canon of Shouldham, *indultu apoſtolico.*——1528, Thomas Powdych, canon of the order of St. Auguſtine, by the biſhop.—John Moore.—1537, Thomas Moore, by the king.—John Toller.—1554, Thomas Johnſon, by the biſhop, a lapſe.—1559, Edward Williamſon, by the queen. —1562, Robert Binks, † by the aſſignees of Sir Edward Gage, united to St. Mary Magdalen Wigenhale.——1583, Anthony Pygot, by the queen.——1585, Roger London.

John Sealer.—Mahalal Rymes.—1661, Thomas Knight, A.M.

1729, Henry Robinſon, by the king.

The preſent impropriator is Mr. Edwards.

In 1428, The ſpiritualities of Shouldham were valued at 11 marks; and the portion of the other moiety, viz. of Robert the rector, alias Crabhouſe, was of the ſame value.

St. GERMAN's WIGENHALE.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES had conſiderable lordſhips in Iſſington, and in Clenchwarton at the ſurvey, that extended, as it ſeems, into this town, and ſoon after came to Walter Giffard, earl of Buckingham, whoſe ſon Walter, and his Counteſs, gave to the monks of the church of Norwich, ſerving God at [a] Lenn, the

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* The queen and Sir Edward Gage, patrons at this time.

(a) Regiſt. 5 Eccleſ. Cathed. Norw. fol. 50.

the church of St. German's of Wigenhale, together with a certain payment of 5*s.* *per ann.* which their chaplains received out of the ſame; to which deed, *ſans* date, made in the preſence and aſſent of William, (Turbus, as I take it) biſhop of Norwich, Richard and Adam, chaplains to Walter and his counteſs, Jeffrey, ſon of William, Philip de Gerardeville, Gerard de Redham. William de Archdeacon, William de Haſtings, Peter Conſtable, &c. are witneſſes; and William, biſhop of Norwich, confirmed the ſaid grant, together with two parts of the tithe of North Rungton and Middleton, belonging all to the demean of the fee of the ſaid Walter.

William, ſon of Robert de Sculham, quitclaimed to Simon, prior of Norwich, for 100*s.* all his right in the advouſon of the ſaid church; witneſſes, Sir Richard, ſon of Peter de Wigenhale, Sir Ralph Berry, Sir Walter, ſon of John de Wigenhale, *ſans* date.

On the death of Earl Walter this lordſhip came to Roheſia, his daughter or ſiſter, who being married to Richard Fitz-Gilbert, earl of Brion, &c. in Normandy, anceſtor to the earls of Clare, they became lords of this fee.

FITTON's MANOR.

THE antient family of Fitton were very early enfeoffed herein. Sir Alan de Fitton or Phitton, Elias de Fitton, Adam de Fitton, clerk, and Walter de Phiton, &c. were witneſſes to a deed, *ſans* date, of Hugh de Roſs, of lands in Tydd St. Mary, in Lincolnſhire.

In the 55 of Henry III. Robert de Fytton purchaſed by fine of William de Hevyngham and Gratiana his wife, and her heirs, 36 acres of land, and 32 pence rent *per ann.* in Wigenhale.

About this time lived Sir Edmund de Fitton, lord of this manor of Fitton's, who had a daughter Alice, married to Sir William Howard, and a ſon, John de Fitton, who was one of the juſtices appointed to take care of the preſervation of the lands in Merſhland from being overflowed, in the 15 of Edward I.

John de Fitton, and Margery his wife, in the 6 of Edward II. ſettled on themſelves in tail, by fine, 20 meſſuages, a mill, 394 acres of land, 83 of meadow, 41 of paſture, 60 of heath, 120 of marſh, 60 of moor, and the rent of 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* with 5 quarters of ſalt in Wigenhale, Tilney, Iſlington, &c. and in the 17 of the ſaid king, by a fine levied between John de Fitton, and Amicia his wife, and Ralph de Edyneſthorp, vicar of St. German's, 13 meſſuages, a mill, 250 acres of land, 62 of meadow, 24 of paſture, 60 of heath, and 6 marks *per ann.* rent were ſettled on John and Amicia his wife, in tail, in Wigenhale, Iſlyngton, &c. remainder to Thomas, firſt ſon, and after to John, 2d ſon of John de Tilney.

John de Fitton, ſtiled Sir John in ſome writings, dying without iſſue, Thomas de Tilney, ſon of John de Tilney, by a ſiſter of John de Fitton, ſucceeded in the eſtate abovementioned, ſettled on him.

In the firſt of Edward III. Sir Thomas Tilney, on April 12, had licenſe of mortmain to ſettle 8*l.* *per ann.* out of 80 acres of his land in Wigenhale, Clenchwarton, &c. and to give and aſſign it to the prior of Norwich, to find two ſecular chaplains, the one to ſerve at the altar of St. Thomas the martyr, in the church of St. German's, and the other in the chapel of St. James in the manor of Fitton, and to pray for the ſouls of Robert de Fitton, and Alice his wife, Sir John de Fitton and Margery and Amicia his wives; Hervey de Saham, William de Saham, Godfrey, ſon of Berewenne, and Catherine his wife, William de Sculham, and Beatrix his wife, and the ſoul of the ſaid Sir Thomas Tilney, when he departs this life, and the ſouls of his anceſtors and benefactors for ever.

And accordingly lands were ſettled by a deed of the ſaid Sir Thomas, dated at Wigenhale, on Monday after the feaſt of the Invention of the holy croſs, in the firſt of the aforeſaid king, which he had of the grant, &c. of Sir John de Fitton.

In another deed, dated May 12, 1327, it is expreſſed that theſe two, who were to officiate, were to be ſecular prieſts, and to ſerve at the altar of St. Thomas in the church of St. German's.

Afterwards Tilney's part and right in this manor was in the family of Braunch, and Catharine, Lady Braunch, widow of Sir John Braunch, gave by her will, dated at Caſtre Holy Trinity, on Sunday after the feaſt of St. Peter *ad vincula*, 1420, gives her manor here to her ſon William, with an injunction that it ſhould deſcend to the heirs males of the family, and never be ſold. Sir Philip was his eldeſt ſon; and to John her ſon, ſhe gave the manor of Stodey in Holt hundred; and her body to be buried in the chantrey of St. Thomas in this church, and to the repair of it 40*s*. Proved September 5, 1420; and William Braunch, Eſq; of Spilsby in Lincolnſhire, appointed Richard Tupland to be incumbent of the ſaid chantrey, by his deed, dated June 5, 1460, on the death of Henry Wigan, the laſt incumbent.

In the 2d of Edward VI. John Kervile is ſaid to hold the manor of Braunch's, of Tyndale, by knight's ſervice. Thomas Kervile was lord in the 3d of Elizabeth, and Henry was then found to be his ſon and heir.

The manor of Fitton's is now in the corporation of Lynn.

Part of the manor of Fitton's in this town came to Sir William Howard, by the marriage of Alice, one of the daughters of Sir Edmund, and ſiſter and coheir to Sir John de Fitton, which Sir William had conſiderable eſtates in theſe towns, as deſcended from the antient family of De Wigenhale, who took their names from theſe towns. As the noble family of the Howards, dukes of Norfolk, earls of Suffolk, Berkſhire, Carliſle, Stafford, Effingham, &c. derive their deſcent from this truly great and eminent perſon, it will be excuſable in me if I mention ſome things relating to this family, which, as far as I have yet ſeen, have not been obſerved by other authors.

[*c*] The firſt that I meet with of the antient family of de Wigenhale, is Peter, whoſe ſon, Simon de Wigenhale, was found to owe half a mark for exporting corn without licenſe, in the 24 (1178) of Henry II. and at the ſame time Robert Paſſelew owed half a mark, Alured and Surard de Lenne, half a mark, on the ſame account.

In an old pedigree of the family of the Howards, in Caius college Cambridge, Fulco or Fulk, ſtands at the head it. Of this Fulco I find no account or voucher, that he bore the name of Wigenhale; but that Jeffrey was ſon of Fulco, appears from certain deeds, alſo that Alan was ſon of Jeffrey; that William was ſon of Alan, appears alſo from antient deeds.

In the 8th of Richard I. (1197) a fine was levied between Peter, ſon of Richard de Wigenhale, querent, and William, ſon of Alan de Clenchwarton, tenent, of 4 carucates of land in Wigenhale, Clenchwarton, Tilney, Lenne, Iſlington, &c. granted to Peter, who reconveyed them to Alan.

This conſiderable parcel of land is ſaid to belong to the fees of ſeveral lords, viz. of Simon Fitz-Richard, who held of the earls of Clare; of Peter de Bekeſwell, who held of the church of Ely; of the abby of Bury; [*d*] of the priory of Lewis; of the earl of Britain's fee; of the Earl Warren's; of Godfrey de Liſewis, (that is the Earl Montfort's fee) &c. and William grants to Peter and his heirs, the tenement which Richard his father held of him in Wigenhale, with lands in Tilney called Potter's Croft.

It is very probable that this Peter, ſon of Richard de Wigenhale, was ſome near relation to William, ſon of Alan de Clenchwarton, by this truſt repoſed in him, in this fine.

This William is ſaid to have aſſumed the name of de Wigenhale; but by the fine above, he rather, at that time, ſeems to bear the ſame name with his father, viz. De Clenchwarton; but this is no objection or argument againſt his taking up afterwards the name of De Wigenhale.

They who are converſant in very antient deeds, &c. may often obſerve, that perſons who held different tenures or lordſhips, often varied their names according to the names of the towns wherein thoſe their lordſhips lay, and their ſons followed the ſame practice, not always taking the name of their father, but from the lordſhip of ſome town wherein they were enfeoffed.

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(*c*) Rot. Magn. Madox Hiſt. of the Exchequer, p. 388.

(*d*) Lib. Niger. Veſtiar. Bur. Abbat. p. 313.

This, therefore, makes a great difficulty in the ſettling of antient pedigrees, when theſe practices and cuſtoms were ſo prevailing and common; and it appears by the aforeſaid fine, that Alan de Clenchwarton and his ſon William de Clenchwarton, might juſtly do the ſame, as they had manors, &c. in both theſe towns. Thus Sir Peter de Hobbies who died *ao.* 1239, wrote himſelf Sir Peter de Hobbies, and Sir Peter de Calthorp, being lord of both theſe towns.

Sampſon, abbot of Bury, by his deed, *ſans* date, (about 1200) granted to William, ſon of Alan, his land in Wigenhale, the toft and croft which Seman and his wife Leſtware, held in Wigenhale, and which William de Sculham gave to that abby, on his paying a pound of incenſe every year.

John was his ſon, who by the name of John, ſon of William de Wigenhale, in the reign of Henry III. was found to hold, with John de Hakebeche, the 3d part of a fee in Wigenhale and Tilney, of the honor of Richmond.

In the ſaid reign I find Sir John de Wigenhale witneſs to a deed of —— Kervile, *ſans* date.

This John, ſon of * Sir William de Wigenhale, is ſaid to have aſſumed the ſirname of Howard, moſt likely from ſome office, truſt of honor, or dignity committed to him.

How, in Saxon, ſignifies a Hill or Mound, and ſo it may ſignify from the ward or care that he had of ſome particular fortification, or caſtle on a hill, or care over the ſea banks, &c.

Here I cannot but obſerve, that in the book of *Domeſday* made by the Conquerer, I meet with a Saxon thane to have been lord of Boyton in Waltham hundred, and deprived of it at the conqueſt, called Hofward, a name of affinity, if not the ſame with Howard.

To this I may add the antient family of Ogard in Norfolk, of which was the famous Sir Andrew Ogard, who lived in the reign of Hen. VI. lord of Old Buckenham, &c. in Norfolk, a name alſo of near affinity, betokening a guard over the ſea, or certain waters.

And that John, ſon of Will. de Wigenhale aſſumed that name, appears from ſome old deeds. This John married Lucia, daughter of John Gernund, who was a perſon of conſiderable fortunes and eminency in that age, as appears by his being a witneſs to deeds, *ſans* date, and taking place of John de Fitton, and Jeffrey de Kerville, lords of Wigenhale, &c. and is ſaid to have born —— quarterly, gules and vert, an eſcarbuncle over all, or. By this Lucy, John, ſon of William de Wigenhale or Howard, had William Howard his eldeſt ſon, and left Lucy his widow.

The Wigenhales being a numerous family, and many taking their names from the towns, either as lords or as natives, make it (as I obſerved) a difficult taſk to aſcertain any thing abſolutely before this time.

Sir Will. Dugdale was ſo ſenſible of this, and having, 'tis probable, not ſeen many evidences from fines, &c. (as I have in part here ſpecified) places this William Howard at the head of this noble family, and as he obſerves —— "After much "fruitleſs ſearch to ſatisfy himſelf as well as others."

Of this William I ſhall give certain occurences taken alſo from authentic evidences, and not mentioned (as far as I can perceive) by any other author.

In a deed, *ſans* date, of John de Norwold, abbot of Bury, to John de Hachebech of Wigenhale, of meſſuages and lands there, ſome are ſaid to be butted on Fitton's [*e*] Green, with the common paſture, weſt, the great bank of Wigenhale, eaſt, and butting on the lands of William Howard, &c.

To this deed, Sir William de Pakenham, Richard Weyland, Adam de Hakebeche, Roger de Colvil, junior, Philip de la Fen, John Fitz-Walter, knights, John de Fitton, William Howard, Daniel de Breccles, Robert de Norwold, &c. were witneſſes. This was before his being knighted, which was in or about 1278. Being bred to the law, he became highly eminent, was retained by ſeveral perſons of dignity, by ſocieties and corporations, from whom he had a ſettled annual penſion.

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* William de Wigenhale and Iſabel his wife, and John their ſon, were witneſſes to a deed in the 45 (1260) of Henry III.

(*e*) Lib. Nig. Abb. Bur. fol. 47.

His chief place of reſidence was at Eaſt Winch, by Lynn, of which town he was lord: it is manifeſt he lived there from the 13th of Edward I. to the 34th of that king; in thoſe years ſeveral preſents were ſent to him and his lady, from the corporation, for his good ſervices to them, as appears from the chamberlain's accounts of that town, extant at this day on rolls of parchment, and ſtand thus, *Item, in uno carcos. bovis miſſo Dne. Alicie Howard, uſq; Wynch,* 11*s.* that is for a carcaſe of an ox, and ſending it to the lady Alicie Howard, at Wynch, 6*s.*—*Item, in vino p. duas vices miſſ. Dno. Will*^{o}*. Howard, cum duob; carcoſ. vitul. et uno ſcuto apri* xiii*s.*—that is for wine ſent twice to Sir William Howard, with 2 calves, and a collar, or ſhield of brawn 13*s.*——*Item, in duob; ſalmon. miſſ. Dno. Will*^{o}*. Howard vigil Paſcbe* xi*s.*—that is for 2 ſalmons ſent to Sir William Howard on the vigil of Eaſter xi*s.*—By this it appears that he was a knight in the year 1285, and ſome ſay he was made judge of the common pleas in 1280.

In the 14th of Edward I. Richard de Brandon and Agnes his wife conveyed lands in Wygenhale to him, by fine. In the 18th of that king, he purchaſed lands, and a mill in Wigenhale, and lands in Clenchwarton, by fine, of John, ſon of Richard de Wiggehale, alſo ſands in Tilney of William de Rugham, and is then called William Howard, of Wigenhale, and in the 21ſt of that king, he gave to the abby of Weſt Derham 22 acres of moor, and 28 of marſh, in Tyrington and Tilney, and being conſtituted one of the juſtices of the common pleas, in the 26th (1297) of Edward I. took his oath, and ſome ſay he was then made chief juſtice of the king's bench.

In the 27th of the ſaid king, he purchaſed lands by fine of James, ſon of Thomas de Wigenhale, and in the 31ſt the abbot of Bury confirmed to him lands, called Abbots-Dale, for life;—witneſſes, John de Fitton, John de Hakebech, John de Reynham, Robert de Rungeton, William de la Fenne, &c. and purchaſed lands of Robert Curſon, by fine, in Tyrington, Tilney and Walpole, in the 33d of the ſaid king; in which year he was made one of the juſtices of Trail Baſton, to enquire after intruders on other men's lands, and malefactors, who committed murders, burnings, robberies, or other damages in houſes, woods, parks, &c. the receivers and abettors of them. He was alſo at this time one of the king's council, and gave advice that if the king ſhould prefer the biſhop of Byblis, whom the pope had provided for, by his bull, to be prior of Goldingham, in Scotland, that would be a derogation to the king's crown and dignity, and therefore not grantable; whereupon the king ſent a letter of refuſal to the pope in the ſaid year: the juſtices of Traylbaſton, in commiſſion with him, were John Botetourt, Nicholas Frembaud, and Roger Harewedon, for the counties of Glouceſter, Northampton, Oxon, Berks, Bedford, Bucks, Eſſex, Hertford, Rutland, Cambridge, and Huntingdon.

He was ſummoned with other judges, (by writ dated January 8, in the 1ſt of Edward II.) who were of the king's council, to attend at the coronation, to be ſolemnized at Weſtminſter, on the Sunday next after the feaſt of St. Valentine, and died, as is ſaid, in the following year. It is highly probable that he was buried in the chapel of St. Mary, on the ſouth ſide of the chancel of Eaſt Winch church, which chapel, I am inclined to think, was built by him, being lord of this manor, and reſiding there, as I have ſhewn; ſeveral alſo of his ſucceſſors lived there, and was buried there, whoſe grave-ſtones, about 2 centuries paſt, were to be ſeen; and Sir Robert Howard, his great grandſon, lived and died there in 1388, alſo buried in this chapel, and had a tomb erected over him, as may be ſeen in [*g*] Weaver.

Sir William married 2 wives; Alice, the firſt, was the daughter of Sir Robert Ufford, afterwards Earl of Suffolk, by whom he left no iſſue; his ſecond wife was Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Fitton of Wigenhale St. German's, who bore azure, 3 cinqfoils, argent, the arms of the lords Bardolph, under whom he held lands, the colours only varied, by whom he had Sir John Howard, his ſon and heir; ſhe ſurvived him, and was living in 1310.

John was of age before his father's death, and married in the 2d of Edward II. Joan, daughter of Richard de Cornwall and Joan his wife, and afterwards heir to

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(*g*) Funeral Monuments, fol. 841.

Richard, her brother, who bore argent, a lion rampant, gules, in a bordure ingrailed ſable, bezante, as deſcended from Richard, Earl of Cornwall, ſon of King John, and Emperor of Germany. In the 15th of Edward II. a fine was levied between him and the lady Joan his wife, by which the manor of Wigenhale was ſettled on them for life, remainder to John, their ſon; was alſo then lord of Eaſt Winch, Eaſt Walton, and Terrington; and Joan, widow of Richard de Cornwall, on her daughter's marriage with Sir John, ſettled her lands in Pentney, Nereford, Aleſthorp, Eaſt Walton, and the 3d part of her manor in Tirington, on him, and her daughter Joan, and their heirs.

At his death, in the 5th of Edward III. he was found to hold the manor of Wigenhale, (St. German's as I take it) of the lord Bardolph, paying 4*d. ob. per ann.* and of Thomas de Reynham, by 12*d. per ann.* and at this time the croſſes in the arms of Howard are ſaid to have been, botony, fitchè; and their creſt, out of a crown, a pyramid, on the ſummit, a plume of feathers, as was to be ſeen in the chapel of Eaſt Winch, where this knight was buried, and had a grave-ſtone, with his, and his lady's pourtraitures thereon in braſs.

Sir John Howard, his ſon and heir, by the lady Joan, writes himſelf in the 10th of Edward III. of Wigenhale St. German's, in a grant of land, at Seche, to William Duraunt of South Lynne, and in the 15th of that king, this knight with Thomas, Lord Bardolf, and Sir John de Thorp, [*b*] were appointed commiſſioners to array the county of Norfolk, and to ſeize all perſons who ſhould riſe up in arms againſt the king. In 1346, he obtained a grant for a market every Friday, and a fair every year, at his manor of Wigenhale, on the feaſt of St. Mary Magdalen, which fair is kept at this time, and the lord Bardolf had the rent of 10*s.* 2*d. per ann.* conveyed to him by Sir John and Alice his wife, in 1348, by fine; by this lady Alice, (daughter and heir of Sir Robert de Bois, of Fersfield, who bore ermine, a croſs ſable) he left Sir Robert his ſon and heir; ſhe ſurvived her huſband, and died on Monday before the feaſt of the Nativity of the bleſſed virgin, in the 46th of Edward III.

Sir Robert Howard reſided for the moſt part on his manor houſe, at Eaſt Winch, and died there in 1388, and was buried, according to his will, in the chapel of St. Mary, belonging to that church.

What I have above obſerved of this family are occurrences taken from authentic records and evidences, and not mentioned for the moſt part by any author, and ſerve to clear up many things relating to it in antient days; and to Sir William Howard, who undoubtedly was the chief founder of it. They who are deſirous of ſeeing more of the Howards, may conſult Dugdale's Baronage, the Hiſtory of the Peerage, Mr. Blomfield's Hiſt. of Norfolk, in his 3d vol. &c.

Sir John Howard, grandſon of Sir Robert abovementioned, left by Joan his wife, ſiſter and heir of Sir John Walton, an only daughter and heir, Elizabeth, who brought this lordſhip, and many others of this family to John de Vere, Earl of Oxford, in 1428, by marriage; and on the death of John de Vere, Earl of Oxford, in 1526, it came to his three ſiſters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, married to Sir Anthony Wingfield, Dorothy, to John Nevill, Lord Latimer, and Urſula, to Sir Edward Knightley, who dying without iſſue, the Lords Latimer, and the Wingfields had each a moiety of this manor.

Richard Everard, by his will dated May 20, 1566, gave the manor of Fittons, to John Everard, and by an inquiſition taken at Hoxon the laſt day of March in 15th of Elizabeth, on the death of John Everard, the jury find that he dyed ſeiſed of it, 12 meſſuages, 300 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 200 of paſture, 10 of wood, 100 of moor, 200 of marſh, and 40*s.* rent in Wigenhale St. Germain's, and Iſlington, on December 15, laſt paſt, without iſſue, and that Henry Everard, of Linſtead in Suffolk; was his cozen and heir, all which were held of the lord Latimer, and Sir Robert Wingfield, by fealty, and the payment of 1*s. per ann.*

In the 40th of Elizabeth, Simon, and Edmund Green, Gent. had a præcipe to ſurrender to William Downing, the manor of Fitton's in Wigenhale.

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(*b*) Claudius, M. 25

This manor was lately poſſeſſed by Sir Robert Brown, Bt. and is now held by his widow.

The office of water Baylif from Stapleſwere, to Larks Hirne, was granted in the 16th of Henry VI. to Giles St. Loo, and in the 26th of that king, to John Ledred for life. The river Ouſe, formerly between this town and Iſlington, uſed to run between certain banks, diſtant aſunder, 12 perches, but by great floods became a full mile over, as appears from a petition to King Edward III. in his 36th year.

In the 13th of Elizabeth Auguſt 18, ------ Jenyns, and Ed. Forth had a grant of the fiſhery in the river Ouſe, from Knight's Goole, to Staplewere, with the toll and profits of German's bridge.

The church is dedicated to St. German, was formerly a rectory valued at 24 marks, but being appropriated to the office of the cellarer in the church of Norwich, by John de Grey, biſhop of Norwich, a vicarage was ſettled, valued at 6 marks, Peter-pence *7d.* the vicarage was in the preſentation of the priory of Norwich, and is now in the dean and chapter, and the great tithes were let to Sir Robert Brown, Bt. the preſent valor of the vicarage is *6l. per ann.* and is diſcharged of firſt fruits and tenths.

It conſiſts of a nave, and a ſouth iſle covered with lead, and a north iſle with tiles, and a chancel.

Some time paſt the floor of the church was found to be at leaſt 8 feet below the high water mark of the adjoyning river Ouſe, the tower is four-ſquare, and there are 4 bells.

On a grave-ſtone in the church,—

Orate p. aia Ele Elwyn quo'd. uxoris Will. Elwyne——*Orate p. aia Willi. Elwyn, generoſi, qui obt. octavo die Apr. A°. Dni.* 1508.

On an old ſeat the arms of Fincham.

In the eaſt window of the north iſles were the arms of Fitton, and——*Orate p. Joh. de Phittone et Margeria, uxore ejus*: who probably built this iſle and was here buried.

In the windows of the church were alſo the arms of Heydon, of Baconſthorp, Norwich priory, Lord Bardolf, Lord Scales, Howard, Ingaldeſthorp; Fincham, impaling argent, a chevron between 3 bears heads couped, ſable, muſſled or——Berry; alſo gules, a croſs between 4 lions rampant; and argent, a lion rampant, azure.

In the chancel a grave-ſtone—*In memory of Mrs. Martha Appleton, eldeſt daughter and co-heir of Mr. Thomas Moor and Martha his wife, who died Oct.* 10, 1653, *wife of Robert Appleton, Eſq*; with the arms of Appleton, argent, a feſs ingrailed, ſable, between 3 apples leafed, vert, impaling Moor, ſable, a ſwan, argent, in a bordure ingrailed, or.

Another—*In memory of Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Moor, and wife of* ------ *Wright, of Wainford, who dyed in* 1662, with the arms of Wright, ſable, a chevron ingrailed, between 3 lys, or, on a chief, of the 2d, 3 ſpears heads, azure, impaling Moor; both their epitaphs are in doggrel verſe, by their father Moor, who was ſo much in love with his muſe, that he made his own laſt will in verſe.

Here is alſo a grave-ſtone—*In memory of the ſaid Thomas Moor, who died November* 7, 1667, *aged* 65.—and thus inſcribed—*Hic ſitus eſt Thomas Moore, generoſus, qui annorum ſatur hac vita tandem peracta, in meliorem fæliciter tranſmigravit ſeptimo die Novem. A°. Dnj.* 1667, *ætatis* 65.—*Martha filia Roberti Appleton, Armigerj, et defuncti, nepotis monumentum hoc memoriæ ejus ſacrum mærens poſuit.*

Floret poſt cineres Phænix, poſt funera vivit,
Morus, namq; mori, ſe ſua muſa vetat.

VICARS.

1304, William Howard, inſtituted vicar, preſented by the prior &c. of Norwich.——1307, William de Shropham, ditto.——1309, Alexander de Berney, ditto.——1314,

——1314, Ralph de Edingthorp, ditto.——1327, William de Mintling, ditto. ——1329, Simon Trenchaunt, ditto.——1348, John, occurs vicar.——1350, Lambert de Spalding.——1354, James de Ely.——1374, John de Ely, ditto; by his laſt will dated in this year, he gives legacies to the lady Iſabel de Tilney, to Catherine Braunche, to the repair of Holm church, the altar of St. Mary there, and for the ſoul of Sir Edmund de Holm.——1374, William de Schetlington.

1400, Richard Gore.——1402, Vincent Rughton.——1410, John Tele.—— 1420, Walter Bedford.——1425, William Okele.——1429, William Flye.—— 1439, John Keddon.——1439, Thomas Savyn.——1454, John Blakemore. ——1462, John Wolby.——1486, William Hardwyke.

1532, Chriſtopher Clerk.——----, John Toller, vicar.——1554, John Sayer, by the aſſignees of the prior of Norwich.——1555, Andrew Tucke, by the dean and chapter of Norwich.——1559, Edward Williamſon, ditto, united to St. Peter's Wigenhale.——1582, Cuthbert Williamſon.

----, Thomas Myars.

1715, Henry Herdman, on the death of Thomas Myars, by the dean, &c. of Norwich.——1725, Jerem. Brown, ditto.——1727, William Smith, ditto. ——----, Henry Robinſon, ditto.——1740, George Kilner, ditto.——1749, Thorogood Upwood, ditto.

The tenths of all the Wigenhales, were 37*l.*—Deducted 2*l.*

The temporalities of Norwich priory in Wigenhale were 8*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* *ob.* and the cellarers 2*s.*—Walſingham priory 1*s.*

WOLFERTON.

THIS town is not named in the book of *Domeſday*, being a hamlet to the town of Babingly. Peter Valoins's manor there held by Butler, and that of Eudo, ſon of Spiruwin, by Tateſhall: alſo that of Robert Fitz Corbon, of Sandringham, extending into this town; ſo that all the lands here, are accounted for, to which I refer the reader.

There is a town in Suffolk, ſeated like this, near the mouth of the river Orwell, and of the ſame name; alſo Wolwich in Kent, and an iſland in Zealand, called Wolferdyke, and Wolfenbuttel, in Germany, ſeated by marſhy grounds. Vol, in the Britiſh tongue, or Wol, ſignifies caput, the head, ſo that Vol, Re, or Er, (Water) and Ton, beſpeaks a town at the head of the water.

The prior of Shouldham had alſo an intereſt in this town: Chriſtiana, daughter of Robert, Lord Fitz Walter, (by Gunnora, daughter and heir of Robert de Valoins) who married William de Mandeville, Earl of Eſſex, gave a little lordſhip to that priory.

In the 4th of Edward I. a fine was levied between Benedict, prior of Shouldham, and Barth. Cutlinger, and Sybill his wife, of certain lands, called Ellyshill and Burgh, granted to the prior; and in the 15th of Richard II. Thomas, vicar of the church of Fincham, aliened to the prior 28 acres of moor, called North Wro, in this townſhip, and in the next year 38 acres of marſh were aliened to him.

On the diſſolution of the priory, this was granted May 7, *A*°. 36, of Henry VIII. to William Cobbe, Eſq; to be held by the 20th part of a fee; from the Cobbes, it came with Sandringham, to the Hoſts, and ſo to Henry Corniſh Henley, Eſq;

The prior of Binham's temporalities here, and in Babingley, were valued at 4*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

The tenths, with Babingley and Sandringham, were 14*l.*—Deducted 2*l.*

The church is dedicated to St. Peter, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 6 marks and 10*s.* *per ann.* and paid Peter-pence 8*d.* the preſent valor is 12*l.* *per ann.* and ſtands charged with firſt fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

1300, John de Giſlyngham, preſented by the lady Joan de Tatiſhale.——1349, Peter de Bures, by Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk.——1349, Simon de Dullyngham, and in the ſaid year William de Lopham, inſtituted.——1391, John Pygot.——1392, John Noloth, *alias* Ryndleſham, by the king, guardian to the heir of John de Clyfton.——1395, William Clerk, by Conſtant. de Clyfton.

1410, Henry Perbroun, by Lady Margaret Clyfton.——1424, William Galion, ditto.——1436, William Webbe, by Sir John Clyfton.——1449, Richard Courtney, by John Wimondham, Eſq;——----, Robert Wotton.——1466, John Hamſterley, by Anthony, Lord Scales.——John Ingliſh occurs rector in 1488.——1496, John Smith, by the biſhop of Norwich, by lapſe.——1496, Thomas Syer, by John Veer, Earl of Oxford.

----, John Kyte.

1508, Thomas White, by John, Earl of Oxford,——1515, Thomas Holdinley, by Elizabeth, Counteſs of Oxford.——1542, Peter Williamſon, by Thomas Tendall, of Hokewold.——1546, John Skelton, by Elizabeth Spelman, widow, and Oſbert Mundeford, executors of Sir John Spelman, of Narburgh, Kt.——1567, Robert Ratcliff, by Geff. Cobbe, Eſq;——1592, Robert Boning, by William Cobbe, Eſq;——1595, Marmad. Cholmley, by the aſſignees of William Cobb.

1609, John Blomefield, by the king, on the minority of Jeff. Cobb.——----, James Scot.——Amb. Roberts, occurs rector 1639, and compounded for firſt fruits.——1673, Thomas Stringer, by William Cobb, Eſq;——1697, John Lewis, by James Hoſte, Eſq;

1713, John Novell, ditto.——1728, Andrew Rogers, ditto.——1731, Samuel Kerrich, *D. D.* ditto.

The lords of Tateſhale appear to have the preſentation, from whom it came to the Cliftons, lords alſo of Babingley, as may be there ſeen.

On November 22, 1486, the biſhop granted licenſe to the inhabitants, to collect the alms of good people, in the city and dioceſe of Norwich, for the rebuilding their pariſh church lately burnt by a ſudden fire.

SOUTH WOOTON.

At the time of the ſurvey, it appears that this town, and that of North Wooton was but one lordſhip and one town, called [*a*] Wdetuna. In the time of King Edward, † Godwin, a free man was lord; at the ſurvey the king, and Godric took care of it for him. In Godwin's time there were 2 carucates in demean, afterwards one, then 24 villains, afterwards 15, who held half a carucate, and 2 ſocmen, with 25 acres of meadow, then 20 ſaltpits, afterwards 14; 22 ſocmen alſo belonged to it, who held 12 acres of land and half a carucate; when he entered on it, there was one runcus, or a beaſt of burden, one cow, 10 ſwine, and 120 ſheep, the ſame continued; it was then valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* at the ſurvey at 9*l.* and paid 20*s.* fine or income: the whole was half a leuca long and broad, whoever may poſſeſs it, and pays 12*d.* gelt.

From the crown it came into the family of [*b*] De Albaney, or Albini, Earls of Suſſex, &c. given by King William II. to William de Albini, the king's butler, &c. for his good ſervices; and on the diviſion of the eſtate of that family,

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[*a*] Terr. regis qua' Godricus ſervat. H. et Dim. de Fredrebruge. Wdetuna ten. Godwin. lib ho. t. r. e. tc. ii. car. in dnio, p' 7 mo. i. tnc. xxiiii vill. p' 7 mo. xv ſemp. dim car. 7 ii ſoc. xxv ac. pti. tnc. xx ſal. p' 7 mo xiiii hic jacent xxii ſoc. xii ac. tre. dim. car. qu. recep. i r. 7 un. vac. 7 x porc. et cxx ov. mo ſimil tnc. val. iiii lib. p' 7 mo. ix lib. et xx ſol. de gerſuma. Tota ht. dim. leug. in long. 7 in lat. quicu'q; ibi teneat, et reddit xii ſol. de gelto.

† This was Godwin the great Earl of Kent, in King Edward's reign, father of King Harold, who with Gert his brother, &c. are in Domeſday Book, called free-men.

[*b*] See in Riſing.

on the death of the laſt earl, Hugh, in the [illegible]7th of Henry III. became veſted in Roger, Lord de Monte-Alto, or Montalt, by his marriage with Cecily, fourth ſiſter and co-heir to that earl, as may be ſeen in Ryſing.

Under the lords Montalt, it was held by the family of Bulmer. John de Bulmer was found to hold it by the ſervice of two knights fees and an half in the reigns of Henry III. [c] and Edward I.

It appears by a pleading that John de Gourney, who was againſt King Henry III. in the barons wars, and in the battles of Lewes, and Eveſham, had the manor of South Wotton, which de demiſed for 12 years to Steph. de Baleſham, and that John de Bulmer, of ------, ſeized it into the king's hands; on this the court of the king's bench commanded the ſheriff to ſummon a jury in his court, to enquire into the truth of the matter, and to return the inquiſition into the king's bench, Roger de Bulmer being bail for John; but it appears to have continued in the ſame family; Richard de Bulmer, ſon of Sir John, being lord, and giving land here to John de Warren, by deed ſans date, ſealed with a bull paſſant: there was alſo a family of this name in Yorkſhire, who were parliamentary barons, and bore gules, billette, a lion rampant, or.

John de Bulmer, grandfather of Richard, had a grant of free warren in his manor of Bulmer and Welburn, in Yorkſhire, April 12, in the 35th of Henry III. and was lord of Wherlton, or Wilton, in Cleveland, in Yorkſhire. In the 21ſt of that king, a fine was ſued between him and Richard de Percy, of a moiety of that manor, conveyed then to him; and Sir John, father of Richard, was alſo lord of Laſingby and Weſt Cotham, in the ſaid county.

This John, gave for his own ſoul, and that of * Theophania his wife, for that of [d] John, his father, and † Alice, his mother, 2 combs of ſalt out of his new ſalt works here, to the priory of Walſingham: alſo to Richard his eldeſt ſon, and Clementia his wife, daughter of Sir Gervaſe de Cliſton, the manor of South Wotton in tail;—witneſs, Robert de Tateſhale, William Bardolf, William Ruſteyn, Ralph Byroun, Ralph Fitz William, Marmaduc de Tweng, William de Roſeles and Robert Guer, knights, ſans date. [e] Theophania ſtiles herſelf, late wife of John de Bulmer, in the 21ſt of Edward I. when ſhe releaſed to John de Warren, of South Wotton, and Robert his ſon, all her dower there, dated at York;—witneſs, Sir William -------, Sir Henry Fitzhugh, Thomas le Latimer, Roger de Bulmer, John Howard, Edmund de Gayton, &c. Clementia, wife to Richard, ſurvived him, and by her deed in the 25th of Edward I. gives to Thomas, of South Wotton, and Emma his wife, and Richard, their ſon, lands here, and in North Wotton.

In the 30th of Edward I. there was a conteſt between her, then the wife of Hugh de Maſſingham, and the lord Robert Montalt, of whom this lordſhip was held; and ſhe gave 15*l.* relief, due on the death of her huſband, Richard de Bulmer; —witneſs, Sir Robert de Bilney, Kt.

Thomas, ſon of Richard, of South Wotton, and Emma his wife, gave to Richard their ſon, 100*s.* rent of the tenants, formerly of Richard de Bulmer, in South and North Wotton;—witneſſes, Sir John de Gylham, Sir James de Belvaco, Kt. John le Botiler, Henry de Wyken, Ralph de Hawyrdyn, and John de Congham, ſans date.

In the 31ſt of Edward I. Robert, lord Montalt, ſold to John de Warren of this town, the cuſtody, or guardianſhip of Alice, daughter and heireſs of Richard de Bulmere, and Clementia his wife, for 60*l.* Montalt ſealed with 2 ſeals hanging from a tree, in 2 eſcotheons, the firſt, (as 'tis ſaid) charged with an orle, the 2d with a lyon rampant, the arms of Montalt, who bore azure, a lion rampant, argent.

This Alice, heireſs of Bulmer, was afterwards married to Geffrey de Warren, ſon of John de Warren.

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(c) Plita cor. Rege Term. Michael. Ao. 49, Hen. III. Rot. 13.

* Theophania was one of the heireſſes of Hugo de Morewyk.—Eſch. 27, Ed. I.

(d) Regiſt. Walſingh. fol. 120.

† Alice was daughter of William Fitz-Ralph, and had with her 19 bovates, and one carucare of land in Yorkſhire.

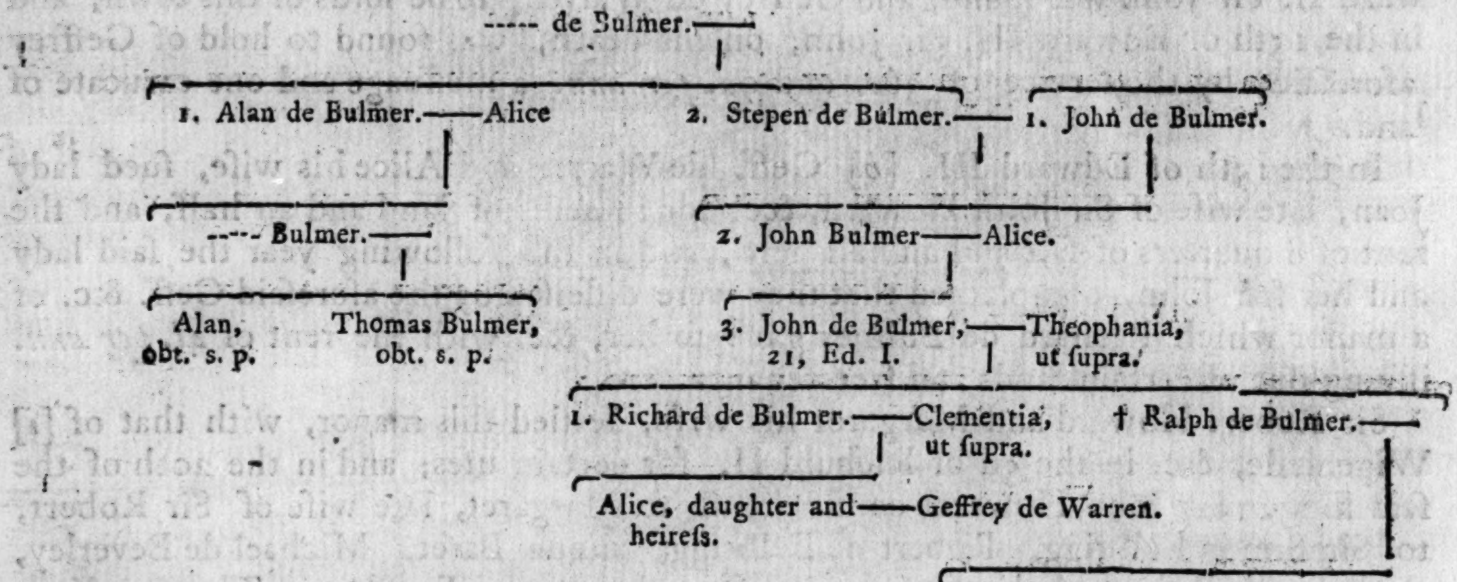
(e) Ex chartis hujus manerij.

In the 28th of Edward I. Hugh de Maſſingham and Clementia his wife brought their action againſt Ralph de Bulmer, ſon of John, and brother of Richard, for her [*f*] thirds in the manors of Wherlton, in Cleveland, Thornton, by Ruſſbergh, Laſingby, Eaſt and Weſt Cotham, Bulmer and Welbington, in which ſhe had her dower, by the will and aſſent of John aforeſaid, father of Richard.

This family of Bulmer was deſcended from Bertram de Bulmer, who with the aſſent of Aſchetil his ſon, gave to the monks of Riveaux, in Yorkſhire, a carucate of land in Welleburn, in that county, in pure alms, which Aſchetil, ſon of Goſpatric, held of him;—witneſſes, William de Staingriſt, Drogo de Harun, Robert de Sproxton, Peter de Welmund, &c.

The [*g*] pedigree, in ſome meaſure, after this appears from a pleading at York aſſizes, in the 21ſt of Edward I. before Hugh de Creſſingham, &c.

BULMER's PEDIGREE.


----- de Bulmer.
1. Alan de Bulmer.——Alice
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3. John de Bulmer,——Theophania, 21, Ed. I.
ut ſupra.
1. Richard de Bulmer.——Clementia, ut ſupra.
† Ralph de Bulmer.——
Alice, daughter and heireſs.——Geffrey de Warren.

In the 9th of Edward II. Geffrey de Warren was lord, and Sir John Howard alſo of this town, of which Sir John I ſhall preſently treat: and the ſaid Geffrey occurs lord in the 16th of Edward III. and Emme de Warren held 3 fees here, &c. *A°.* 2, of Richard II.

But in the third year of Henry IV. the heirs of Geffrey, and their tenants, were found to hold a knight's fee here, of the Duke of York, of his caſtle of Ryſing; and in the 16th of Henry VI. Thomas Phelip, and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed by fine to Thomas Staunton, a moiety of this manor, from the heirs of Elizabeth, that is what land, &c. was in this town, and from this it ſeems to be divided: ſee in North Wotton.

In the 7th year of Henry VIII. Sir William Capel, Kt. lord mayor of London in 1503, dyed ſeiſed of this lordſhip, held of the caſtle of Ryſing; and by his laſt will and teſtament, gives this and all other his manors in Norfolk, for life, to Margaret his wife, remainder to his ſon and heir, Sir Gyles, &c.

In the 44th of Queen Elizabeth, it was held by Thomas Wynde, Gent. of Arthur Capel, Eſq; this Thomas had conſiderable poſſeſſions here in his own right; 109 acres held in fee, or capite; certain lands, called the abbot of Windham's; diverſe lands late Salter's, called Kingſton's; certain cloſes, a tenement and lands, called Guybon's, all in this town; the lordſhip of Geywoode, late Boſon's &c. and in the 39th of Elizabeth had a grant of the hundred, &c. of Frebridge, he had a daughter Margaret, married to Henry Cromwell, Eſq; of Upwood, in Huntingdonſhire, ſecond ſon of Sir Henry Cromwell, brother to Sir Oliver Cromwell, of Hinchingbrook; his ſon Sir Robert Wynde married Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund Jermyn, fifth ſon of Sir Ambroſe Jermyn, of Ruſhbroke, in Suffolk, was heir to his father's lands, and had alſo lands in Aſhill, and South Pickenham, in

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(*f*) Term. Trin. Rot. 24.

(*g*) Plita Die Sancte Trinitat. Ao. 21, Ed. I.

† This Ralph had iſſue male, and the family ended in Sir Richard Bulmer, Kt. who dyed the 9th of October, in the 5th and 6th of Philip and Mary.

in Norfolk, late Thomas Bradbury's, Gent. Alpes Courſe, in Swaffham market, &c. and Henry was his ſon and heir; but Sir Robert ſold his lands to the Earl of Northampton in 3d of Charles I.

The laſt of this family was the late William Winde, Eſq; who for many years attended on the Princeſs Sophia, mother to King George I. and on her death, came into England, and was a commiſſioner of the ſalt duties.

About the year 1700, it was poſſeſſed by Mr. Harriot, goldſmith in Fleet Street, London, and afterwards by his ſon, Dr. Harriot, *L. L. D.* and in 1762, the widow Heriot poſſeſſed it.

HOWARD's MANOR.

RICHARD DE BULMER and Clementia his wife, enfeoft Sir John Howard and the lady Joan his wife, in certain rents here, and in the 9th of Edward II. Sir John was found, and Geffrey de Warren, to be lords of this town; and in the 15th of Edward III. Sir John, on his death, was found to hold of Geffrey aforeſaid, by the ſervice of 36*s.* and 9*d. per ann.* a meſſuage and one carucate of land.

In the 15th of Edward III. [*b*] Geff. de Warren and Alice his wife, ſued lady Joan, late wife of Sir John Howard, &c. for 18 acres of land and an half, and the rent of 8 quarters of ſalt and an half here; and in the following year the ſaid lady and her ſon John, complained that they were diſſeiſed by the aforeſaid Geff. &c. of a manor which Richard de Bulmer gave to her, &c. with the rent of 4*l. per ann.* iſſuing out of certain lands and free tenants here.

Sir Robert Howard and Margaret his wife, ſettled this manor, with that of [*i*] Wigenhale, &c. in the 3d of Richard II. for certain uſes; and in the 20th of the ſaid king, Sir John Howard confirmed it to Margaret, late wife of Sir Robert, to Sir Simon Felbrigg, Robert de Felbrigg, Simon Baret, Michael de Beverley, clerk, and Robert Aylward;—witneſſes, Laurence Truſſbut, Thomas Kervyle, Thomas Howard, &c. dated at Eaſt Winch on the Nativity of the bleſſed virgin.

In the 34th of Henry VIII. William Overend and Catherine his wife, conveyed to Humphrey Jurdon 4 meſſuages, with lands and liberty of a fold in this town and Gaywode, by fine, and the ſaid Humphrey and Alice his wife in the following year paſſed it to John Waller.

The tenths of the town were 3*l.* 13*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The prior of Windham was taxed for his temporalities at 24*s.* 11*d.* the prior of Pentney for his, in rent and ſalt, at 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church is dedicated to St. Mary; the antient valor was 8 marks and an half. Peter-pence 7*d.*—The preſent valor is 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d*, and is a rectory, in the preſentation of the lord of Ryſing, chief lord of the town.

RECTORS.

1349, William Mundele, inſtituted, preſented by Iſabel, Queen of England.——1349, Thomas Rouſe, ditto.——1354, John de Ferrers, ditto.——1358, Thomas de Touceſtre, ditto.——1360, Thomas de Walrond, by Edward, Prince of Wales.——1361, John de Hundeſwell.——----, John Symonds, rector.——1375, William Patryk, ditto.——1375, Roger Clerk, ditto.——1379, William de Brokhampton, by John, Duke of Britain.——1389, Thomas Walrond, by the attorney general of John, &c.

1404, John Buxton, by Henry, Prince of Wales.

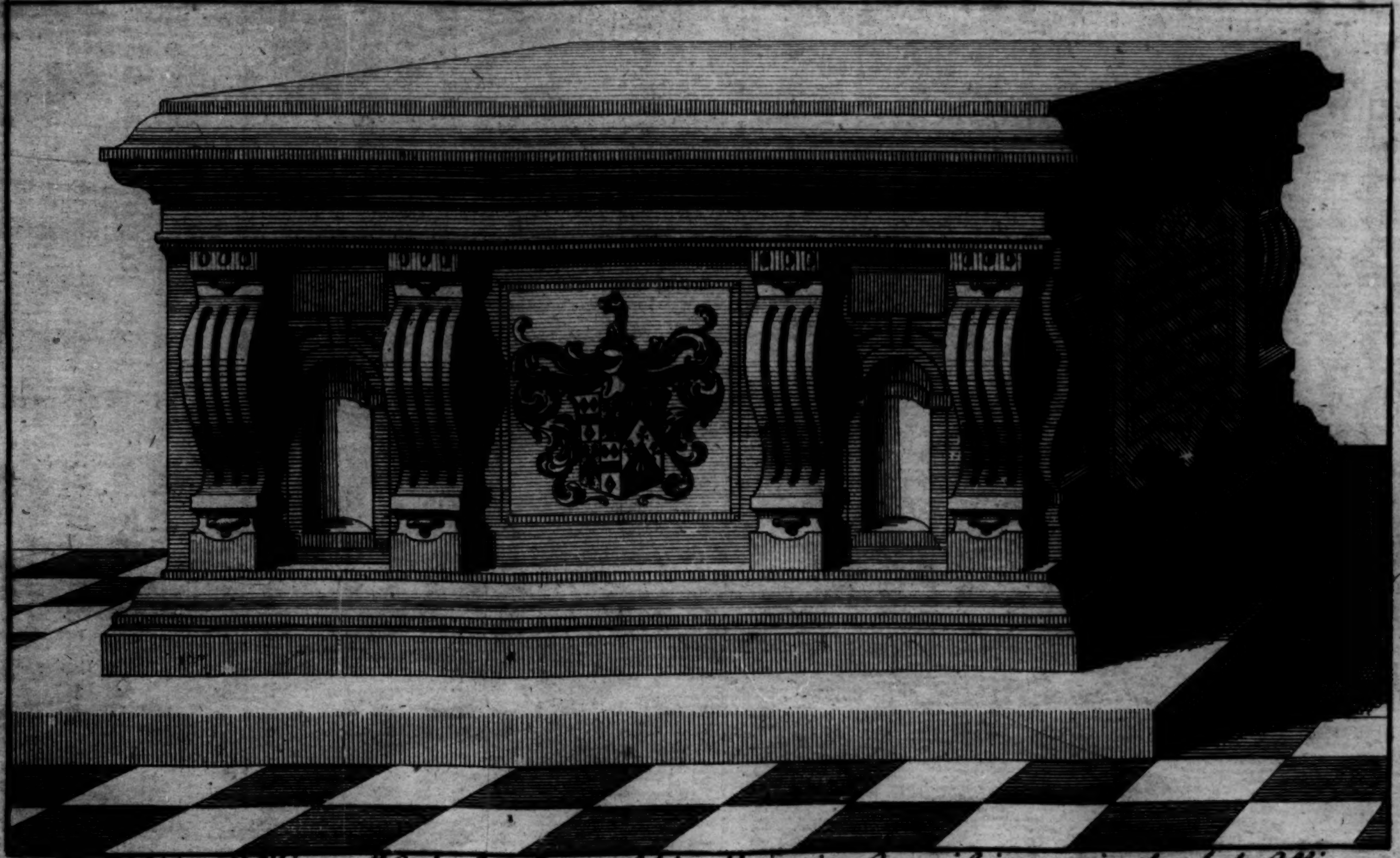
Henry Kydſon, occurs rector in 1581.

Richard Gedding compounded for firſtfruits in 1613.——John Prior compounded in 1621.

John

(*b*) Plita Term. Mich.

(*i*) Fin. Div. Com. L. 1. N. 22.



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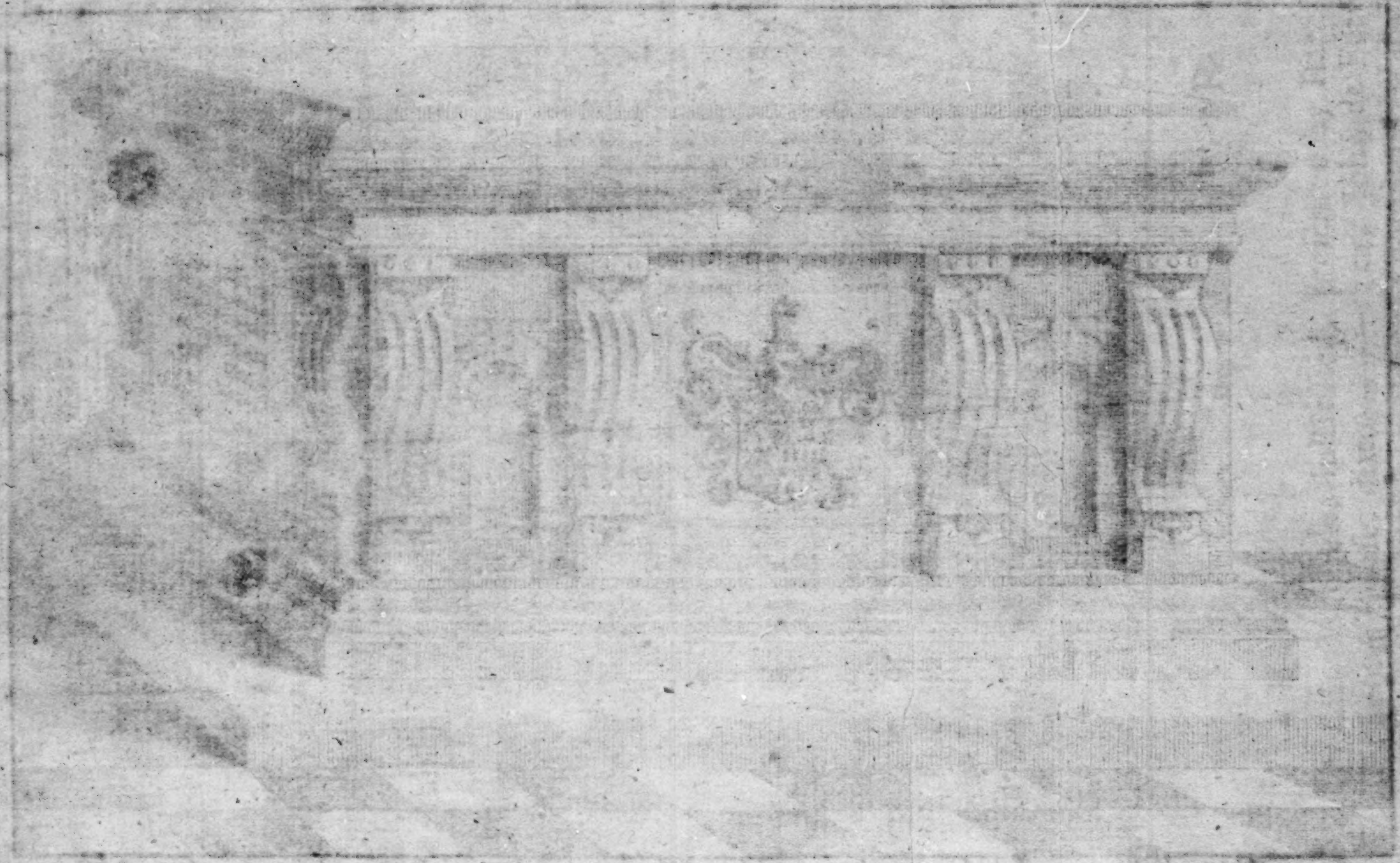

John Thome occurs rector 1707, died in 1725.——1725, John Green, rector, by the king.——1743, John Dowſing, ditto.

The rector here has the probate of wills, as in Ryſing.

In this church was the chapel of St. Ann, and that of St. Mary, in the ſouth part of the church.

The Earl of Suffolk is the preſent patron.

NORTH WOTTON.

THIS and South Wotton, as I have obſerved, made at the ſurvey, one town, and belonged to one lord. King William II. granted it to William de Albini, his butler, together with Ryſing, from which family it came by a daughter and co-heir to Roger de Montalt, of which family William de Mulieres was found to hold it in the 3d of Edward I. Afterwards the Bulmers held it, as in South Wotton, and from them it came to the Warrens.

In the 33d of Henry VI. Thomas Cornwallis, Eſq; and James Stanton, Gent. remitted to Thomas Salter, of North Wotton, and Ralph Geyton, Gent. lands late Conſtable's; and the ſaid Thomas, and Ralph, in the 8th of Edward IV. enfeofted John Fincham, of Fincham, John Coket of Ampton, in Suffolk, &c. of all their lands, tenements, marſhes, rents, and ſervices, with liberty of foldage.

Edmund Church, of Badburgham, in Cambridgeſhire, confirmed to Thomas Salter, of North Wotton, Ralph Salter, &c. all his lands and tenements, marſhes, &c. deſcended to him from Thomas Stanton, on February 8, in the 19th of Edward IV. and Salter confirmed to Robert, his ſon, and Margaret, daughter of John Cobbe, of Ipſwich, his intended wife, &c. in the 18th of Henry VII. his meſſuage and lands. Salter's intereſt herein came to John Broke, gent. who granted it in the 3d of Elizabeth, to Edward Broke, Gent. and he conveyed it in the 6th of that queen, to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.

WINDHAM PRIORY MANOR

TOOK its riſe from lands, &c. granted by the Albini's, to the priory of Windham, who in the reign of Edward I. claimed free warren. In the 2d of Edward II. the priory purchaſed 36 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 6*s*. rent *per ann.* and 26 acres of marſh, ſo that their temporalities were valued at 4*l*. 8*s* 4*d*. *per ann*, in 1428; and the prior held in Wotton, and Congham, the 40th part of a fee of the Earl of Arundel.

John de Forthington, by deed ſans date, granted to Richard Noth, lands in this town and South Wotton, common of paſture for 100 ſheep; Noth gave it with 2*s*. rent to the prior.

After the diſſolution it was granted February 12, in the 5th of Elizabeth, with the impropriate rectory, and advouſon of vicarage, to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, and afterwards to Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, and paſſed as in Ryſing, to the Earls of Berkſhire, who were lords, and patrons, and now is in the Earl of Suffolk.

Concealed lands belonging to the ſaid priory granted April 4, in the 24th of Elizabeth, to Theophilus Adams, and James Woodſhawe.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, was formerly a rectory valued at 9 marks, and paid Peter-pence 6*d*. William de Albini, Earl of Suſſex, grandſon to the founder of Windham priory, gave to the ſaid monaſtery, the rectory of this church: Roger de Muliers [*k*] and his wife had an intereſt in it, which they granted, as Benedict de Aungervile alſo had, who confirmed it.

Thomas de Blundevile, Biſhop of Norwich, appropriated it, and a vicarage was ſettled, valued at 40*s*. *per ann*.

(*k*) Wimundh. fol. 33, 41, &c.

The ſpiritualities of Windham priory were 9 marks.—The preſent valor of the vicarage is 10*l.*

VICARS.

1300, Jeffrey de Caſtre, vicar, preſented by the prior, &c. of Wymundham.——1309, Hugh Tracy, ditto.——1312, John de Schireburne, ditto.—— ----, John de Harpele, occurs vicar, *A°.* 24, Edward III.——1354, John Larke, (an exchange for Bawſey) ditto——1375, John Biſhop, ditto.——1390, John Kyne ditto.——1392, John de Brunthorp, ditto.——1397, William Hagge, ditto.

----, Jonn Wylford occurs vicar in the 14th of Henry IV.

Robert Chamber, vicar, by his will in 1526, orders his executors to buy a red cope of 40*s.* on the back to have—*Orate p. ai'a Rob. Chamber, quo'da' vicarij hujus ecclie, et p. quibus orare tenetur.*—Alſo to buy a white veſtment for Lent ſeaſon; to every prieſt that comes to his dyryge, the day of his burial 6*d.* to every clerk with ſurplice 2*d.* and to every child 1*d.*

John Elmham, *S. T. P.* occurs vicar in 1528.

William Salter occurs vicar in the 3d of Elizabeth.

1582, Adam Furneſe, preſented by the lord chancellor.

Mr. Wayks, vicar, ejected in the time of the rebellion.

Mr. Lawrence died rector 1662.

----. John Thome.

1725, John Green, on the death of the laſt rector, by the lady Diana Fielding.——1743, John Dowſing, by the biſhop, a lapſe.——1758, Tim. Millecham, preſented by the earl of Suffolk, and Berkſhire, a minor, with the conſent of his guardians.

In this church were the gilds of St. Thomas, St. Ann, and the Virgin Mary, St. Mary's, and St. Edmund's altar.

Catharine Dyxon, by her will dated in 1483, orders her executor to buy a jewell for this church, and to ſell her meſſuage for that purpoſe.

Robert Salter, Gent. by his will dated in 1534, gives 20*l* for copes, veſtments, &c. and a pair of chalices, and the making the tabernacle of St. Anne, in the ſaid church, 10*l.* to the poor on his burial day and the 7th day following, and 10*l.* on the 30th day following.

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